

## **NOTICE OF MEETING REGULAR MEETING**

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**11. COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF**

**12. COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**

**13. ADJOURNMENT NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED for September 8, 2016** in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Ave, Homer, Alaska.

Session 14-05 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Compliance Committee was called to order by Chair Malley at 4:00 p.m. on July 14, 2016 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: Donna Aderhold, Patrick Brown, Rick Malley

ABSENT: Linda Munns, Tess Dally (both excused)

STAFF: Melissa Jacobsen, Deputy City Clerk/ADA Coordinator  
Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Committee.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no public comments

## **RECONSIDERATION**

## **APPROVAL OF SYNOPSIS**

## **VISITORS**

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

### **A. City Property Evaluation Priorities**

There were no updates to discuss on this topic.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Plan Review**

Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator explained the CIP review and recommendation process to the Committee.

The Committee reviewed the information with Ms. Carroll and discussed the Homer Intersection Improvements project. They recommended:

- Adding that the State DOT include ADA mandated accessibility standards along with
- Audible signals at Main Street and Pioneer Avenue and additional traffic control/pedestrian crosswalks
- Traffic control/pedestrian crosswalk installation in areas where there are pedestrian traffic generators or where multi-use trails cross the roadway.

Regarding a new project, the Committee recommended including the Transition Plan. It was noted that the Storm Water Masterplan is included in the CIP, so the Transition Plan may fit in as well. They will need to have an idea of the cost to include with the new project request.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There were no audience comments.

### **COMMENTS OF STAFF**

There were no staff comments.

### **COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no committee comments.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Melissa Jacobsen, CMC, Deputy City Clerk/ADA  
Coordinator





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### Memorandum

TO: City of Homer ADA Compliance Committee

FROM: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator

THROUGH: Katie Koester, City Manager

DATE: July 26, 2016

SUBJECT: City of Homer 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Plan

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Thank you for allocating time at your last ADA Compliance Committee meeting to review the CIP and recommend project updates.

Per our conversation, I have attached an updated draft of the State DOT Homer Intersection project description which incorporates the ADA Compliance Committee's request to include acknowledgement of ADA-mandated standards when reconstructing/improving State roads, and an endorsement of installing non-mandated audible crossing signals.

Per our conversation about proposing a Self-Evaluation/Transition Plan as a new CIP project, I want to make you aware that the lower limit for a City project to be eligible for the CIP is \$50,000. (Other non-profits may submit projects starting at the lower \$25,000 limit.) So before the Committee puts a lot of effort into the Self-

Evaluation/Transition Plan CIP description, please get a price quote.

I am unable to attend the ADA Compliance Committee's August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, but I will look forward to getting a memo from the Committee indicating:

- 1) The top two City of Homer projects the Committee would like to see on the Legislative Request (either from the draft CIP, including the Legislative Request from last year, or the proposed new projects);
- 2) A completed Self-Evaluation/Transition Plan new project proposal or indication that the total cost is below the \$50,000 threshold and therefore more appropriate for a budget request;
- 3) Acceptance (or further refinement) of the State DOT Homer Intersection Improvement project description provided in your packet.

Again, thank you for your time and participation in this important planning process. I will need your feedback by Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.





## Homer Intersection Improvements

Updated to indicate completion of Pioneer Ave/Main Street 4-way stop & include that State DOT meet ADA-mandated accessibility standards and other recommendations brought forward by Homer's ADA Committee.

**Project Description & Benefit:** This project implements recommendations of the 2005 Homer Intersections Planning Study commissioned by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The study analyzed the needs of twelve intersections according to traffic forecasts, intersection safety records, pedestrian concerns and intersection options. The benefit of the improvements will be to enhance traffic safety and quality of driving and pedestrian experiences for residents and visitors, particularly as the community continues to grow.

The study noted that for intersections identified as needing control measures, either roundabouts or traffic signals will function well. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities report supports the development of modern roundabouts at many locations (“because of the good operational performance of roundabouts, superior safety performance, and reduced maintenance”). However, traffic signals have been chosen alternatives for the two Main Street intersection improvements.

Many of the intersections need traffic signals for two reasons: 1) to provide gaps for turning vehicles and 2) provide safer crossings for pedestrians in the center of town where traffic volumes are increasing and worsening in the summer months. The intersection study also analyzed areas with poor or non-existent lane and crosswalk pavement markings, missing or inadequate crosswalk signage and heavy traffic volumes. While the City and DOT&PF have improved pedestrian mobility and safety through some crosswalk projects, accessible standards have not been met by the State when they make intersection improvements.

The City of Homer expects the State of Alaska to adhere to 2010 ADA standards when newly constructing, altering or repaving streets and intersections, including mandated curb ramps or other sloped areas at intersection having curbs or other barriers to entry from a street level pedestrian walkway. Further, while not mandated, the City's ADA Committee endorses upgrading Homer's four traffic signals to audible pedestrian signals and evaluating potential additional traffic control/pedestrian crosswalk installation in areas where there are major pedestrian traffic generators or where multi-use trails crosses the roadway.

Problem intersections and recommended improvements are as follows:

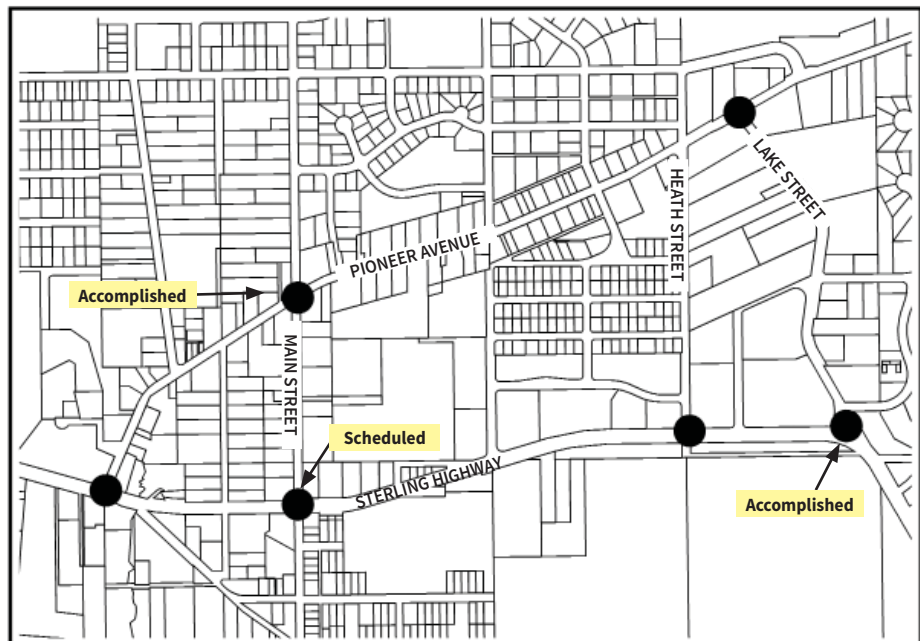
Sterling Highway and Pioneer Ave. - Roundabout or traffic signal;

Sterling Highway and Main Street - Traffic signal;

Sterling Highway and Heath Street - Roundabout or traffic signal;

Pioneer Ave. and Lake Street/East End Road - Roundabout or traffic signal.

**Plans & Progress:** State of Alaska DOT/PF obtained \$2.8 million to make safety improvements to Main Street Intersections. Traffic control at the Pioneer Avenue and Main Street intersection was accomplished in 2016 by installing a four-way stop and flashing overhead beacon. State of Alaska DOT/PF will be moving forward in 2017 to complete improvements at the Main Street intersection by installing a traffic signal at the Main Street and Sterling Highway intersection.



Alaska DOT/PF has recommended roundabouts or traffic signals at four additional central Homer intersections, to be accomplished as soon as possible.

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# City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan Project Nomination Form

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## Project eligibility

- A. Does the proposed project represent a major, nonrecurring expense (\$25,000 or more for non-profit organizations; \$50,000 or more for government organizations)?      YES      NO
- B. Will the proposed project result in a fixed asset (e.g., land, major equipment, building or other structure, road or trail) with an anticipated life of at least two years?      YES      NO
- C. Will the project provide broad community benefit?      YES      NO
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*If you were able to answer YES to all three questions, please provide additional information:*

- Project title (Suggested heading in CIP):
  
- Project description and benefit. Describe the project in half a page or less, including specific features, stages of construction, etc. Explain how the project will benefit the Homer community.
  
- Plans and progress. Describe in one or two paragraphs what has been accomplished so far (if anything). This may include feasibility study, conceptual design, final design/engineering/permitting, fundraising activity, and total funds raised to date.
  
- Project cost:
  - TOTAL COST (including funds already secured) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - For construction projects, break out preconstruction costs (feasibility/design/permitting):  
Preconstruction costs = \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Construction costs = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Timeline: Indicate when you hope to complete each phase of the project.  
Please keep in mind that the CIP will not be published until this coming October. Legislative funding would not be available until July of next year (or later) for state funding and October of next year (or later) for federal funding.
  - For projects that consist of land or equipment purchase only, state when the purchase would be made:  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - For construction projects:
    - Preconstruction phase to be completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Construction phase to be completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- Please provide a photo, drawing, map, or other graphic image if possible.