

# Agenda Statement

**Meeting Date:** February 17, 2026  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager  
**From:** Kris Erchinger, Finance Director  
**Agenda Item:** Amending Grant Application Scope of Work



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## **BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:**

The City is managing a number of multi-million dollar grants while continuing to seek new funding to pursue Council's legislative capital priorities, including funding for the Buckner Building, Shotgun Cove Road, the Whittier Core, and Delong Dock, among others. Solstice Alaska Consulting recently completed submission of the FLAP grant application for the City's Shotgun Cove Road project. This current action will expand their scope to pursue a PIDP grant for replacement of Delong Dock. The grant application will focus on replacement of Delong Dock to include creation of approximately three acres of new uplands. The project will expand regional freight handling capacity at Alaska's second busiest freight port of Whittier, offering critical future-focused port infrastructure. Our ice-free, deep-water port with year-round direct rail service to Anchorage, positions Whittier as a key strategic freight-handling port with the ability to transport LNG pipe, heavy equipment, critical military supplies and materials, and ensures a secondary port protecting food security in Alaska. Our partnership with Solstice continues to enhance major economic opportunities for Whittier and the project will reinvigorate an aging infrastructure asset in Whittier.

## **CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:**

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Comprehensive Plan, p. 61	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Whittier Code:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Other: CIP, p. 28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**FISCAL NOTE:** Funding for this effort will come from the Delong Dock reserves which stand at an estimated \$1.489 million at 12/31/25.

**ATTORNEY REVIEW:**  Yes  No  Not Applicable

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Administration recommends approval of funding to apply for a PIDP grant for Delong Dock Replacement.