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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: December 8, 2023
Re: Monthly Projects Update – Dec 2023

Causeway:

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

The Alaska Corps District and Pacific Ocean Division (POD-HI) are in the process of doing the final review of the 100% design drawings and specifications for construction of Phase 1 of the Port of Nome Modification (PONM) Project. Upon completion of the review, the District Contracting Office will finalize the solicitation package which will then go through another 3-week review before being considered ready for official release to bidders. This release date has not yet been identified, but is expected to occur in mid to late January 2024. One additional requirement prior to solicitation, is to have the official signing of the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA), which has just been scheduled for 11 Jan 2024 in Nome. More details will be released as they come available, but the signing ceremony will be held in City Council Chambers at City Hall.

The Incidental Hazard Authorization (IHA) permit for the 1st year (2024) of the project, issued by NOAA/NMFS, remains available at [this link](#) or by accessing 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) – Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant Pre-Award:

The Finance Director and myself have been engaging in multiple webinars hosted by MARAD for all grant recipients to ensure a solid understanding of all pre-award submittal requirements. There are numerous layers to this new approach, all of which must be met 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 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:

The USAF has returned the final drafts of the Quit Claim Deed and Environmental Covenants for one more review by the City and ADEC. If all is in order, this will move the 7-acre conveyance into the signature/execution phase.

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 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 has submitted responses to FEMA's questions regarding calculations of cubic yards for estimating the sediment that remains near the south wall and east gravel ramp in the inner harbor. Once the Scope of Work and material quantity are deemed final, disaster funds will be obligated and the work scheduled for the 2024 ice-free season.

Cape Nome Jetty Repair:

PND (subcontractor to Bristol) have completed the 70% level repair design drawings and construction cost estimate, which have been shared with FEMA for review and input. Discussions continue with FEMA on elements of the storm repair project, and BSNC on the long-term partnership with the City for operation of the Cape Nome Jetty.

Italics reflects no change in project information from previous report