



Memo

To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager
From: Joy L. Baker – Port Director *JLB*
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission
Date: February 14, 2022
Re: Monthly PD Report/Capital Projects Update – February 2022

Administrative:

Staff continue working budgetary planning and tracking, supplies and resale items inventory, compliance reporting, maintenance/repair needs, along with purchasing, training and vessel scheduling for 2022.

The Port Commission will have a Work Session at 5:30pm on Thursday, 17 Feb 2022 to review and discuss grading and drainage plans for the road dock surfacing on the extended portion of the project. The Work Session will be followed by a 6:30 pm Regular Meeting.

Causeway:

Arctic Deep Draft Port – Nome Modifications Pre-Construction Engineering & Design (PED):

The Alaska District Project Team held a Virtual Public Information Meeting on 9 Feb 2022 to update residents in Nome and the region, along with industry and agency personnel, regarding the status and progress of the project. A brief presentation showed an overview of the project elements, including the breakwater extension, sheet pile docks, roads and the utilities. A recap of the project's purpose and objectives identified in the feasibility study was provided, followed by a schedule to complete design, solicit and award construction, and build the project. This portion used about an hour, with Q&A taking up the 3 hours remaining in the allotted 4-hour time block. Good questions were raised, and prompted good discussion, with the intent to follow up on questions that could not be answered, and direct remaining questions to the party most likely to be able to respond. Overall it was a good, rounded project discussion.

Interest in sources of the City's cost-share continues, with various paths becoming more defined after the \$250M was released by Army Corps HQ, triggering more interest now that the feds have committed construction funds. Please see attached draft of the City's current funding dynamics. As these things are fluid, aspects change frequently so this document will remain a draft until all funding is finalized.

Local Service Facilities (LSF) Design Integration:

Bi-weekly meetings continue with the Corps and City design teams for integrating elements of merging the local design portion with the Corps features on an aggressive schedule. Design criteria continue to be scrutinized by each team, but the 35% design submittals were submitted the day of this report, and the City awaits comments from the Corps project team.

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

Sediment at Causeway Bridge and Bridge Repairs:

The Corps is still working to determine a program and contracting mechanism to conduct sediment removal west and under the bridge. In the meantime, there are repairs needed to the west and underside of the bridge due to erosion caused by wave impact. District personnel are coordinating the work and schedule with Bristol Engineers for the 2022 ice-free season.

Harbor:

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

This project has encountered a hurdle with the Pacific Ocean Division (POD) directing the Alaska District to pursue de-authorization of portions of the federal dredge footprint in the Nome Harbor, along with the East and South Dock sheet pile faces, making them local responsibilities. These requirements have been identified as necessary steps based on an older Corps policy just being implemented at Nome. De-authorization requires congressional action which takes time, and converts maintenance that has always been federal responsibility, to the City. After further discussion with the Corps, it appears the City has three choices:

- 1/accept the de-authorization path and the Corps will move forward with the TSP #4 milestone;*
- 2/deny the de-authorization and the Corps study/project is terminated;*
- 3/elevate the problem to the Congressional Delegation to seek some type of remedy;*

Update: Letter in drafting to request elevated consideration of a policy waiver.

Concrete Launch Ramp Replacement Project:

The launch ramp project is now lying dormant for winter at 97% completion, with the remaining work scheduled for late spring/early summer of 2022.

Snake River Moorage & Vessel Haulout Facility:

City personnel continue to search for an applicable funding vehicle to develop this project.

Port Industrial Pad:

West Nome Tank Farm (Property Conveyance):

The City continues to work with JBER and HQ USAF personnel to understand the remaining steps required to complete the property conveyance to the City. At this time, it is anticipated the final documents could be signed sometime around Oct/Nov 2021. In the meantime, the City and NJUS continue collaborating on development of the site for relocating the NJUS tank farm, and defining vessel lay down closer to the ramp.

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

ADOT advised the project solicitation will be released in Aug 2022, with construction in summer of 2023.

Italics reflects no change in project information from previous report.

Additional details available upon request.

PORT OF NOME MODIFICATIONS

ARCTIC DEEP DRAFT PORT

CITY COST-SHARE FUNDS

Potential funding sources currently being evaluated by the City to support a 25% construction cost-share obligation for General Navigation Features (GNF's), along with a 10% post-project commitment to the Corps.

Additionally, fund sources are also being evaluated to support a 100% construction cost-share obligation for the City's Local Service Facilities (LSF's):

- GRANTS:
 - USDOT; INFRA, RAISE, PIDP, MEGA, (all funded through IIJA 2022).
 - Actively pursuing to fund;
 - Construction portion phase 1
 - Design of LSF's phases 2 & 3
 - Construction portion phase 2
 - On-shore development
 - Dept. of Commerce – Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - Actively pursuing to fund;
 - Onshore structures and laydown property
 - Environmental Protection Agency;
 - Port Reception Facility design/engineering/construction funds
- State of Alaska:
 - Legislature;
 - Lobbying for \$175M in GO Bonds (SB 166)
 - Dept. of Transportation;
 - Investigating matching funds through in-kind activities
 - Dept. of Environmental Conservation;
 - Port Reception Facility design & engineering funds
 - Denali Commission;
 - Discussing availability and pursuit of planning/design funds
 - Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA)
 - Inquiry made – awaiting 35% design completion to schedule
- P3 agreements with interested industry operators – both offshore/onshore
 - Inquiries made to maritime industry – a few initial discussions held
 - Petroleum – interest expressed
 - Cargo – interest expressed
 - Construction – minimal interest from this industry
 - Research – contact made at federal level through lobbyist
 - Cruise – inquiries made
 - Awaiting 35% design completion before further dialog with above
- Build Back America;
 - Additional opportunities available
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- Other: