



Memo

To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager
From: Joy L. Baker – Port Director *JLB*
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission
Date: December 11, 2020
Re: Monthly PD Report/Capital Projects Update – December 2020

Administrative:

Staff have been responding to billing inquiries and reconciling the port storage workbook that will be sent to the Clerk's Office for the personal property tax roll. Updates to vessel stats, commodity volumes and revenue/expense spreadsheets are underway to provide comparisons to previous years. Chris Schuneman transitioned to Public Works on 30 November to assist with all aspects of snow removal.

The Port Commission will have a Regular Meeting on Thursday, 17 December 2020 to review and discuss updates to the port tariff, including changes recommended during adoption of Tariff #16 in January 2020. Additional items include next steps on the Launch Ramp Replacement project and updated stats.

Causeway:Arctic Deep Draft Port – Modification Feasibility Study (MFS):

On Tues 8 Dec2020, the U.S. House of Representatives passed SB 1811 on the Water Resources & Development Act (WRDA 2020), with language supporting Arctic Deep Draft Ports, with the Port of Nome Modifications listed as an authorized project (attached). The bill is now in the Senate, and we are hopeful for passage before Congress breaks for the holidays. In the meantime, we continue to wait for the Alaska District to obtain their federal share of the PED (design) funds, in order to execute a design agreement with a 25% cost-share of \$900K. Ongoing coordination is being funded by a closing FY17 state legislative grant, with an FY19 state grant supporting the upcoming PED phase.

- Anyone with questions on this project can call 907-304-1905 or email jbaker@nomealaska.org, and further info on the project study is located on the Port of Nome page at www.nomealaska.org.

*Sediment at Causeway Bridge:

The Alaska Corps District, Operations Branch received and opened one bid proposal on 3 Dec 2020 for the 2021-2024 Nome Harbor Maintenance Dredging. The project was awarded to Alaska Marine Excavation, which is the same contractor that has historically performed the work. Removal of the sediment at the Causeway Bridge has been included as an option within the contract scope of work. (No City funds needed)

*Anode Replacement Project:

The City has executed the construction contract with Global Diving & Salvage for this project. The work is scheduled to be performed in late spring/early summer of 2021. Funded by FY21 Port budget.

Harbor:***Inner Harbor CAP 107 Study (Deepen/Widen the Inner Basin):**

This project continues to move forward with monthly team meetings and sidebar discussions to capture data needed for the economic, environmental, cultural, real estate, hydraulics and planning to formulate the feasibility report. City staff and consultants remain engaged with the project team to ensure accuracy of the data and supporting information needed to justify the project. A state legislative grant supports the City's cost-share requirement.

***Concrete Launch Ramp Replacement Project:**

All bid proposals opened on 19 Nov 2020 (see attached bid tabs) exceeded available funding for this project as follows:

U.S. EDA	\$1,692,413.00
NSEDC	\$300,000.00
City/Port obligated	<u>\$123,103.00</u>
Total Funds	\$2,115,516.00

After consultation with project engineers and EDA personnel, it was determined that a combination of reduced scope and an additional funding request should better align the project budget. The City remains obligated to provide a 20% local match to EDA funds, which includes the existing NSEDC grant allocated to the project. Modifications to the project drawings/specs are underway, with an expected bid scheduled of the 2nd week of January 2021. Coordination with EDA will run concurrently, in an effort to keep the construction schedule within the 2021 season. A revised engineer's estimate is being compiled, which will identify the updated 20% cost-share requiring Council approval.

***Snake River Moorage & Vessel Haulout Facility:**

An application debrief with USDOT grant staff is scheduled for next week, following a thorough discussion on overall funding opportunities with Maritime Administration (MARAD) regional team in Seattle. A few other federal opportunities have been identified as suitable funding vehicles, with some requiring inclusion in federal program designations that benefit maritime transportation. Staff will continue to investigate these options, and work with stakeholders to reduce safety risks from the ongoing vessel overcrowding vessels within the Small Boat Harbor.

Port Industrial Pad:***West Nome Tank Farm (Property Conveyance):**

The City awaits response from the USAF regarding land use controls and long-term access agreements relating to the property conveyance. A teleconference with the primaries and environmental agencies is anticipated after the holidays to resolve the remaining items in the conveyance agreement.

***Port Rd. Improvements (ADOT Project cost-shared with City/Port):**

Under contract to ADOT, PDC Engineers coordinated with project stakeholders to produce a workable layout of the 4-way intersection above the Causeway. Revised drawings/specs will be circulated by ADOT soon, as part of the Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) Review.

*Asterisks reflect new project information.

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, S. 1811, With Amendments

(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1811

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

AN ACT

To make technical corrections to the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Water Resources Development Act of 2020”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
5 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Secretary defined.

TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 101. Budgetary treatment expansion and adjustment for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

Sec. 102. Authorization of appropriations for navigation.

Sec. 103. Annual report to Congress on the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

Sec. 104. Additional measures at donor ports and energy transfer ports.

Sec. 105. Construction of water resources development projects by non-Federal interests.

Sec. 106. Coast Guard anchorages.

Sec. 107. State contribution of funds for certain operation and maintenance costs.

Sec. 108. Great Lakes confined disposal facilities.

Sec. 109. Inland waterway projects.

Sec. 110. Implementation of water resources principles and requirements.

Sec. 111. Resiliency planning assistance.

Sec. 112. Project consultation.

Sec. 113. Review of resiliency assessments.

Sec. 114. Small flood control projects.

Sec. 115. Flood Protection Projects.

Sec. 116. Feasibility studies; review of natural and nature-based features.

Sec. 117. Federal interest determination.

Sec. 118. Pilot programs on the formulation of Corps of Engineers projects in rural communities and economically disadvantaged communities.

Sec. 119. Permanent measures to reduce emergency flood fighting needs for communities subject to repetitive flooding.

Sec. 120. Emergency response to natural disasters.

Sec. 121. Cost and benefit feasibility assessment.

Sec. 122. Expediting repairs and recovery from flooding.

Sec. 123. Review of Corps of Engineers assets.

Sec. 124. Sense of Congress on multipurpose projects.

Sec. 125. Beneficial use of dredged material; dredged material management plans.

Sec. 126. Aquatic ecosystem restoration for anadromous fish.

Sec. 127. Annual report to Congress on water resources infrastructure.

Sec. 128. Harmful algal bloom demonstration program.

Sec. 129. Missouri River interception-rearing complex construction.

Sec. 130. Materials, services, and funds for repair, restoration, or rehabilitation of projects.

Sec. 131. Levee safety.

Sec. 132. National Dam Safety Program.

1 (c) NOTIFICATION.—If the Secretary does not make
2 a determination under subsection (b)(2) by the deadline
3 described in that subsection, the Secretary shall submit
4 a notification of the failure to make a determination with
5 respect to the covered lease deviation, including the reason
6 for the failure and a description of any outstanding issues,
7 to—

8 (1) the entity seeking the covered lease devi-
9 ation;

10 (2) the members of the Oklahoma congressional
11 delegation;

12 (3) the Committee on Environment and Public
13 Works of the Senate; and

14 (4) the Committee on Transportation and In-
15 frastructure of the House of Representatives.

16 **SEC. 154. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ARCTIC DEEP DRAFT**
17 **PORT DEVELOPMENT.**

18 It is the sense of Congress that—

19 (1) the Arctic, as defined in section 112 of the
20 Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (Public Law
21 98–373), is a region of strategic importance to the
22 national security and maritime transportation inter-
23 ests of the United States;

24 (2) there is a compelling national, regional,
25 Alaska Native, and private sector need for perma-

1 nent maritime transportation infrastructure develop-
2 ment and for a presence in the Arctic by the United
3 States to assert national security interests and to
4 support and facilitate search and rescue, shipping
5 safety, economic development, oil spill prevention
6 and response, subsistence and commercial fishing,
7 the establishment of ports of refuge, Arctic research,
8 and maritime law enforcement;

9 (3) the Government of the Russian Federation
10 has prioritized the development of Arctic maritime
11 transportation capabilities and has made significant
12 investments in military infrastructure in the Arctic,
13 including the construction or refurbishment of 16
14 deepwater ports in the region;

15 (4) is a serious concern that the closest United
16 States strategic seaports to the Arctic are the Port
17 of Anchorage and the Port of Tacoma, located ap-
18 proximately 1,500 nautical miles and 2,400 nautical
19 miles away from the Arctic, respectively, and ap-
20 proximately 1,900 nautical miles and 2,800 nautical
21 miles, respectively, from Utiagvik, Alaska; and

22 (5) it is in the national interest to enhance ex-
23 isting, and develop, maritime transportation infra-
24 structure in the Arctic, including an Arctic deep
25 draft strategic seaport in Alaska, that would allow

1 the Coast Guard and the Navy each to perform their
2 respective statutory duties and functions on a per-
3 manent basis with minimal mission interruption.

4 **SEC. 155. SMALL WATER STORAGE PROJECTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a
6 program to study and construct new, or enlarge existing,
7 small water storage projects, in partnership with a non-
8 Federal interest.

9 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible to participate in
10 the program under this section, a small water storage
11 project shall—

12 (1) in the case of a new small water storage
13 project, have a water storage capacity of not less
14 than 2,000 acre-feet and not more than 30,000 acre-
15 feet;

16 (2) in the case of an enlargement of an existing
17 small water storage project, be for an enlargement
18 of not less than 1,000 acre-feet and not more than
19 30,000 acre-feet;

20 (3) provide—

21 (A) flood risk management benefits;

22 (B) ecological benefits; or

23 (C) water management, water conserva-
24 tion, or water supply; and


25 (4) be—


A. State	B. Name	C. Date of Report of Chief of Engineers	D. Estimated Costs
1. AK	Port of Nome Modifications	May 29, 2020	Federal: \$378,908,000 Non-Federal: \$126,325,000 Total: \$505,233,000
2. AK	St. George Harbor Improvement, St. George	August 13, 2020	Federal: \$147,874,000 Non-Federal: \$16,508,000 Total: \$164,382,000
3. AK	Unalaska (Dutch Harbor) Chan- nels	February 7, 2020	Federal: \$26,967,000 Non-Federal: \$8,989,000 Total: \$35,956,000
4. CT	New Haven Har- bor Navigation Improvement Project	May 7, 2020	Federal: \$55,250,000 Non-Federal: \$19,442,000 Total: \$74,692,000
5. NY, NJ	New York and New Jersey Harbor Anchor- ages	April 23, 2020	Federal: \$19,550,000 Non-Federal: \$6,520,000 Total: \$26,070,000
6. TX	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Brazos River Floodgates and Colorado River Locks	October 23, 2019	Total: \$414,144,000
7. TX	Houston Ship Channel Expan- sion Channel Improvement Project, Harris, Chambers, and Galveston Counties	April 23, 2020	Federal: \$625,204,000 Non-Federal: \$260,431,000 Total: \$885,635,000
8. TX	Matagorda Ship Channel Im- provement Project, Port Lavaca	November 15, 2019	Federal: \$140,156,000 Non-Federal: \$80,500,000 Total: \$220,656,000
9. VA	Atlantic Intra- coastal Water- way, North Landing Bridge Replacement	August 25, 2020	Federal: \$102,755,000 Non-Federal: \$0 Total: \$102,755,000


City of Nome
Project: Inner Harbor Launch Ramp

Bid Opening: Thursday,
November 19, 2020 3:00 P.M.

BIDDER NAME	DATE/TIME RECEIVED	SEALED	Enveloped Addressed and Properly Marked	Bid Form Signed in Ink and Dated	Current Alaska Contractor's Cert. of Reg. No. Shown and Attached to Bid Form	All Addenda (?) Acknowledged with Number and Date	Bid Bond included	Bid Schedule	TOTAL BASE BID	BID ADJUSTMENT (IF ANY)
Heko Services	11/18/20	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	\$2,531,200	\$52,800
	1:45pm								\$3,124,000 total	
Western Marine Construction	11/12/20	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	\$3,255,800	
	11:03am									
STG, Inc.	11/18/20	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	\$3,787,300	\$230,700
	2:13pm								\$3,556,600	
Swalling General Contractors	11/18/20	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	\$4,801,600	\$561,600
	3:28pm								\$4,240,000	

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Attest:

Bryant Hammond, Clerk

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Date