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To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager  
From: Joy L. Baker – Project Manager *JLB*  
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Planning Commission; Port Commission  
Date: January 15, 2024  
Re: Monthly Projects Update – Jan 2024

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## **Administrative:**

### Strategic Development Plan (SDP) Update:

As a part of the SDP Update, City consultants will be in Nome from 23-25 Jan 2024 to gather input from the Council, Commissions, staff, users and the public regarding development at the Port & Harbor. The intent is to capture the City's strategic priorities and the community's vision to inform long range planning for onshore development. It is important to capture a variety of input, encourage discussion, and offer residents an opportunity to comment. (See attached flier)

### Tariff Rate Study (TRS) & Analysis:

Things are progressing with the TRS, with the consultant providing an update via Zoom to the Port Commission during their Work Session at 5:30pm on 18 Jan 2024. (See attached Progress Report.)

## **Causeway:**

### Arctic Deep Draft Port – Port of Nome Modifications (PONM) Project:

The Alaska Corps District and Pacific Ocean Division (POD-HI) have completed review of the 100% design drawings and specifications for Phase 1 construction. The Contracting Office is finalizing the solicitation package, and once authorized by POD, will be released to bidders sometime in Feb 2024.

An additional requirement before solicitation is execution of the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA), also known as the Construction Agreement. Due to weather earlier in the month, the ceremonial signing has been rescheduled for 25 Jan 2024 in Nome. However, in an effort to remain on schedule for project solicitation in Feb 2024, the PPA has been signed and submitted to POD and Corps Headquarters. More precise dates for solicitation and anticipated award are forthcoming.

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### Local Service Facilities (LSF) Design:

*Upon release of the final PONM Phase 1 solicitation package in Feb 2024, the City's design teams will remain onboard and available during the bidding process to address contractor questions, and throughout construction to provide inspection services and ensure the LSF elements are built correctly.*

### U.S. DOT Maritime Administration (MARAD) – Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant Pre-Award:

The Finance Director and I will participate in a project kickoff call with MARAD/PIDP staff, to discuss pre-award submittals which must be sent and approved before the \$11.25M grant agreement is executed. These funds will be used to cover a portion of the costs needed to purchase and construct the marine utilities for Phase 1 of the Port of Nome Modification Project. The City will provide matching funds in the estimated amount of \$16M, which will be sourced through eligible state funding. The exact amount of the match will depend on the winning bid for the work.

Causeway Bridge Repairs and Sediment Removal:

*The Corps has awarded the contract to Bristol Engineering for the repairs to the abutment and girders on the north end of the Causeway bridge. The project field work is now scheduled for early summer 2024.*

Arctic Port Reception Facility – Solid Waste Disposal (Incinerator):

*Additional funding opportunities are on the horizon and being evaluated for this project.*

**Harbor:**

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

*The city continues to make inquiries on the status of this project, with District reporting they are awaiting direction from Corps HQ on how to proceed. The delays on this issue have also been submitted to Alaska Delegation staff members for action. Recent information indicates there has been movement at Corps HQ on this project.*

**Port Industrial Pad:**

West Nome Tank Farm (WNTF) - Property Conveyance:

The City and ADEC completed review of the final Quit Claim Deed and Environmental Covenants, and returned to the USAF. Inquiries have been made at several levels to assist in expediting this property conveyance.

Thornbush Laydown Site Development (TBS):

*Dredge spoils from the port expansion and inner harbor project have been given clearance by two ADEC programs (Solid Waste and Contaminated Sites), to be disposed of in the undeveloped 9-acre portion of this property. The spoils will require dewatering before serving as a hardened base layer to the specified fill and surfacing to complete development of the 18-acre parcel.*

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

This state STIP project has been postponed to approximately 2028/2029 to avoid conflicting with the heavier truck traffic during the port expansion. There is ongoing discussion regarding fixing drainage/pavement breaks in 2024.

**FEMA DR4672 Merbok Recover Projects:**

Inner Harbor Dredging – South Wall and East Ramp:

The city continues working with DHS/FEMA regarding the estimated quantity of the sediment that was pushed along the south wall of the inner harbor by the storm. Once the Scope of Work and material quantity are deemed final, disaster funds will be obligated and the work scheduled for 2024.

Cape Nome Jetty Repair:

PND (subcontractor to Bristol) is proceeding toward 95% level design drawings and specs, with Bristol preparing contract bidding documents, all of which will be sent to FEMA for approval in Feb 2024. Once the package is approved, the project will go out to bid with intent to award repairs to be performed in the 2024 season.

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*Italics reflects no change in project information from previous report*

# PORT OF NOME STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE



The waterfront planning team will be visiting Nome and would like to hear from you!  
Come join us and tell us about your vision and priorities for the Port of Nome.

## PUBLIC MEETING #1

Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 pm  
Old St. Joe's, 407 Bering St. (Anvil City Square)

## PORT COMMISSION WORK SESSION

Wednesday, January 24 at 5:30 pm  
Old St. Joe's, 407 Bering St. (Anvil City Square)

## PUBLIC MEETING #2

Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 pm  
Old St. Joe's, 407 Bering St. (Anvil City Square)

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE PORT OF NOME?

What are your economic goals for Nome?  
What role does the port play to meet those goals?

What are the short and long term needs for the port and Nome's waterfront?

What new opportunities should Nome pursue due to changes in the Northwest Passage?

What new waterfront facilities will help diversify Nome's economy and make it a premier port?



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# Progress Report: Port of Nome Tariff Rate Study & Analysis

**Date:** January 2, 2023

**To:** Port Director Joy Baker

**From:** Mike Fisher

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This progress report covers the month of December 2023.

## Work Performed During This Period

In December, we collected and updated historical information for PON vessel traffic and waterborne statistics (commodity movements) from 2012-2022, we analyzed Port revenues and expenses for both funds, reviewed and documented rates across Alaskan Ports, forecasted demand and growth for Cargo/ Gravel/Fuel, and began analyzing the impact of this demand on revenue and expenses.

## Work Planned and Underway

In January, we will complete interviews with port users and personnel (in conjunction with the Strategic Development Plan work) and develop growth scenarios. Lastly, the output from these activities will be used to Develop recommendations for a sustainable rate structure and capital replacement strategy. We will deliver our draft report and conduct a Zoom presentation/review meeting, in addition to our regular progress meetings.

## Needs

During our next check-in, the team needs to develop three growth scenarios to evaluate. These scenarios may include different growth rates and/or discrete single shocks to the system. The analysis will look at the financial outcomes of each scenario over the forecast period.