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MEMORANDUM AGENDA CHANGES/SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

TO: MAYOR WYTHE AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK 
DATE: APRIL 22, 2013
SUBJECT: AGENDA CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 13-040, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Directing the City Administration to Terminate All Survey, Design, and Cost Estimating Work on the Kachemak Drive Pathway. Mayor.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Voice consensus to changes under Agenda Approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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MEMORANDUM 13-059

TO: MAYOR WYTHE AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
THRU: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
DATE: APRIL 22, 2013
RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION 13-040

Background

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission were provided a copy of proposed Resolution 13-040 at the regular meeting on April 18, 2013. Below is a recommendation that they requested to be forwarded to Council for consideration.

The minutes of the meeting regarding the discussion leading to the recommendation have been included.

BRANN/LOWNEY – MOVED TO AGREE TO DISBAND THE KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE WITH A REQUEST THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ALLOW THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO ADDRESS ITEMS AS NOTED IN THE NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS AND TRANSPORTION PLAN

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. LOWNEY, BELL, BRANN, ARCHIBALD, BREMICKER
VOTE. NO. LILLIBRIDGE

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION

Informational Only.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Trail/Mud Bay Trail

1. Survey and Cost Estimates – Alternate Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Trail
2. Recommendation from Committee to Improve Mud Bay Trail

Chair Bremicker read the title into the record. He opened discussion by commenting on the engineers cost estimate included in the packet. He commented on the proposed trail as depicted in the included aerial photograph.

Commissioner Lillibridge arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Bremicker commented that they were aware of what happened Monday. He stated that it was a bit confusing. He noted that he has not seen numbers on this but Carey Meyer reported it would cost \$100,000 to do the little "Y" section of the trail. Commissioner Lillibridge requested some clarification on the location of the Y portion. Chair Bremicker then proceeded to detail the proposed path and that it would be part of the survey. Mr. Meyer surveyed the Mud Bay Trail; that apparently has been roughed out by unsupervised volunteer effort; Chair Bremicker stated he hasn't been out there in a while. Now we have a resolution 13-040 proposed to be dealt with Monday night, the Mayor expressed concern that the survey did not address what it was supposed to do; the Committee passed a "resolution" that supported the upgrading the Mud Bay Trail for recreational bicyclists and pedestrians. I think we recognized all along that it is not the best site for commuter bicyclists and we are looking for a safer route that was a straight shot up that hill.

Chair Bremicker then stated that they approved the "resolution". He noted that there has been some misunderstanding.

Commissioner Lillibridge requested clarification on removing any trail along the road. Chair Bremicker responded on the point the committee decided to approve the Mud Bay Trail then at some later time working on a solution at a later time. The committee hasn't given up that idea. The committee agreed to have the trail at the toe of the bluff.

Commissioner Brann related that the council related their understanding that the trail was to be surveyed up the hill along that road, but the committee wanted the survey done at the "Y" to have the trail avoid the hill that is where the confusion starts; the survey was done along Mud Bay Trail. The concern was that they did not approve surveying an alternate, they approved going up the hill.

Commissioner Lowney asked where the commission was at or what the committee wanted the commission to do. She stated that the resolution seems to dissolve everything.

Chair Bremicker again stated he wished there was time for the committee to meet. He further stated that the Mayor from the beginning did not see the need for this.

Commissioner Lillibridge reworded the intent of the resolution 13-040. She opined that over two years of efforts have been expended and nothing seems to be acceptable; she inquired if a traffic count was ever done. To her it appears that a survey was done all the money was spent and now it's too expensive to be done.

Chair Bremicker commented on the counting of cars but not people and bikes. He related his experience living along Kachemak Drive in relation to counting. The committee did have a public hearing and they did get a lot of responses but it is hard to define how many would use it.

Commissioner Brann related his knowledge of a count was scheduled last summer and was not done so maybe this summer. He commented on the last Therefore stating that all work is completed if this is approved.

Commissioner Lillibridge opined that it was no different that the Coastal Trail in Anchorage and all the battles that were occurred by developing that trail. She stated that ending a whole project just because it is too expensive, she said is that what they want to do?

Chair Bremicker stated he was speaking for himself, regarding the approach going up the hill costing \$100,000 well he

figured that was money well spent. He commented on the Mud Bay Trail just being an official city trail and be proud of their work. However, this does not represent the best way to get around that hillside, we have had other people look at that hillside who have experience with road building and trail building and said it could be done. Nothing against Carey, cause he's a great guy and knowledgeable, but he said it wasn't worth looking at. Chair Bremicker stated he doesn't know about trail building or road building. So if they can build a road and it costs \$100,000, well, they can build it... and City Council, the Mayor and Barbara Howard, well those two are particularly concerned about money, but there is a specific fund for building trails. They also asked if there are any plans for this trail. Chair Bremicker stated that this has been a long time on their goals. He noted that this is the only trail in the city's planning manuals; he reported that he heard Mayor Wythe state that there are other trails to fund but there are no others in the plans that he knows of.

Commissioner Lowney stated that would be a good point to make, she stated it could be addressed at the meeting; she stated that this reminds her of the issues with the HERC building or Parks and Rec Department and that unless they get a huge outcry from the people that want the bike trail on Monday. This will pass. Maybe we could ask to have this postponed until October or November or longer and then they could use traffic reports to support the trail.

Commissioner Brann brought up that if Council passes the resolution disbanding the committee then can the commission get the Mud Bay Trail upgraded to a level one with volunteers; if they do not approve volunteers working on that trail nothing will get done this summer and without permission he will not be doing anything on it.

Commissioner Lillibridge was upset that Council did not want a commission that works for them; that they do not appreciate the time and efforts expended by the commission.

LILLIBRIDGE/BRANN - MOVED TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION DOES NOT SUPPORT RESOLUTION 13-040.

Commissioner Bell pointed out that Council can provide direction to the commission but it should be clear that without this component then there is no Kachemak Drive Path. If that is the intention then okay, but it should be made clear; this portion or the whole project. He noted that concern was expressed that they did not want to upgrade the Mud Bay Trail, that it would ruin that area. Commissioner Archibald commented that the direction should be directed back to the road. If they want to disband the committee but what does that mean about the rest of the project. He cited that it has been expressed that a path is desired, but who knows what the future brings for this road and he believed that this road would not stay as narrow in the future. He acknowledged that it was very distressing to have the door slammed in the face of the committee. Chair Bremicker agreed that it was distressing and remarked that his son stated no road should be built without sidewalks or a pathway beside it; council should be told this too; he next related a personal experience riding at a high rate of speed along Kachemak Drive. He next cited all the increasing traffic and large vehicles and vessels traveling along that road which makes traveling along and the bikes and pedestrians, and not doing nothing unacceptable.

Further discussion on rewording the recommendation in a positive manner being more helpful to the Commission and the Council ensued including review of the recommendation from the committee. She would like stay in a positive light. Ms. Krause at this time tried to direct the commission to the history of creating the committee, what the committee recommended and what the commission supported and the misunderstanding that ensued and what has been approved and supported by Council regarding the creation of a path and addressing the safety issues; and that the proposed resolution cites why they want work to be discontinued and that approaching the Council harshly would have the opposite results they are seeking.

Chair Bremicker stated that it was never along the road he knows that, it never was, it went along the beach and cut up the road. He can understand the confusion. The resolution just states the first half mile and what Carey Meyer proposed fits that direction. This is not what he thought it would be or what the Mayor thought it would be but it fits the direction in that resolution.

He stated that he did not believe that the committee was upset with Council, they haven't voted on it yet and it will be discussed at the meeting on Monday.

Ms. Krause noted that since it was under the consent agenda unless it was pulled by a Council member then there would be no discussion. Chair Bremicker responded that they still would be able to comment before the meeting under Public Comments. He did not believe that it was wrong to say they disagree and that it was their job as commissioners to say what they want that the Commission and committee would like the opportunity to come up with a pedestrian and bicycle path that would meet the description outlined in the city plans.

Commissioner Brann opined there is no criteria but it describes a path that there is a need to improve pedestrian and

bicyclists safety issues as outlined in the Non-motorized trails and transportation plan and maybe that if they reword the recommendation in a more positive manner expressing the need for a path and asking to be allowed to work towards that goal, but he did not want to fight the City Council. Chair Bremicker agreed but also believed that if there are concerns they have a responsibility to report that and if they say no, okay. Commissioner Bell stated there are plenty of projects to work on and if Council can provide preferred projects x, y, and z then great.

Commissioner Lowney commented on voting down the motion on the floor and regarding a more positive motion that allows the Commission to still address the need. Commissioner Lillibridge did not feel that Council has allowed the commission time to digest the content and recommended that they submit a recommendation to postpone a vote and allow the Commission to work with Council on a proposed trail along Kachemak Drive. She agreed that it was not the best direction to attack council but she did not like the idea that Council is throwing away all the work that has been done. She felt it was important that Council realize how much work and time has been expended. This would allow them the time to determine the best possible way to get this trail constructed.

The motion was withdrawn by the maker and second.

Commissioner Archibald wanted the statement to include that the research that has been developed has enlightened those parties involved on the difficulty that constructing a path along Kachemak Drive presents. He proposed that they needed to include the issues regarding the private property owners too. Chair Bremicker noted it was good to hear from him too.

Commissioner Lillibridge suggested a lengthy recommendation. Ms. Krause noted that it was very wordy and needed some refinement. Chair Bremicker requested a 5 minute recess to allow the Clerk to wordsmith the recommendation from Commissioner Lillibridge. Chair Bremicker reconvened the meeting. Ms. Krause was unable to come up with a succinct recommendation for the commission.

Following several more minutes of discussion the following motion was made:

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VOTE. YES. LOWNEY, BELL, BRANN, ARCHIBALD, BREMICKER

VOTE. NO. LILLIBRIDGE

Motion carried.

Jo Johnson

From: Kevin Walker <homerkev@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 10:09 AM
To: Department Clerk; James Dolma; Francie Roberts; David Lewis; Bryan Zak; Beauregard Burgess; Barbara Howard
Cc: Bumppo; Lindianne Sarno; Dave and Molly Brann; Jo Johnson; Carey Meyer
Subject: Bike Month - Terminate all work on the K Drive Bike Path???
Attachments: SteepHillContours.jpg

What's wrong with this picture? Is the City Council really going to proclaim May as Bike Month, then terminate all work on the Kachemak Drive (Bike) Path - as part of the consent agenda?

Regarding the Nelson Engineering preliminary design costing \$374,064 - all consideration of that should be terminated, I agree. Too bad City of Homer spent those funds. It took almost a year to get those funds allocated to the path. However, the K Dr Path committee has spent more than 2 years working on the path, and I've been going to their meetings for 2 years and prepared a preliminary engineering packet (which appears to be largely ignored) - and this design money wasted (jobs for Kenai !!).

Attached is a contour map of the "spur" that the K Dr Path committee has been recommending. Contour data is from Kenai Borough flexviewer. This is a steep side hill, about 1.9:1. Note, however, that the city now allows new roads to be built with a 1.5:1 backslope, which is much steeper than this sidehill. The attached map shows about 380' of trail going up an 8% grade. The lower ~200' would be on the steep sidehill, and would require a boardwalk, retaining wall, or other structure. This could be designed and built by volunteers with guidance and approval from Public Works.

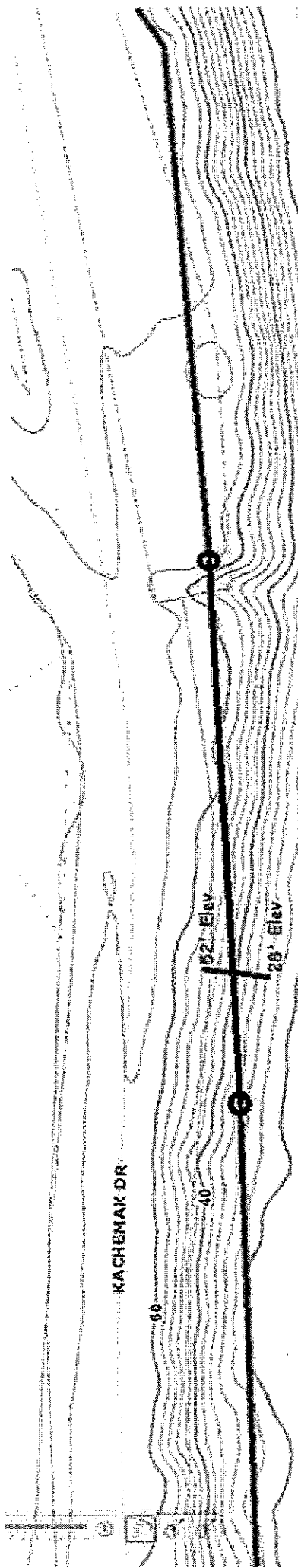
I'd also recommend initially building the main trail to a level 3 trail up the steep grade, according to the City of Homer Trail Manual Design Criteria, which is 3-5' wide, basically 4" of non frost susceptible gravel (no deep fill base), and would give pedestrians and most bicyclists a safe way to get around the dangerous, steep hill on Kachemak Drive at the west end of the airport. The trail could be widened and improved in the future, after the trail is completed from the Spit to East End Road.

A volunteer group ("Friends of Kachemak Drive Path?) could probably get the path built at a fraction of the Nelson cost.

The City must remain involved in the process, some of the land is on City property, and the trail will be a tremendous enhancement to the infrastructure in Homer.

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Kevin Walker



Black Line 8% grade up slope for ~380', ending at a bridge over the gully at the top, as the trail enters airport property.
 Side slope of the hill at the brown line is about 1.9:1, 46' horizontal : 24' vertical
 City of Homer now allows new roads with 1.5:1 backslopes, steeper than this existing side slope
 These 1.5:1 backslopes don't always work, but they are allowed.





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TO: Council

FROM: Mayor Wythe

DATE: April 22, 2013

RE: Juneau Trip – April 2 - 5, 2013

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent the interests of the City and the Council while visiting with our House and Senate representatives in Juneau. Walt and I enjoyed two beautiful days in Juneau's rare spring sun, and at this point the City's primary funding requests (\$4.2 M for the Port and Harbor improvement project and the re-appropriation of the \$2 M to the Port & Harbor building and Skyline Fire Hall) remain in the budget as passed by the House & Senate. However, the gap between the \$2 M re-appropriation and the total required to fully fund both the Harbor Master's Office and the Skyline Station remains for the City to come up with.

Our meeting agenda included CCED Commissioner Susan Bell, OMB Director Karen Rehfeld, USCG Commodore Rear Admiral Ostebo, and DOTPF Commissioner Kemp. These meetings provided additional opportunities to extend our appreciation and to determine if there were opportunities for Homer to provide support for those that support us.

Commodore Ostebo identified opportunities for locals that have homes for rent to lease them to the Coast Guard for families stationed in Homer. We also talked about ways that Homer might be able to get a better commitment from the Coast Guard regarding long-term local moorage which could then be used in support of the feasibility analysis of the East Boat Harbor. The loss of Coast Guard families from our community if the ships are transferred to an alternative port would be substantial.

Commissioner Kemp provided further insight into changes for DOT fund allocations. Again this was grim for Homer but not totally without optimism. It sounds like action is being taken in the near term to shore-up the Sterling Highway, but funding for State-owned, local streets was somewhat less optimistic. While the Governor included \$5 M for Lake Street, this is only an authorization in the event that federal funding becomes

available and the project is favorably placed on the STIP list; not a guarantee that the road will be upgraded.

We were also able to host Senator Macciche and his wife for dinner on Wednesday, again at Linda's lovely home. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner which provided the only pork visible in Juneau during our trip. Representative Seaton and his wife joined us for dinner Thursday night and provided insight to the challenges the budget faced as it passed to the House that evening.

As we discussed briefly at the Council meeting April 8th, the mood at the Capitol was very tense with concerns over the potential revenue impact of changes in the oil & gas taxes. The final budget that was returned to the Governor did not include any additional revenue sharing for 2014 and very little discretionary money. However, the City of Homer and the Homer area seems to have done well in the end analyses.

Homer remains in a unique position financially because we quit using revenue sharing in the development of our budgets years ago. Since then, these funds have been allocated for single use purchases on the CIP list, to offset under-anticipated increases in utilities and fuel, or to cover for revenue shortfalls. The Council has done a good job of maintaining the line by not counting on revenue sharing funds for adding employees or other expenditures that would occur year-after-year. Additionally, over the past eight years the Council has reduced the City budget by over \$3 Million dollars, reduced property taxes, and honored the community's desire for a limited season on the collection of sales tax on food items.

Now the really hard part begins. Costs continue to rise and the news in Juneau was bleak as far as providing any source of reliable funding in the near-term. I came back from Juneau with a much better understanding of why Mayor Hornaday was often so "doom and gloom" after these trips.

The current financial situation does not present a doom and gloom outlook however. It presents a requirement for the Council to focus on the required services of a First Class City for the primary allocation of tax revenues. If there are funds remaining, the next consideration needs to be our fiscal obligation to maintain the existing assets of the City. Third, planning for expansion or development of City assets that contribute to growing the economy of our community can be considered.

Something that we were criticized for in Juneau this trip was the inclusion of projects on the City Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) list that were not City projects. Council had been doing a fairly good job at providing support for non-City interests through Resolutions of support and inclusion in the CIP book, and until this year we have been keeping the top 15 focused on actual City projects. The inclusion of non-profit and non-City projects on the City's CIP has the tendency to dilute our actual needs.

Shovel ready projects continue to be the most viable investment for State and Federal funds. These projects put people to work the quickest and generally are substantial contributors to economic recovery. The planning that was done for the Port & Harbor Improvement Bond Project, including revenues planning and the allocation of contingency funds, did not go unnoticed. This type of action encourages others to want to participate.

The City of Homer has many "Plans". These plans can become a distraction when they are vying for limited funds. Moving forward, the City needs to have a long-term development plan that incorporates our many "Plans" into a cohesive thought. A single concept of where funds need to be allocated first in order to arrive at the end result of a well developed and vibrant community that is financially sustainable with limited State or Federal funding. Walt is including a proposal for a Strategic Planning process which should provide the Council and community with a platform to focus on a single goal, while being respectful of our varying points of view.

City of Homer
Legislative Work Session
April 22, 2013

- I. 2013 Session Overview
- II. FY 2014 Operating Budget (HB 65)
- III. FY 2014 Capital Budget (SB 18)
- IV. Review of Legislation
- V. Questions

City of Homer
Revenue Sharing: FY2014 vs. FY 2013

FY 2014 Statewide Funding (\$'000s)		FY 2014	FY 2013	\$Change	%Change
1	Statewide Municipal Funding				
2	Revenue Sharing	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	0.0%
3	Additional "One-Time" Revenue Sharing	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ (25,000)	-100.0%
4	Total Statewide Funds to Municipalities	\$ 60,000	\$ 85,000	\$ (25,000)	-29.4%

FY 2014 City of Homer Allocation (\$'000s)		FY 2014	FY 2013	\$Change	%Change
5	City of Homer Allocation				
6	Revenue Sharing	\$ 340	\$ 341	\$ (1)	-0.3%
7	Additional "One-Time" Revenue Sharing	\$ -	\$ 142	\$ (142)	-100.0%
8	Total City of Homer Allocation	\$ 340	\$ 483	\$ (143)	-29.6%

**FY 2014 Capital Budget
Kenai Peninsula Area**

HD	Project Title	SB18 V.Z (Governor)	SB18 V.Y (Senate)	SB16 V.D (House/Final)
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Section 1 - Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Projects

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development				
Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)				
28-30 Kenai - Fire/Rescue boat		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,000
28-30 Kenai - Public Safety Building Upgrades		-	-	110,000
28-30 Kenai - State Personal Use Fishery Capital Improvements		-	-	150,000
28-30 Kenai - Water Storage Reservoir Construction		-	2,500,000	2,500,000
28-30 Kenai Peninsula Borough - Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area Sewer System Replacement		-	50,000	50,000
28-30 Kenai Peninsula Borough - Central Peninsula Landfill Leachate Thermal Evaporation Unit		-	3,472,619	3,472,619
28-30 Kenai Peninsula Borough - Road Projects		-	2,000,000	2,000,000
28-30 Kenai Peninsula Borough - Seward Bear Creek Flood Mitigation		-	-	1,000,000
28-30 Kenai Peninsula Borough - Soldotna High Schools Artificial Turf Field		-	-	1,500,000
28-30 Seward - Lowell Canyon Water Tank Refurbishment		-	575,000	575,000
28-30 Seward - Seward Marine Industrial Center/Homeport Coastal Villages Region Fund's Fleet to Alaska Project		-	8,000,000	8,000,000
28-30 Soldotna - Water Reservoir Reconstruction, Infrastructure Improvements, and Equipment		-	2,500,000	2,500,000
Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)				
28-30 Alaska SeaLife Center - Critical Building and Equipment Repairs, Upgrades and Replacements		-	-	450,000
28-30 Cooper Landing Emergency Services - Fire Tanker		-	-	340,000
28-30 Homer Electric Association, Inc. - Replacement of Seldovia Emergency Generators		-	-	260,000
28-30 Homer Society of Natural History dba Pratt Museum - Museum Building Construction		-	-	250,000
28-30 Hospice of the Central Peninsula - Replacement of Durable Medical Equipment for the Community Loan Closet		-	-	10,000
28-30 Kenai Peninsula Fair Association - Weatherization, Renovation and Facility Upgrades		-	-	100,000
28-30 Kenai Peninsula Opportunities, Inc. - Facility Upgrade and Repairs		-	-	100,000
28-30 ROSSIA, Inc. - Preservation of the Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church in Kenai		-	-	230,000
28-30 Soldotna Area Citizens, Inc. - Backup Emergency Generator		-	-	58,000
28-30 Soldotna Area Citizens, Inc. - Remodel and Upgrade Bathrooms to ADA Compliance		-	-	15,417
28-30 Soldotna Little League - Replacement of Field Maintenance Equipment		-	-	45,000
28-30 Voznesenka Community Council, Inc. - Voznesenka Loop Improvements		-	-	100,000
Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)				
28-30 Fumy River - Natural Gas Pipeline		-	1,300,000	1,300,000
28-30 Ninilchik - Completion of Ninilchik Emergency Services Fire Station		-	-	225,000
Department of Corrections				
Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment				
28-30 Seward - Spring Creek Correctional Center Deferred Maintenance		1,525,000	1,525,000	1,525,000
Department of Environmental Conservation				
Municipal Water, Sewage and Solid Waste Facilities Grants				
28-30 Kenai - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades		-	-	-
Department of Labor and Workforce Development				
28-30 AVTEC Maritime Simulator Ice Navigation Upgrade - Phase 1 of 3		-	-	-
28-30 Heavy Equipment Shop/Diesel Shop/Pipe Welding Relocation - Phase 1 of 3		-	-	-
Deferred Maintenance				
28-30 Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment - AVTEC		375,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
		6,000,000	968,000	968,000
		1,204,640		



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Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment
 28-30 Kenai Armory Deferred Maintenance

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Department of Natural Resources

- 28-30 Public Access and User Facilities Improvements at the Mouth of the Kaslof River Phase One
- 28-30 River Bank Stabilization and Improvements at Bing's Landing (Kenai River Special Management Area)
- Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment**
- 28-30 Parks and Outdoor Recreation Deferred Maintenance - Kenai Region

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Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

- 28-30 Fritz Creek - Greer Road Upgrade
- Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Fund**
- 28-30 Homer - Homer Harbor
- Airport Improvement Program**
- 28-30 Homer - Beluga Lake Float Plane Base Planning Study
- Surface Transportation Program**
- 28-30 Homer - East End Road Rehabilitation - Milepost 3.7 to 12.2
- 28-30 Homer - Lake Street Rehabilitation
- 28-30 Ninilchik - Village Bridge Replacement
- 28-30 Seward Highway - Avalanche Detection Project
- 28-30 Soldotna - Kalifornsky Beach Road - Milepost 16 to 22.2 - Paving Rehabilitation and Signalization
- 28-30 Sterling Highway - Milepost 150 to 157 Erosion Response

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Alaska Court System

- Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment**
- 28-30 Kenai - Courthouse Deferred Maintenance

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Section 1 Subtotal 33,641,640 32,517,619 39,889,086

Section 38 - Reappropriations

House District 28

- 28 Reappropriation: \$250,000 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough, Kachemak emergency services area fire department, for new construction at the Diamond Ridge Fire Station
- 28 Reappropriation: \$90,000 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for replacement of pool tile flooring
- 28 Reappropriation: \$150,000 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for planning and research for the Nikiski area environmental investigation
- 28 Reappropriation: \$100,000 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for maintenance and repairs on the Jacob's Ladder access trail
- 28 Reappropriation: \$150,000 to Ionia, Inc., for new construction at the Ionia barn
- 28 Reappropriation: \$225,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Kenai Peninsula, Soldotna teen club program and technology center, for acquisition and program costs
- 28 Reappropriation: \$300,000 to the Sterling Community Club for new construction at the Sterling Community Center
- 28 Reappropriation: \$20,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Kenai Peninsula for technology equipment for the Seward clubhouse

- - 250,000
 - - 90,000
 - - 150,000
 - - 100,000
 - - 150,000
 - - 225,000
 - - 300,000
 - - 20,000

FY 2014 Capital Budget Kenai Peninsula Area

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28	Reappropriation: \$100,000 to the North Peninsula Community Council, Inc., for the Nikiski beautification	-	-	109,000
28	Reappropriation: \$35,000 to Hope, Inc., for new construction and community signs	-	-	35,000
28	Reappropriation: \$215,000 to the Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club for remodel, reconstruction, upgrades, and renovation of the community hall	-	-	215,000
28	Reappropriation: \$215,000 to the Snowshoe Gun Club, Inc., for facilities construction and renovation and shooting range expansion	-	-	215,000
Section 38 Subtotal		-	-	1,850,000
Section 39 - Reappropriations				
House Districts 29-30				
29-30	Reappropriation: \$564,229 to the City of Soldotna for construction of a water tank and associated costs	-	564,229	564,229
29-30	Project Title Change: Soldotna - Redoubt Avenue and Other Street Improvement Projects	-	2,079,000	2,079,000
29-30	Reappropriation: \$2,000,000 to the City of Homer for the port and harbor building and the Skyline Fire Station	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
28-30	Reappropriation: \$1,878,294 to the Homer Electric Association for replacement of the Seldovia emergency generators	-	1,878,294	2,000,000
Section 39 Subtotal		-	6,521,523	4,643,229
Grand Total: \$ 33,641,640		\$ 59,039,142		\$ 68,376,265

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HB 4	In-State Gasline Development Corporation	Hawke	Await Trans to Governor	4/13/13	Relates to the advancement of the "bullet" or "ASAP" pipeline, makes the AGDC an independent tax exempt, public corporation of the state; provides powers deemed necessary in the development of an in-state natural gas pipeline; provides exemption of certain information from public record; provides exemption from state procurement code; provides wide authority means for accessing capital markets; relates to the regulation of in-state gas pipelines and specifies the powers and duties of the RCA, and incorporates ANGDA to represent Alaskan entities in contracting for natural gas.
HB 28	Fire and Emergency Medical Services	Feige	(S)L&C	3/13/13	Exempts solicitations or voluntary agreements to provide ambulance, emergency, or fire department services from regulation as insurance.
HB 32	Lines of Business on Business License	Costello	(H)FIN	4/6/13	Allows one business license to cover multiple lines of business and provides for the reissuance of a business license to correct an error.
HB 35	Home Heating Conversion Loans	T. Wilson	(H)FIN	2/13/13	Creates a low-interest loan program under AHFC for homeowners who improve or replace their home heating systems; loan terms: interest rate = 1%; term = 10 years; not subject to income limitations; loan amount = lesser of cost of materials and labor or \$15K.

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HB 38	In-State Use of Royalty Oil	Kawasaki	(H)RES	1/16/13	Allows the commissioner to consider the in-state use of royalty oil or gas when royalty is taken in kind and make the purchaser first offer the oil or gas for in-state purposes if economical.
HB 40	Muni Tax Exemption: Farm Use Land	Hughes	Await Trans to Governor	4/12/13	Allows a municipality to partially or fully exempt a structure used exclusively for farming if 10% of the person's yearly gross income is from farming and at least half of the structure is used for that purpose.
HB 69	Exempt Firearms from Federal Regulation	Chenault	Await Trans to Governor	4/11/13	Prohibits state and municipal agencies from using assets (including funds, facilities, equipment, services, or other resources of the state) to implement federal action that is unconstitutional in regards to the US Constitution's 2nd Amendment; establishes legislative findings to exempt possession of firearms, accessories and ammunition from federal firearm control laws.
HB 76	Unemployment; Electronic Filing of Labor Info	Governor	Await Trans to Governor	4/13/13	Allows the legislature to appropriate money into the Unemployment Insurance (UI) trust fund; brings the state into conformity with federal law; replaces a table method for determining UI trust fund solvency adjustments with a more precise calculation method; authorizes the commissioner to eliminate or reduce increases in UI tax rates when certain conditions are met; and authorizes the department to offset unemployment compensation debt against a claimant's federal income tax return.

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HB 77	Land Use/Disposals/Exchanges; Water Rights	Governor	(S)RLS	(S)RLS	4/14/13	Gives the Commissioner the ability to issue a general permit for activity on state land; provides the Division more flexibility in its authority to exchange land; allows land and property to be purchased by contract vs payment up-front; provides Division to extend existing land/tideland leases; allows Division to renew an existing aquatic farm lease.
HB 106	PERS Membership Payments to Retiree Organizations	Kerttula	(H)L&C	(H)L&C	2/18/13	Allows union dues to be automatically deducted from a person's paycheck, provided that person gives authorization to do so.
HB 116	PERS Credit for Military Service	Millett	(H)L&C	(H)L&C	2/13/13	Allows a peace officer or firefighter who retires from PERS to apply up to 5 years of military service toward major medical insurance coverage.
HB 117	Community Revenue Sharing	Josephson	(H)CRA	(H)CRA	2/13/13	Increases the amount the legislature may appropriate to the community revenue sharing fund from \$60MM to \$90MM annually.
HB 118	Appropriation: Community Revenue Sharing Fund	Josephson	(H)FIN	(H)FIN	2/13/13	Appropriates \$90MM in general funds to the community revenue sharing fund.
HB 122	Transportation Infrastructure Fund Appropriation	P. Wilson	(H)FIN	(H)FIN	2/15/13	Appropriates \$2 billion from the general fund to the transportation infrastructure fund, contingent on AK voters amending the Alaska Constitution by 1/10/15.
HB 123	Dedicated Transportation Fund/Public Transportation	P. Wilson	(H)FIN	(H)FIN	3/20/13	Provides for a Transportation and Infrastructure Fund to be established in the amount of \$2 billion with additional funding from the studded tire, vehicle rental, motor fuel taxes as well as vehicle registration, drivers license and ID card fees.



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HB 124	Public Retiree Medical Benefits Dependents	Josephson	(H)STA	2/15/13	Establishes the requirement that dependent coverage medical benefits provided to PERS/TRS retiree members may not be less than dependent coverage medical benefits provided to PERS/TRS active members.
HB 126	Teachers and Public Employee Retirement Plans	Kerttula	(H)L&C	2/18/13	Creates new defined benefit tiers in the public employees retirement system and the teachers retirement system allowing the choice between a defined benefit or defined contribution system.
HB 131	Abandoned and Derelict Vessels	Seaton	Await Trans to Governor	4/12/13	Requires state or municipal consent for storing a vessel in a wrecked, junked or substantially dismantled condition or abandoned; allows the state or a municipality to take a derelict vessel into custody and sell or dispose of the vessel.
HB 141	Workers' Compensation Medical Fees	(H)L&C	(H)L&C	2/25/13	Sets the fee for medical treatment/services performed outside of the state under the AK Workers' Compensation Act; requires a provider of medical treatment/services under the Act to submit bills for treatment/services to employers within 180 days after the date treatment/services are rendered; limits the time for appealing an employer's denial or reduction of a bill.
HB 149	Workers' Compensation for State Firefighters	Ledoux	(H)L&C	3/1/13	Makes firefighters employed by the municipality/state eligible for the presumption of coverage under workers' compensation for disability due to certain diseases.

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HB 152	PERS Termination Costs	Thompson	(H)L&C	3/4/13	Provides PERS employers the needed flexibility to operate and efficiently manage staffing levels; replaces the requirement for actuarially determined termination studies and related costs with termination costs determined by a formula using readily available data; establishes thresholds for categories of employers based on employer salary base level; maintains the 6/30/08 salary base "floor" as the minimum amount on which the 22% PERS employer contribution rate is applied.
HB 164	Property Tax Exemption/Military Millett Widow(er)	Millett	(H)CRA	3/13/13	Authorizes municipalities to exempt from taxation by ordinance primary residences of residents who are at least 60 years of age and are the widow/widower of a person who was killed while in the US military service.
HB 174	PERS Contributions by Municipalities	(S)CRA	(H)L&C	4/4/13	Exempts municipal employers whose communities' populations have decreased greater than 25% between 2000 and 2010 from having to pay annual PERS contributions based on the 6/30/2012 salary "floor".
HB 181	Mining License Revenue; Revenue Sharing	Foster	(H)CRA	3/20/13	Requires the state to make available 50% of state mineral lease and royalty revenues to municipalities affected by mining.
HB 192	Payment of Fishery Resource Landing Tax	Millett	(H)FIN	4/11/13	Changes the return and payment due date of Fishery Resource Landing Tax returns to 30 days after the Department publishes the statewide average price list; changes the timing of estimated tax payments needed to avoid estimated tax penalties.

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HB 193	Municipal Taxation of Tobacco Products	Pruitt	(S)FIN	4/11/13	Allows a municipality to inspect tax returns or reports filed with the State; allows municipalities to enter into agreements with the state to jointly share administration of auditing and collection of tax on cigarettes.
HJR 10	Const. Amend: Transportation Fund	P. Wilson	(H)FIN	4/6/13	Proposes amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska creating a transportation infrastructure fund.
SB 16	Board of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors	Giessel	Await Trans to Governor	4/12/13	Adds an investigator position for the board; defines the duty/s of the investigator.
SB 21	Oil & Gas Production Tax	Governor	Await Trans to Governor	4/14/13	Repeals progressive surcharge; increases the base production tax rate to 35% from 25%; places limitations on capital credits; changes net operating loss credit; establishes gross revenue exclusions; extends small producer credit; eliminates requirement that credits be taken over two years; changes funding for community revenue sharing; establishes per oil barrel tax credit; creates service industry expenditures credit; establishes competitiveness review board; extends and expands exploration credit.

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		Sponsor	Governor	Status	Trans to Governor	Date		
SB 23	AIDEA LNG Project, Dividends, Financing	Governor	Governor	Await Trans to Governor		4/12/13		Authorizes AIDEA to provide financing up to \$275MM for a natural gas liquefaction plant and affiliated infrastructure on the North Slope, as well as for a LNG distribution system within the "Interior"; permits AIDEA to issue up to \$150MM in bonds secured by a capital reserve fund with moral obligation of the state and another \$125MM in direct financing from the SETS development fund; financing can be in the form of loans or guarantees as permitted under SETS limits interest rates on SETS funds to the lesser of current market rates for commercial loans or 3%.
SB 27	Regulation of Dredge and Fill Activities	Governor	Governor	Await Trans to Governor		4/15/13		Provides the DNR, in coordination with the DEC, the authority/primacy to take actions necessary to administer and enforce any dredge and fill permitting program allowed under section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
SB 30	Teachers and Public Employee Retirement Plans	Egan	Egan	(S)STA		1/22/13		Creates new defined benefit tiers in the public employees retirement system and the teachers retirement system allowing the choice between a defined benefit or defined contribution system.
SB 35	Workers Comp: Coll Bargaining/Mediation	Egan	Egan	(S)L&C		1/25/13		Authorizes employers and employees to mediate disputed workers' compensation claims and to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement that offers mediation and mandates arbitration of disputed workers' compensation claims by a hearing officer, and allows collective bargaining agreements to supersede certain provisions of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act.



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<u>SB 48</u>	PERS Contributions by Municipalities	Olson	(S)FIN	4/8/13	Exempts municipal employers whose communities' populations have decreased greater than 25% between 2000 and 2010 from having to pay annual PERS contributions based on the 6/30/2012 salary "floor".
<u>SB 58</u>	Cancel Insurance on Certain Abandoned Property	Egan	(S)L&C	2/15/13	Allows an insurer to cancel an insurance policy if property becomes entirely abandoned and the abandonment increases the hazard insured against.
<u>SB 68</u>	Mining License Revenue; Revenue Sharing	D. Olson	(S)CRA	2/27/13	Requires the state to make available 50% of state mineral lease and royalty revenues to municipalities affected by mining.
<u>SB 71</u>	Payment of Fishery Resource Landing Tax	Micciche	(S)FIN	4/1/13	Changes the return and payment due date of Fishery Resource Landing Tax returns to 30 days after the Department publishes the statewide average price list; changes the timing of estimated tax payments needed to avoid estimated tax penalties.
<u>SB 73</u>	Property Tax Exemption/Military Widow(er)	Meyer	Await Trans to Governor	4/15/13	Provides municipalities with the option to exempt from taxation primary residences of residents who are the widow/widower of a person who dies from a service-connected cause while member of the US armed forces or National Guard.
<u>SB 92</u>	Municipal Tax Credit For Tuition	Coghill	(S)EDC	3/29/13	Provides municipalities with the option of providing a property tax credit for private school tuition.

