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MANAGER'S REPORT

November 25, 2013

TO: MAYOR WYTHER / HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: WALT WREDE

UPDATES / FOLLOW-UP

NOTE: Some of these items appeared in the last report. I have updated them and brought them back in case the Council wanted to discuss.

1. Deep Water Dock Tidelands: As noted in prior reports, the City has applied for conveyance of approximately 13 acres of state owned tide and submerged lands under and around the Deep Water Dock. The City current has a long term lease with the State and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for use of these lands. Conveyance of title to the City is important because it will facilitate proposed dock expansion and provide the City with more control over uses of the dock. DNR is presently in the process of evaluating the City's request. It has reached a preliminary finding and proposes to convey the land. We are currently in the public comment period on the proposed conveyance. A copy of the public notice is attached for your information. After the comment period closes, DNR will produce a Final Findings and Decision.
2. Kachemak Drive Path: Attached for your information are two letters from the Homer Foundation and the Homer Area Trails Group regarding a recent presentation to the Council from Homer Area Trails.
3. AAHPA Resolutions: Attached are a set of resolutions that were recently adopted by the Alaska Association of Harbor and Port Administrators. We bring these to you for your information. Bryan will be available to discuss them if you wish. If Council wants to adopt a similar City resolution(s) we can bring them forward for consideration at the next meeting.
4. Deep Water Dock Feasibility Study: Good news here. The amended TORA is now (finally!) signed and we hope to begin the feasibility study soon.
5. Mariner Lagoon: You may have noticed that the entrance to the Lagoon has been closed by recent storms and the result was a big lake. The City, in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers, has dredged the entrance when necessary in order to maintain flushing action and prevent erosion and damage to bird habitat. At the time this

report was written, the Public Works Department was preparing to re-open the entrance in response to public comments and concern.

6. Proposed New Legislation: The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has permitting authority in the Kachemak Bay and Fox River Critical Habitat Area. You will recall that there is a conflict between this plan and relevant state statutes regarding whether a drill rig can moor at the Deep Water Dock and put its legs down. ADF&G has strongly recommended that legislation is needed to address this problem. We are taking this issue on and Katie will be working with ADF&G and our legislators to craft legislation for introduction this session.
7. Improvements at Load and Launch Ramp: This agenda contains a resolution which pledges that the City will provide a 25% match for the proposed load and launch ramp improvements. The source of the funds is yet to be determined as you can see from the Now Therefore Be It Resolved clause. Attached is a memorandum from Katie which discusses some of the possible funding sources. Council may want to consider whether it wants to add this project to the CIP List. It is not there now but putting it there might help leverage funds from other sources.
8. Public Safety Building: At the time this report was written, the RFP for GC/CM proposals was being prepared and we anticipate it will be on the street prior to the meeting. We have tried to project how long it might take before we get some preliminary cost estimates and the soonest might be late February or early March. Keep in mind that we need to advertise, select a proposal review team, select a contractor, draft a scope of work and a contract, have Council approve the contract, and commence work. This process takes time. Recall that one of the first things you want them to do is evaluate several sites. In light of this, and the fact that community buy-in with this project seems tenuous at best right now, Council might want to re-evaluate its lobbying strategy for this upcoming session.
9. Grant Aviation: The City has settled its lawsuit against Grant Aviation for \$25,000. We have received the funds and are in the process of dismissing the lawsuit.
10. New Port and Harbor Building: The most recent committee meeting was very productive. Based upon the meeting, the staff has given new direction to the architects. Cost savings and budget cuts were requested in some key areas and other possible sources of money were identified to fund some features of the proposed design. The consultants were asked to prepare new costs estimates for the Committee meeting on December 4.
11. Planning Commission Initiative: I recently attended a Planning Commission workshop to discuss traffic calming and pedestrian safety. The Commission is interested in this topic, wanted an update on what was being done in this area (if anything) and if there was a role it could play. I provided updates on where we are and discussions to date. We agreed that an appropriate role for the planning staff would be to take the lead in drafting a policies and procedure manual with assistance and input from Public Works, Police, and the Transportation Committee. The Commission would review the document and send it to the Council for final approval.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from State DNR, Re: Deep Water Dock Tidelands
2. Letters from Homer Foundation and Homer Area Trails Group
3. AAHPA Resolutions
4. Trans-Foreland Pipeline Project
5. City of Homer Project Update



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR SEAN PARNELL

Department of Natural Resources

Division of Mining, Land & Water
Water Resources Section

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Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3579
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October 25, 2013

City of Homer
Walt Wrede, City Manager
491 East Pioneer Ave
Homer, AK 99603

Re: Proposed tidelands Conveyance for the City of Homer

Dear Mr. Wrede,

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice to the city of Homer of a proposed conveyance of state tidelands to the city of Homer in accordance with AS 38.05.945.

Enclosed is a copy of the public notice that explains the proposed actions. Please distribute this letter to those within your organization that may have an interest and submit your comments, if any, by November 26, 2013.

Please contact the adjudicator of this case file, John Dwyer at (907) 269-8531, or email at john.dwyer@alaska.gov if you have any questions concerning these actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dwyer".

John Dwyer
Municipal Entitlement Adjudicator

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER AS 38.05.945
CONVEYANCE OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND UNDER AS 38.05.825

CITY OF HOMER
ALASKA DIVISION OF LANDS
ADL 231763

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water, Resource Assessment & Development, Municipal Entitlement Unit proposes to convey 13.273 acres of state owned tide and submerged lands (tidelands) to the City of Homer pursuant to AS 38.05.825. The tide and submerged land being considered is located in Kachemak Bay off of the Homer Spit.

The public is invited to comment on this action as described in the Preliminary Decision. The Preliminary Decision is available on the DNR Municipal Entitlement website at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/muni/>. The public notice is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/pubnotfrm.htm>.

You may request a copy of the Preliminary Decision or the public notice from the DNR, Resource Assessment and Development Section, Municipal Entitlement Unit, Attention John Dwyer, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1050, Anchorage, AK 99501-3579; by phone (907) 269-8531, by fax (907) 269-8915 or by electronic mail: john.dwyer@alaska.gov. Comments may be provided in written form to the Division, Attention: John Dwyer at the same above address, fax or electronic mail and must be received **on or before November 26, 2013** in order to ensure consideration.

Following the comment deadline, those written responses received will be considered and this decision may be modified to incorporate public comments in a Final Finding and Decision (FFD). Only persons who comment in writing during the public comment period will be eligible to file an administrative appeal of the FFD. A copy of the FFD will be sent to any person who comments on the PD. The FFD will include the appeal instructions. Please direct all inquiries or questions to John Dwyer at the above address, phone, fax or by electronic mail.

The Department of Natural Resources is prepared to accommodate individuals with disabilities by providing auxiliary aids or services when requested. Individuals with audio impairments who wish to respond to this decision by telephone may call the Department of Natural Resources, Public Information Center in Anchorage between the hours of operation: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at TTY: (907) 269-8411.

Homer Area Trails
4297 Kachemak Drive
Homer, Alaska 99603
(907) 235-2628

September 30, 2013

Joy Steward, Executive Director
The Homer Foundation
PO Box 2600
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Joy,

Thank you for your letter of September 25, 2013. Because I was out of town on September 23, I did not hear the City Council meeting and thus did not know that Lynne Burt had publicly announced that Homer Area Trails is a 501(c)3 organization under the Homer Foundation. I am grateful to you for informing Homer Area Trails of this announcement.

Lynne Burt's statement was inaccurate on two counts: (1) Homer Area Trails is an Alaska non-profit, not a federal 501(c)3 non-profit, and (2) Homer Area Trails has no formal agreement with the Homer Foundation. Lynne and I plan to meet this week to discuss why she made this statement and make sure such a problem does not arise again.

This letter, with a copy to City Manager Walt Wrede, serves to correct Lynne Burt's inaccurate statements and to clarify that there is no formal agreement between Homer Area Trails and the Homer Foundation.

Sincerely,

Lindianne Sarno, Co-director
Homer Area Trails

Copies to:

Walter Wrede, City Manager, City of Homer
Lynne Burt, Co-director, Homer Area Trails
Kevin Walker, Co-director, Homer Area Trails



September 25, 2013

Homer Area Trails
4297 Kachemak Drive
Homer, AK 99603

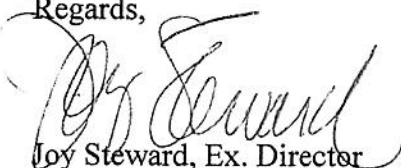
Dear Lindianne Sarno, Kevin Walker and Lynn Burt,

While listening to the City Council Meeting on the radio Monday evening I heard your presentation regarding the Kachemak Drive Trail. I was however, concerned when Lynn Burt announced that HAT was a 501(c)(3) organization under the Homer Foundation.

During a meeting between HAT and the Homer Foundation on May 29th the Homer Foundation expressed interest in your project, and confirmed that we have the ability to act as a fiscal sponsor for community projects. As our policy dictates, an agreement of this nature would have to be spelled out in a written Memorandum of Agreement. No formal agreement currently exists between the Homer Foundation and HAT.

We ask that you clarify with the City administration that there is currently no formal agreement between HAT and the Homer Foundation. We are still open to the possibility of an agreement, but we would have the same questions and concerns as the City regarding ownership of the land and permission to go forward with the project.

Regards,


Joy Steward, Ex. Director
The Homer Foundation

Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators



RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF HARBORMASTERS AND PORT ADMINISTRATORS IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE FY 2015 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET.

Whereas, the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators recognizes the majority of the public boat harbors in Alaska where constructed by the State during the 1960s and 1970s; and

Whereas, these harbor facilities represent critical transportation links and are the transportation hubs for waterfront commerce and economic development in Alaskan coastal communities; and

Whereas, these harbor facilities are ports of refuge and areas for protection for ocean-going vessels and fishermen throughout the State of Alaska, especially in coastal Alaskan communities; and

Whereas, the State of Alaska over the past nearly 30 years has transferred ownership of most of these State owned harbors, many of which were at or near the end of their service life at the time of transfer, to local municipalities; and

Whereas, the municipalities took over this important responsibility even though they knew that these same harbor facilities were in poor condition at the time of transfer due to the state's failure to keep up with deferred maintenance; and

Whereas, consequently, when local municipal harbormasters formulated their annual harbor facility budgets, they inherited a major financial burden that their local municipal governments could not afford; and

Whereas, in response to this financial burden, the Governor and the Alaska Legislature passed legislation, supported by the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators, to create the Harbor Facility Grant program, AS 29.60.800; and

Whereas, the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators, is pleased with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities administrative process to review, score and rank applicants to the Harbor Facility Grant Program, since state funds may be limited; and

Whereas, for each harbor facility grant application, these municipalities have committed to invest 100% of the design and permitting costs and 50% of the construction cost; and

Whereas, the municipalities of the Aleutians East Borough, the City and Borough of Sitka, and the City of Whittier have offered to contribute \$8,120,000 in local match funding for FY2015 towards four harbor projects of significant importance locally as required in the Harbor Facility Grant Program; and

Whereas, completion of these harbor facility projects is all dependent on the 50% match from the State of Alaska's Harbor Facility Grant Program; and

Whereas, during the last seven years the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program has been fully funded only twice; and

Whereas, during the last seven years the backlog of projects necessary to repair and replace these former State owned harbors has increased to over \$90,000,000.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Membership of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators urges full funding in the amount of \$8,120,000 by the Governor and the Alaska Legislature for the State of Alaska's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2015 State Capital Budget in order to ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities.

Passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators on this 23rd day of October, 2013.


Philip Benner, President

ATTEST:

Kim Elliot

Kim Elliot, Executive Secretary

Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators



RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF HARBORMASTERS AND PORT ADMINISTRATORS IN SUPPORT OF THE FORMATION OF AN AD-HOC ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSEL TASK FORCE WITHIN THE STATE OF ALASKA.

Whereas, with the passage of HB 131 in 2013, the State of Alaska acknowledged the threat that abandoned and derelict vessels pose to communities throughout the State of Alaska; and

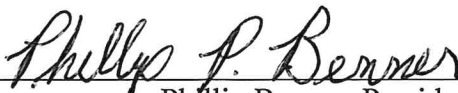
Whereas, HB 131 strengthened the powers of the State, municipalities and local communities in dealing with derelict and abandoned vessels; and

Whereas, the formation of an ad-hoc abandoned and derelict vessel task force would assist in bringing together State and Federal agencies and interested stakeholders from throughout the State to begin development of a statewide database and program for dealing with derelict and abandoned vessels.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Membership of the Alaska Association of Harbormaster and Port Administrators supports the formation of an ad-hoc abandoned and derelict vessel task force within the State of Alaska and requests that a member of the AAHPA Board of Directors be appointed to the task force.

Passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators on this 23rd day of October, 2013.

ATTEST:


Phillip Benner, President

Kim Elliot

Kim Elliot, Executive Secretary

Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators



RESOLUTION NO. 2013-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF HARBORMASTERS AND PORT ADMINISTRATORS IN SUPPORT OF THE ADDITION OF PORT AND HARBOR EMPLOYEES TO THE LIST OF EMPLOYEES COVERED BY AS 12.55.135.

Whereas, State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.135. Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors establishes minimum terms of imprisonment for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

Whereas, port and harbor employees in communities throughout the State of Alaska routinely perform enforcement and emergency response duties commensurate with those performed by peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

Whereas, defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing port and harbor employees in several recent cases have received sentences well below the minimums established in AS 12.55.135 for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

Whereas, the Alaska Association of Harbormaster and Port Administrators desires to strengthen the deterrent to unlawfully assault or harass port and harbor employees throughout the State of Alaska.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Membership of the Alaska Association of Harbormaster and Port Administrators supports the addition of port and harbor employees to the list of employees covered by State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.135. Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors, which establishes minimum terms of imprisonment for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters,

correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals.

Passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators on this 23rd day of October, 2013.



Phillip Benner, President

ATTEST:



Kim Elliot, Executive Secretary



THE STATE
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State Pipeline Coordinator's Office

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October 31, 2013

Letter No.: 13-513-AS
Case File Serial No.: ADL 231689
File Code: (30) 1.3.6
(76) 3.2.2

Mayor Mary Wythe
City of Homer
P.O. Box 1822
Homer, AK 99603

Re: Trans-Foreland Pipeline Project

Dear Mayor Wythe:

Trans-Foreland Pipeline Company, LLC has submitted an amended application to the State Pipeline Coordinator's Office (SPCO) for a pipeline right-of-way lease for a 29-mile oil pipeline. The pipeline is proposed to be buried in uplands and tidelands, and anchored to the seafloor across the submerged lands of Cook Inlet. Approximately 22 submerged miles of the pipeline are on State lands, and approximately four miles of buried pipeline will be located in the State-owned North Kenai Spur Highway right-of-way. The pipeline will extend from the Cook Inlet Energy Kustatan Production Facility to the Kenai Pipeline Company Tank Farm in Nikiski, both located in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The proposed right-of-way occurs within the boundaries of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, near the communities of Nikiski, Salamatof and Kenai.

This notice provides an opportunity for entities with direct financial interests that would be affected by the proposed project to raise objections. The enclosed public notice contains more information about the project and the State's right-of-way leasing process.

The Trans-Foreland Pipeline Project amended right-of-way application and associated documents are available at the SPCO website: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pco/>. Please feel free to contact Graham Smith at (907) 269-6859 for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allison K. Iversen".

Allison K. Iversen
Acting State Pipeline Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources

Enclosure: Public Notice

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE PIPELINE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION UNDER AS 38.35.070

TRANS-FORELAND PIPELINE PROJECT
RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE APPLICATION – ADL 231689
AMENDED APPLICATION RECEIVED OCTOBER 23, 2013

The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Alaska Statute (AS) 38.35.070, hereby gives notice that Trans-Foreland Pipeline Company, LLC submitted an amended pipeline right-of-way lease application dated October 23, 2013, in accordance with the Alaska Right-of-Way Leasing Act, AS 38.35.050, for a proposed Trans-Foreland Pipeline Project Right-of-Way Lease, ADL 231689.

The applicant proposes to construct an approximately 29-mile pipeline to transport oil across Cook Inlet. The pipeline is proposed to be buried in uplands and tidelands, and anchored to the seafloor across the submerged lands of Cook Inlet. Approximately 22 submerged miles of the pipeline are on State lands, and approximately four miles of buried pipeline will be located in the State-owned North Kenai Spur Highway right-of-way. The pipeline will extend from the Cook Inlet Energy Kustatan Production Facility to the Kenai Pipeline Company Tank Farm in Nikiski, both located in the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

The proposed right-of-way will traverse the following sections within the Seward Meridian:

Sections 2, 3, 9 – 11, and 16 – 19, Township 6 North, Range 12 West
Sections 24 – 26 and 31 – 35, Township 6 North, Range 13 West
Sections 2, 11, 14, 23, 25, 26 and 36, Township 6 North, Range 14 West
Sections 21, 22, 27 and 34, Township 7 North, Range 12 West
Sections 4, 9 – 11, 14, 23, 26 and 35, Township 7 North, Range 14 West

The application is available at the State Pipeline Coordinator's Office (SPCO) website: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pco>. The public may obtain hard copies of the application, at cost, from the SPCO (see address below).

Copies of the amended application will also be available at the following locations:

- Kenai Community Library
- Soldotna Public Library
- Homer Public Library
- Anchor Point Public Library
- Ninilchik Community Library

AS 38.35.200 governs judicial review of a decision of the Commissioner:

AS 38.35.200 Judicial review of decisions of commissioner on application.

- (a) An applicant or competing applicant or a person who has direct financial interest affected by the lease who raises objections within 60 days of the publication of notice under AS 38.35.070 are the only persons with standing to seek judicial review of a decision of the commissioner under AS 38.35.100.*
- (b) The only grounds for judicial review of a decision of the commissioner are*
- 1. failure to follow the procedures set out in this chapter; or*
 - 2. abuse of discretion so capricious, arbitrary, or confiscatory as to constitute a denial of due process.*

Any objections pursuant to AS 38.35.200 must be submitted in writing to the address below by 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2013.

State Pipeline Coordinator's Office
411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 2
Anchorage, AK 99501-2343
Phone: (907) 269-6403 Fax: (907) 269-6880
Email: spco.records@alaska.gov

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, State Pipeline Coordinator's Office, complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services or special modifications to participate in this review may call 269-8411 TTY/TDD. Please provide sufficient notice in order for the department to accommodate your needs.

The State Pipeline Coordinator's Office reserves the right to waive technical defects in this publication. Please contact the SPCO for more information.

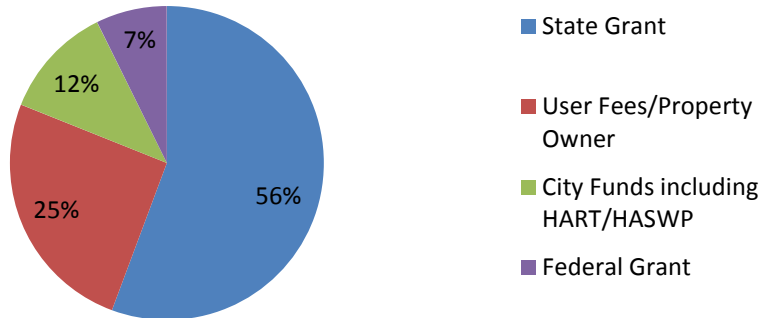
Allison K. Iversen
Acting State Pipeline Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources



City of Homer Project Update

The City of Homer Public Works Department has been busy this summer maintaining, improving and constructing new infrastructure. As Homer heads into winter, it is a good time to take stock of all that has been accomplished.

2013 COH Funding Source for all Construction Projects



The pie chart to the left shows how the funding for capital construction projects is divided this year. The largest category, state grants, consists of grants obtained through the state capital budget process with the help of Homer legislators. User Fees/ Property Owner represents funding from user fees such as moorage at the Port and Harbor and special assessment districts where property owners each pay for a share of an improvement. The City of Homer taxpayer paid for 12% of the improvements, mostly through the Homer Accelerated Road and Trail and Homer Accelerated Water and Sewer Programs where a percentage of sales tax is dedicated to road/trail and water/sewer projects, respectively. Federal grants make up the smallest slice of the pie at 7%.

Natural Gas

Trunk Line

The trunk line brings gas from Anchor Point into Homer. It is complete and gas is flowing. (Funding: State Legislative Grant and user tariff)

Distribution System

A little over one mile of the Natural Gas Distribution system scheduled for this year is left to construct. Contractor United Technologies Incorporated anticipates wrapping up this years construction by mid-November. Construction will resume next year on the second phase (outer City) as soon as weather allows in the spring. (Funding: Property owners through a special assessment district)

Converting City Buildings to Natural Gas

City facilities scheduled to be converted to natural gas this year include: sewer treatment plant, public works, animal shelter, library, city hall and airport terminal. Conversions began the first week of November. (Funding: City of Homer General Fund and Sewer Reserve)



Enstar contractors trenching the trunk line.

Homer Spit

Harbor Entrance/ Spit Trail Shore Protection

This project protects the new spit trail extension and the mouth of the harbor from erosion. Rip rap was installed this summer and the project is 100% complete. (Funding: Cruise Ship Passenger Vessel tax revenue through ADOT)

Spit Restrooms

Public Restrooms at End of the Road Park (end of the spit next to Land's End) and the Deep Water Dock will be complete in November. (Funding: Cruise Ship Passenger Vessel tax revenue)

Deep Water Dock Fender Replacement

New heavy-duty fenders and floating camels were installed this summer on the face of the Deep Water Dock. This will provide better protection for large vessels, including cruise ships, that dock in Homer. (Funding: Cruise Ship Passenger Vessel tax revenue)

Spit Trail Extension

This project extends the popular Homer Spit Trail from the Nick Du diak Fishing Lagoon to the end of the Spit at End of the Road Park and around the Harbor basin. Trail improvements include paved lookout areas with benches and interpretive signage. Construction of the lookouts has begun and End of the Road Park will be paved this fall with construction completion anticipated in spring of 2014. (Funding: Cruise Ship Passenger Vessel tax revenue through ADOT)



View of the new feders at the Deep Water Dock from the water.



The staging area provides a dry place and restrooms for cruise ship passengers and other users of the Deep Water Dock.

Spit Trail Boardwalk Replacement Project

This project replaces the aging boardwalk along the Harbor. The project is 80% complete and waiting for handrails to be installed in November. (Funding: Cruise Ship Passenger Vessel tax revenue through ADOT)

Deep Water Dock Trail/ Cruise Ship Bus Staging Area

This project creates a shelter and paved staging area for cruise ship passengers complete with public restrooms and a guard shack. Construction is in its final stages and should be complete by mid-November. (Funding: Cruise Ship Passenger Vessel tax revenue)

Water Sewer

Redwood Tank Demolition

The 40 year old water tank was removed this fall. (Funding: Water Reserve)

Sewer Treatment Plant Headworks Intake Screen Replacement

The original treatment plant headworks (screening and solids removal at the beginning of the sewer treatment process) is being upgraded to facilitate better treatment. New screens are currently in production with a target installation date this December. (Funding: Sewer Reserve)

Kachemak Drive Water and Sewer, Phase II

Water and sewer lines from East End Road south 8200 feet on Kacehmak Drive were installed this summer. (Funding: Property owners through a special assessment district and Homer Accelerated Water and Sewer Program)

Downtown Homer

Downtown Restrooms

Two new public restrooms are nearing completion - one at WKFL park and the other on the west end of Pioneer across from Bartlett and Main. The restroom structure is complete and interior finish work will be wrapped up by the middle of November. (Funding: Cruise Ship Passenger Vessel tax revenue)



Restroom on Pioneer Avenue.

Karen Hornaday Park Pavilion

The final stage of Phase II improvements to Karen Hornaday Park are well underway. This includes building a new picnic shelter complete with a fire circle and benches. The shelter should be complete by mid-November. (Funding: State of Alaska Legislative Grant. Bench and fire pit sponsored by Homer-Kachemak Bay Rotary Club and private donor).



Karen Hornaday Park Pavillion under construction.



New signage and cross walks in Old Town make it a safer environment for pedestrians.

Old Town Pedestrian Safety Improvements

The businesses and residents in Old Town have been working with the City on pedestrian crossings, road improvements, non-motorized trails and signage. Paving and signage is complete and striping will occur with decent weather in the spring. (Funding: Homer Area Roads and Trails)

Beluga Slough Trail Improvements

Slippery plastic board walk was replaced this summer with estuary friendly raised boardwalk on the popular Beluga Slough trail. Interpretive signage along the trail is the last stage to complete this project. (Funding: Coastal Impact Assistance Program, U.S. Fish and

Wildlife)

City Roads

City Street Repaving

Various local streets were paved this summer including portions of Soundview, Fish Dock Road, Ice Dock Road, Smoky Bay Way, Klondike Avenue W. Fairview, Town Heights Land, Greatland street and FAA drive. (Funding: Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails)

Crittenden/Waddell Road

This project brought the road and drainage at Crittenden and Waddell up to urban road standards. (Funding: property owners through a special assessment district and Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails)



Paving Fish Dock Road on the Homer Spit.

More in the works...

Projects currently in the design phase:

New Water Storage Tank

Shellfish Water Main Extension

Kachemak Drive Phase III Water Main Extension

Homer Spit Cast Iron Water Main Replacement

New Port and Harbor Building

New Satellite Fire Station on Skyline Drive

Deep Water Dock Expansion (feasibility study)

New Public Safety Building (Preliminary Design)

Ramp 3 Replacement

Electrical Upgrades for Large Vessels (System 5 at Homer Harbor)

Harbor Float Replacement

Chip Pad Runoff Water Quality Improvements

Homer Spit Barge Haulout Facility