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To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager
From: Joy L. Baker – Port Director
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission
Date: July 9, 2021
Re: Monthly PD Report/Capital Projects Update – July 2021

Administrative:

HM Stotts and AHM Schuneman have been working closely with users to get vessels launched prior to the launch ramp going out of service on 11 July 2021. In addition, staff have been pouring over the storage sites to confirm ownership of items and billing storage for the new fiscal year, while keeping with the pulse of the transient vessels coming and going at the Port & Harbor. As this is another balloon year for gravel export, the trucks seem to be moving non-stop over the last couple weeks, which we expect to continue until late Aug or early Sept.

Port staff is preparing another USDOT grant application, with the RAISE program, and seeking to obtain funds to support the design/engineering of the Local Service Facilities (LSF) associated with the port expansion, but 100% the non-federal sponsor's responsibility. The Port Commission will be holding an Open House at OSJ on Thursday, 15 July 2021 to provide updates on the expansion plans for the Port & Harbor, along with ongoing operations and other capital projects.

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

The Design Agreement and certification documents for the PED phase have been executed by the District Commander, approved by Division and Headquarters, and distributed to all parties. The project manager is assigning team leads to the required disciplines, and establishing a schedule to conduct an internal Technical Inter-change Meeting (TIM) in July, with a Charrette to follow in August or September to gather input on the milestones during the PED phase, public input opportunities, and regular progress updates. Dates will be advised when made available.

- 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 Corps contractor completed their annual dredging of the harbor channel entrance. The Corps is now reviewing the post-dredge survey to determine quantities removed to determine payment. The Corps Operations Section is seeking to obtain a waiver on the sediment removal option to address real estate needs for stockpiling sediment during the project. Once a waiver is received, the Corps will move forward to offer this option to the existing contractor who may decide to perform, or hire a subcontractor.

Anode Replacement Project:

Contractor's schedule will have crew and equipment mobilized to Nome in early Aug 2021 to perform the work based on vessel traffic schedules and shore-side stockpiles. Materials are on-site.

Harbor:

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

The project team sections are finalizing their first drafts for submission to the planner who will compile into the feasibility framework for evaluation and comment by the Corps review team. The Corps HarborSym database model is generating initial outputs for review as well, with information soon to be available to the City team. Equally, the spreadsheet model is near complete and has been discussed several times between the project and City teams. It remains tedious but the data is essential in determining the benefits for expanding and deepening the federal dredge limits in the inner harbor. (This project will bring benefit to the Snake River Moorage Facility and is currently on schedule.)

Concrete Launch Ramp Replacement Project:

The Contractor is mobilizing crew and equipment to the site starting the week of 12 July 2021, with barged materials arriving 24 July 2021. Demo of the existing concrete ramp should commence within the first week, followed by stabilization of the subsurface materials that have subsided. Contractor is still confident they can complete the project on schedule in late Sept 2021.

Snake River Moorage & Vessel Haulout Facility:

Awards on the USDOT INFRA grant program were announced on 1 July 2021, with no selections made to any Alaska projects. The importance of this project remains high, as congesting in the inner harbor continues to increase, contributing to navigation and maneuvering conflicts within the Small Boat Harbor. Achieving development of this project will bring long-awaited relief to all fleets using the Inner Harbor. Users, large and small, continue to provide letters describing their support of the project, with the majority from cargo, fuel and gravel operators. We will continue to seek funding opportunities for this project.

Port Industrial Pad:

West Nome Tank Farm (Property Conveyance):

The City has been advised that the USAF's Real Estate unit has been short-staffed for some time, but a new project coordinator has been assigned to this project and trying to get up to speed on the details. The City awaits response from the USAF regarding their discussions with ADEC on land use controls and long-term access agreements relating to the property conveyance. We are hoping some progress can be made on the conveyance soon, otherwise the City will reach out to ADEC directly to discuss the environmental protocols and their effect on land use. In the meantime, NJUS and the City are collaborating on a development plan for the site, with CRW (NJUS engineering consultant), in an effort to be further prepared for the transfer.

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

Alaska DOT took comments on the final design and specs up through 15 June 2021. The input received is currently under review by the project team, and the solicitation period has been pushed back to late summer 2021, with construction expected in summer 2022.

Italics reflects no change in project information from previous report.

Additional details available upon request.