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To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager  
From: Joy L. Baker – Port Director *JLB*  
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission  
Date: February 10, 2023  
Re: Monthly PD Report/Capital Projects Update – February 2023

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**Administrative:**

Staff continue planning for the 2023 season, updating and enhancing all required user documents, impounding delinquent property, obtaining estimates for repairs/maintenance, and budgeting purposes.

**Causeway:**

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

The NMFS office at NOAA have provided comments on the project construction application submitted in Dec 2022. Responses have been compiled and returned to the agency, with additional questions returned. A timeline on the approval of this required permit is not yet available, but coordination is between the federal agencies involved.

The City and Corps design teams have been diligently meeting to identify all remaining items to work out before the final 95% packages must be submitted by 24 Feb 2023. The 100% deadline remains scheduled for 3 May, to allow for sufficient review/comment by a several layers of Corps Division and HQ staff for approvals.

Local Service Facilities (LSF) Design Integration:

The City's designers continue to maintain schedule on the LSF's (Local Service Facilities), only requiring additional time when there are delays on the Corps team. The Corps is isolating the cost savings for changes to the steepness of the slopes on the extension, and the armor stone not needed due to the full-length dock. Additional costs to the City are due to the increased quantities of dock fill, also resulting from the dock length. The elements will be reconciled to determine which partner ultimately has a gain/loss.

Causeway Bridge Repairs and Sediment Under Bridge:

*The Corps is preparing a contract solicitation to be released in the coming weeks for bridge repairs, with work done in the summer of 2023. Sediment that has accumulated under and west of the bridge is being folded into the new Maintenance Dredging solicitation in Fall 2023 for the 2024-2026 contract.*

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

New funding opportunities are being evaluated for this project,

**Harbor:**

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

The City continues to wait for a response from the District on the Divisions decision on the plan.

Launch Ramp Replacement Project:

*Hughes & Associates have finished crunching the survey data and submitted results that do not show any significant shoaling, which is good news. However, the survey showed scouring along a portion of the toe of the launch ramp. After reviewing with a small in-house team, a solution was reached that will bring the scour hole back up to grade. The work will be done after spring break up 2023.*

**Port Industrial Pad:**

West Nome Tank Farm (Property Conveyance):

*The City awaits a response from the USAF, on final language within the conveyance deed.*

Thornbush Laydown Site Development:

*Funds to complete design/construction are being sought at federal and state levels. Dredge spoils from two Corps projects (port expansion and inner harbor deepening) are currently being evaluated for disposal into the undeveloped 9-acre portion of this property. These spoils would require dewatering before serving as a hardened base layer to the specified fill and surfacing to complete development. Discussions on this disposal are underway between the City and ADEC.*

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

The City talked with AKDOT Northern Region on 10 Feb 2023, and confirmed that the Port Rd project was postponed to 2024. Due to the conflict with the construction window of Phase 1 of the port expansion, there will be additional discussion/coordination on the Port Rd construction window. Port Rd Improvements will need to follow the completion of Phase 1 (anticipated to be 2026/27). There is talk of maintenance needed in 2023.

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

Additional details available upon request.