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To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager  
From: Joy L. Baker – Project Manager *JLB*  
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission  
Date: November 13, 2023  
Re: Monthly Projects Update – Nov 2023

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**Causeway:**

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

On 3 Nov 2023, the Corps released a draft solicitation package for construction of Phase 1 of the Port of Nome Modification Project on Sam.gov. The listing is for a 2-week period, and specifically to obtain input from interested contractors to point out any major concerns. In that interim period, the design teams finalizing the 100% drawings/specs with the contracting offices to ensure the Phase 1 package is ready once the final solicitation date is determined.

*The Incidental Hazard Authorization (IHA) permit for the 1<sup>st</sup> year (2024) of the project, issued by NOAA/NMFS, remains available at [this link](#) or by accessing [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov) and entering 2023-19187 in the search bar at the top right of the main page.*

Local Service Facilities (LSF) Design Integration:

Upon release of the final PONM Phase 1 solicitation package, 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) – PIDP Grant Award:

The City was fortunate enough to be awarded \$11.25M (the cap in Small Ports, Small Projects Program) in federal funding under the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) 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. The City is now working with MARAD to provide documents required to execute the grant agreement.

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 monthly 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:

In late October, the USAF acknowledged receipt of the City's and ADEC's comments on what we hope are the final drafts of the Quit Claim Deed and Environmental Covenants to convey the 7-acre parcel to the City. The USAF advised they would be holding their final meetings and getting back to the City.

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.*

*Over the summer, Public Works filled depressions on the pad to maximize the usable surface before winter. This repair/prep will allow relocations of containers, dredges and equipment in 2024 for construction setup.*

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

This state STIP project has been postponed to 2027/28 to avoid road construction 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 and FEMA are getting closer to resolving differences on the estimated yardage of sediment that remains near the south wall of the inner harbor, from Merbok in Sep 2022. Once the revised Scope of Work is final, disaster funds will be obligated and the work scheduled for early summer 2024.

Cape Nome Jetty Repair:

PND (subcontractor to Bristol) has completed the 65% level repair design drawings and construction cost estimate which will be provided to FEMA by 15 Nov, with a 2-week review period before proceeding with 95% level package. In the interim, City staff will continue coordinating with DMVA/FEMA to obtain final authorization for funds to cover all design, bid and construction costs.

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