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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Melissa Jacobsen, Interim City Manager
DATE: April 20, 2024
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for April 22, 2024 Council Meeting

East Bunnell/Charles Way Water and Sewer Special Assessment District

Attached to this report is a memorandum from Finance Director Fischer regarding the East Bunnell/Charles Way Water Main Extension ADEC Loan and the City owned lot in that district. We anticipate having the final assessment roll completed in the very near future and scheduling a public hearing prior to certifying the final assessment roll. Historically, city parcels are not included in the SADs and we don't use the ADEC loan programs for the City's portion of the project costs. In this instance the city parcel was included and it impacts the subsidy amount that was awarded for the water portion project. Director Fischer's memo provides more specifics for Council to consider prior to the public hearing and presentation of the final assessment roll.

City Grant Activity Update

Attached is an update to City Council on grant related activities with the official award letter from Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities informing the City that the Homer All-ages and Abilities Pedestrian Pathway project was selected for award under the Transportation Alternatives Program.

City of Homer Partners with Kenai Peninsula Borough on Safety Plan

The City of Homer joins partner cities Kenai, Soldotna, Seward, Seldovia and Kenai in working with the Kenai Peninsula Borough on the first regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). KPB had 238 fatal or serious injury accidents between 2017 and 2022; the CSAP will help us understand causes and contributing factors to these accidents and identify ways to improve safety. This is a federally funded project with a modest local match from participating communities. Community Development Director Julie Engebretsen is the City of Homer's representative on the project. She is sharing the lessons learned from Homer's draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan and will connect southern peninsula transportation professionals to the project as it moves forward. The project will include a series of public meetings, surveys and focus groups. A completed plan will allow the borough and partner cities to apply for grants that they would otherwise not be eligible for. The first public meeting is Tuesday, May 7, 5-7PM at Homer High with a short presentation at 5:30. See the project flier for a QR code to the survey, and additional project and meeting details.

Alaska Infrastructure Development Symposium

City Engineer Leon Galbraith attended two days of the Alaska Infrastructure Development Symposium hosted in Anchorage April 2-4 by the Alaska Municipal League. On day one, he attended sessions in the Water and Wastewater track, including Financing Options sessions. He heard presentations on available grant funding

opportunities from representatives at EPA, ADEC, and USDA. On day two, he attended the Transportation Equity Considerations sessions and heard from folks at DOT&PF and AML about things like the “complete streets” program. Afternoon sessions attended were the Housing Summit that covered local actions and land transfers, trusts and collaborations and lots of talk about upcoming DNR land conveyance opportunities. Special Projects Coordinator Jenny Carroll attended the Plenary Session on April 4, which included keynote addresses from Senator’s Sullivan and Murkowski and Representative Peltola and several panel discussions on IJA application and implementation lessons learned and strategic planning for upcoming opportunities. On Friday, April 5, Ms. Carroll attended the Alaska Grant Symposium hosted by Senator Lisa Murkowski. There she met with staff from each member of Alaska’s Congressional Delegation, and representatives from the Denali Commission, FEMA Region 10, the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, AK Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the Economic Development Administration, Alaska Municipal League and the U.S. Department of Energy.

No Mow May

The Homer Beekeepers Association reached out to the City about supporting No Mow May around the City. According to beecityusa.org, No Mow May was first popularized by an organization based in the United Kingdom, but is now gaining traction across North America. The goal of No Mow May is to pause mowing during the month of May, allowing flowers to bloom in your lawn to help early season pollinators, like bees, butterflies, and other insects. Late winter and early spring is a time when floral resources are often limited. In 2020, residents of Appleton, Wisconsin, an affiliate of Bee City USA, became energized about No Mow May and they convinced their City Council to suspend their weed ordinance for the month of May. Over 435 registered property owners participated that year. Empowered by their success in 2020, the Appleton Bee City committee spread the word and attracted even more participants in 2021, and in 2022 it spread to communities across the country. While not mowing in May isn’t right for everyone or every region, the campaign can be a good tool for getting new people involved in pollinator conservation by mowing less and adding flower species to their grass.

Attachments:

- Memorandum from Finance Director Fischer re: East Bunnell/Charles Way Water Main Extension – ADEC Loan Update
- Grant Activity update
- Homer Harbor Expansion monthly report
- Memorandum from City Planner Foster re: Community Rating System Program Status
- KPB Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Flyers
- KPEDD Industry Overview Forum April 25th Event Flyer
- Electronic Recycling April 27th Event Flyer
- No Mow May Flyer



MEMORANDUM

East Bunnell/Charles Way Water Main Extension – ADEC Loan Update

Item Type: Informational Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor and City Council
Date: April 16, 2024
From: Elizabeth Fischer, Finance Director
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, Interim City Manager

ADEC LOAN BACKGROUND:

Resolution 22-018 authorized the City Manager to apply for two ADEC loans connected to the East Bunnell/Charles Way Special Assessment District (SAD). The ADEC loan in question is the Drinking Water Fund loan in an amount not to exceed \$473,787 authorized for project water improvements. Principal Forgiveness in the amount of \$225,690 was allocated to the Drinking Water Fund loan.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS:

Resolution 22-023 estimated the cost of the water improvements to be \$525,637. A Principal Forgiveness Subsidy of \$225,690 gets applied to this loan, therefore reducing the estimated costs to \$299,947. Property owners are responsible for 75% of this overall estimated cost (\$224,960). The remaining 25% (\$74,987) is funded by HAWSP. The amount of the ADEC loan was estimated at \$450,650 (\$224,960 property owner share + \$225,690 Principal Forgiveness Subsidy).

ISSUE:

Homer City Council has set a precedent that the City only loans for the property owner share and also excludes any City parcel(s) from that share. The City owns a substantial parcel within this particular district. The project questionnaire was submitted to ADEC including the City's parcel in the property owner share and, therefore, is a factor in determining the principal forgiveness subsidy amount.

If the City parcel were removed from the loan amount, there would be financial impacts on all property owners within the district. The ADEC subsidy is proportional based on loan amount and would be reduced if the City opted to remove its owner share, thus increasing the assessment amount applied to each property owner. The City has the option to pay off the City's owner share after the loan has been finalized. This would save the City interest expense and still allow for maximization of the subsidy.

NEXT STEPS:

Administration will bring forward a resolution in an upcoming City Council meeting confirming the assessment roll. It will be presented with the City parcel included as part of the ADEC loan. City Council and the public will have the opportunity to comment on this at the upcoming public hearing.

Grant Activity Update 4/15/2024

FY23 Project Supported	TPC	Grant Fund	Grant Funds Req	Match/Local Cost	Status	Notes
Slope Stability- Erosion Mitigation Program						
Kachemak Drive Peatland Water Quality Improvement (Kahcemak Sponge)	\$4,388,791	NOAA Habitat Conservation KBNERSS led/City partner	\$ 1,188,275.00 (land acquisition)	\$ 418,000.00 (land acquisition)	Submitted Awarded 4/1/2023 Award Executed	UAA accepted award; sent sub-award agreement to City Ord 23-46 to accept sub-award introduced 6/26/23 Grant is for Kachemak Drive peatlands acquisition
Beluga Slough Stormwater Treatment System	\$ 690,000.00	Alaska Clean Water Actions	\$ 153,307.00	\$ 107,182.00	Submitted 11/9/2022 Awarded 3/1/2023 Accepted via Ord 23-16(S)	City Council approved grant agreement Ord City costs in-kind + eligible for funds from ADEC Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund
Transportation						
Transportation Planning	\$ 960,000.00	Safe Streets For All KPB Applic/City partner	\$ 960,000.00	\$ 23,000.00 (in-kind)	Award announced KPB executing grant agreement	Application approved Reso 22-063
Non-Motorized Trans Network (REACH Project)	\$ 2,050,000.00	Fed FY24 RAISE Planning Grant	\$ 2,050,000.00	\$ -	Submitted 2/28/24	FY23 RAISE REACH application made to Sec. of Trans- portation Desk; not awarded by a Merit application and encouraged to apply in FY24. Reso 24-007 approving HDR grant writing assistance Reso 24-018 Supporting FY24 application
Homer All-Ages & Abilities Pedestrian Pathway	\$ 3,900,000.00	State of AK Transportation Alternatives (TAP) (AK DOT&PF manages/constructs)	\$ 3,432,000.00	\$ 468,000.00	Submitted 2/15/2023 Advanced to final round: Public Evaluation Board (PEB) TAP funding awarded	HAPP sections in PW's 5-year road plan Project support Reso 23-011 approved PEB Review 12/2024 (\$500,000 set aside in HART for grant matching)
Main Street Rehab/ Sidewalk South	\$ 4,200,000.00	State of AK Community Transportation Program (CTP)	\$ 3,696,000.00	\$ 504,000.00	Submitted 2/15/2023 Advanced to final round Not funded	Main St in 7-10 year horizon in PW Road Plan Project support Reso 23-011 approved PEB Review 12/2024 (\$500,000 set aside in HART for grant matching)
Port & Harbor						
Float Systems 4 & 1 Replacemen	\$ 59,289,547.00	FY24 Fed Port Infrastructure Development Projects (PIDP)	\$47,135,190	\$ 12,154,357.00 (20.5% match)	Grant deadline 5/10/24	FY23 applic made it to Secretary's desk but was not funded Added to draft STIP as illustrative project HDR application support Ords 24-12 & 24-13 Revenue bond or TIFIA loan for match
		Municipal Harbor Grant			Grant for construction only must complete design to apply	If funded, leverages State match to lower City match on Federal PIDP Grant
		Denali Commission Grant Design/Env Review/Permitting	\$ 1,102,500.00	\$ 1,102,500.00	Grant deadline 4/12/24 Submitted	Can be used as non-Federal Match for PIDP application
		FY25 CDS (Appropriations) Req Design/Env Review/Permitting	\$ 1,543,500.00	\$ 661,500.00	Submission deadline 3/22/2024 Submitted 3/22/2024	

designates grants awarded

designates grants NOT awarded

designates updates since the 02/22/24 grant update

Grant Activity Update 4/15/2024

FY23 Project Supported	TPC	Grant Fund	Grant Funds Req	Match/Local Cost	Status	Notes
Fish Grinding Building Replace & Drainage Improvements	\$ 374,978.00	ADFG Dingle-Johnson	\$ 250,000.00 (preliminary)	\$ 93,744.50 (preliminary)	Submitted 7/12/2022 Prelim award announced 7/7/2023 \$41,950 awarded for Phase 1	\$100,000 allocated in FY23 City Capital Budget; for final design and partial match; additional match to meet Ordinance 24-16 accepted grant
Building Code Development	\$ 587,500.00	State BRIC Sub-Grant (Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities)	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 117,500.00 (covered by State of Alaska)	Submitted 12/21/2022 Accepted for further review Awaiting decision	Council Approved application Reso 22-086 As a sub-applic State covers local match 1st Req. for Information received from FEMA 4/10/24
Parks & Recreation						
Bayview Park Renovations	\$ 139,230.00	State of AK Healthy & Equitable Community Round 2	\$ 74,919.00	\$ 52,314.00 Addl redistribution funds requested	Submitted 4/24/2023 Awarded 5/8/2023 Accepted via Ord 23-36	Council Approved Resolution 23-031 \$12,000 donation from Kach Bay Rotary Additional funds from HART approved in COH Cap budget
HERC HazMat Assesment & Remediation		EPA Multipurpose Brownfield Federal Discretionary Grant AK DEC Brownfields Assesment & Cleanup (DBAC)	\$1,000,000		Submitted 11/13/2023 Submitted 2/15/2024	Council Approved Resolution 23-117 DBAC Services pending EPA review
Utilities - Infrastructure						
Spit Road Erosion Mitigation	\$ 1,812,052.00	Federal PROTECT Grant FEMA BRIC Grant	\$ 1,812,052	-	Submitted 8/18/2023 Awaiting Decision Submitted	Application requested planning funds for Homer Spit Erosion Mitigation. City of Homer is project sponsor, but if awarded City will enter MOU with DOT to implement grant activities AML submitted application with State of AK State pays 25% match; Project programmed in STIP
	\$ 1,794,420	FY25 CDS (Appropriations) Req	\$ 1,414,420	\$ 380,000 (State of AK match)	Submitted 3/22/2024	Awaiting decision
Raw Water Transmission Main		FEMA Disaster Mitigation	\$ 1,988,650 (direct project costs)	-	Submitted 1/30/2020 Obligating Award Document Recd 11/3/2023	4/11/23: Responded to latest FEMA request for information 5/2/23: Congressional Delegation approved award 7/11/23: FEMA Received Period of Performance Waiver 11/13 Ordinance to accept the grant approved 4/1/2024 Grant Kick-off Meeting with DHS&EM
A-Frame Water Transmission Main		CDS (Appropriations) Request	\$ 794,360	\$ 264,787 (AK Revolving Loan Funds)	Submitted 3/22/2024	Awaiting Decision
IT - Communications						
FY22 Cybersecurity (City-wide Cybersecurity Assessment and Remote Backup System for Cybersecurity Response & Recovery)	\$ 252,794.00	AK Division of Homeland Security FY22 State & Local Cyberscurity Grant Program	\$ 50,000	-	Submitted 8/31/2023 Award announced	\$50,000 awarded for Cybersecurity Assessment Ord 24-15 accepted award
FY22-23 Cybersecurity - Remote BU system, SIEM, Cybersec Plan	\$ 328,943	AK Division of Homeland Security	\$ 328,943	-	3/8/2024 Grant Deadline Submitted 3/8/2024	Awaiting Decision
Public Safety Communications (HPD Backup Repeater & Radio Equip HVFD APX-600 Radio Upgrade)	\$ 119,046.56	AK Division of Homeland Security FY23 State Homeland Security Grant Program	\$ 88,196.56	\$ -	Submitted 1/31/2023 Prelim Award 9/18/2023 Obligating Award Document Recd	11/13 Ordinance 23-55 to accept approved



April 16, 2024

Jenny Carroll, Special Projects, City of Homer
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Dear Ms.Carroll,

On behalf of The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project Evaluation Board, I am pleased to inform you that your project nomination has been accepted for award.

STIP ID: 34426 Project Title: Homer All-ages and Abilities Pedestrian pathway (HAAP)

The purpose of this project is to combine two high priority sidewalk projects to connect two major gaps in Homer's non-motorized pathways which significantly improves pedestrian access to everyday destinations, key facilities and recreational opportunities.

Federal Award:	\$3,486,787
<u>Required Match:</u>	\$ 388,713
Your total project cost:	\$3,875,500

The federal-aid agreement requires federal and matching shares as percentages. **The matching share for this project is 10.03%**. The City of Homer is expected to maintain this matching share through the life of the project, including if the total project cost changes. A match waiver, signed by the Commissioner, is required for any decrease to the matching share and may come with penalties as described in 17 AAC 05.175(l).

This project has been programmed into the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) with the design and construction phases in the STIP programmed years (2024-2027) Funding is expected to be available for the construction phase in FFY27 These dates are subject to change pending project development and funds availability.

Next steps:

- DOT&PF Central Region Field Office and the City of Homer will work together to prepare the Project Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) detailing match and maintenance commitments and roles and responsibilities.
- The City of Homer must provide matching funds including contingency (by phase) to DOT&PF.
- After these steps are completed (signed MOA is in place; project is in an approved STIP; matching funds received by DOT&PF), the project may begin.

Please expect to hear from your Regional Planner, Joselyn Biloon, to initiate the Project Agreement within the next few weeks. You may contact your planner at Joselyn.biloon@alaska.gov or 907 269-0508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benjamin M. White". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ben White, Central Region Planning Chief
Project Delivery Division

cc: Karin McCoy, Acting STIP Manager, DOT&PF
Sara Lucey, Planning Manager, DOT&PF
Region Pre-construction Engineer, DOT&PF
Judy Chapman, Deputy Director of Planning, Project Delivery Division, DOT&PF
Ben White, Central Region Planning Chief, DOT&PF



MEMORANDUM

Homer Harbor Expansion Study Monthly Written Update

Item Type: Informational Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor and City Council
Date: April 17, 2024
From: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects and Communications Coordinator
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, Acting City Manager and Bryan Hawkins, Port Director

Purpose: This memorandum provides the Homer Harbor Expansion Study monthly written update to Homer City Council per Resolution 23-037.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Project Development Team (PDT)

Continuing study activities:

- April 8-10, the USACE PDT conducted their first iteration of fieldwork for the Homer Navigation Improvements Study. They documented species in/around the study area and conditions with a CTD (Conductivity, Temperature, and Depth), conducted eDNA sampling, beach seining, and bottom trawling. They plan to do more fieldwork throughout the summer of 2024 to characterize the area in order to further enhance the understanding conditions in and around the potential harbor expansion footprint, and compare findings with existing data to see if there is any variance in findings. The fieldwork was focused on the potential footprint currently under consideration, an area on the east side of the Homer Spit. Photos taken of the fieldwork below are Fern Spaulding and Christopher Hoffman who work with Kayla Campbell in Environmental Resources.



- Homer Small Boat Harbor Vessel Economic Survey is still routing through the US Office of Management and Budget for approval.

- Hosted a two-day Ecological Modeling Workshop (April 11-12) at the Islands & Oceans Visitor Center with Todd Swannack, the co-lead of the USACE Engineer Research Development Center's (ERDC) Ecological Modeling Team. Todd worked with local scientists and members of the Environmental Stakeholders Working Group to identify inputs for developing a modeling tool that will help analyze proposed Homer Harbor Expansion designs.



HDR – Owner Representative:

- Provides communications support on an as-needed basis.
- Preparing to issue geotechnical contract for Phase 1 of geotechnical work: sub-bottom profiling.
- KC Kent participated in the Ecological Modeling Workshop.

City of Homer staff:

- Attended monthly USACE Project Development Team meeting and weekly meeting with HDR.
- Prepared and sent letters to USACE General Gibbs and Col. Palazzini; distributed response letter (attached to this Memo) to Mayor and City Council.
- Communications Coordinator Carroll disseminated State Legislative and capital budget updates to City Council and Port & Harbor Advisory Commissioners.
- City Council HHE Champion Lord, Special Projects Coordinator Carroll, Interim City Manager Jacobsen, Port Director Hawkins, and J&H Consultants met with Senator Gary Stevens on Monday, April 8 and learned that additional state match funds for the HHE GI are included in the Senate version of the Capital Budget.
- Made travel arrangements are coordinated appointments for a trip to Washington DC to meet with Alaska's Congressional Delegation and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.
- Harbormaster Matt Clarke presented an overview at the Ecological Modeling workshop; Public Works Aaron Yeaton participated in the workshop.
- Port Director Hawkins presented to the State House Transportation Committee on April 18.
- Ongoing Communications/outreach: Information and updates about the study are being disseminated through the Homer Harbor Expansion website, the City's monthly newsletter, the City of Homer Facebook and Instagram pages and through HHE email subscriber list as needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational Only.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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April 5, 2024

The Honorable Ken Castner
Mayor of Homer
491 East Pioneer Avenue
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Dear Mayor Castner:

Thank you for your letter and the partnership between the City of Homer and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). It is encouraging to hear about the enthusiasm and support from the maritime community, the City of Homer, and the wider community.

As you know, \$800,000 was included in the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 in the USACE Civil Works Program for the on-going feasibility study for Homer Navigation Improvements, Alaska. This marks another significant step in our collective efforts along with the approval I made recently for the work-in-kind for the project.

This project remains a high priority for USACE. Early February, I met with the Congressional Members in Washington DC and emphasized this project is high visibility with senior leaders in USACE. On April 9, Colonel Palazzini and his staff are scheduled to meet with the Congressional Members to also emphasize the importance of this project.

I acknowledge your interest and desire to have the project included in the Fiscal Year 24 Work Plan but cannot guarantee or speculate on specific allocations at this time. As you noted, Congress recently signed the Energy and Water Appropriations Act and additional funds for the Work Plan would come from this appropriation. Across the nation, allocations for projects are being considered for the limited amount of funds that were made available. The Alaska District will continue to keep you apprised of the funding status as information becomes available.

The navigation project in Homer exemplifies the power of multi-level partnerships in addressing the evolving needs of maritime transportation. I am pleased to be a part of this collaborative effort and remain committed to working closely and collaboratively with you and the City of Homer as we move forward. Please feel free to contact me through e-mail at pod-pao@usace.army.mil or poa.ExecutiveOffice@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

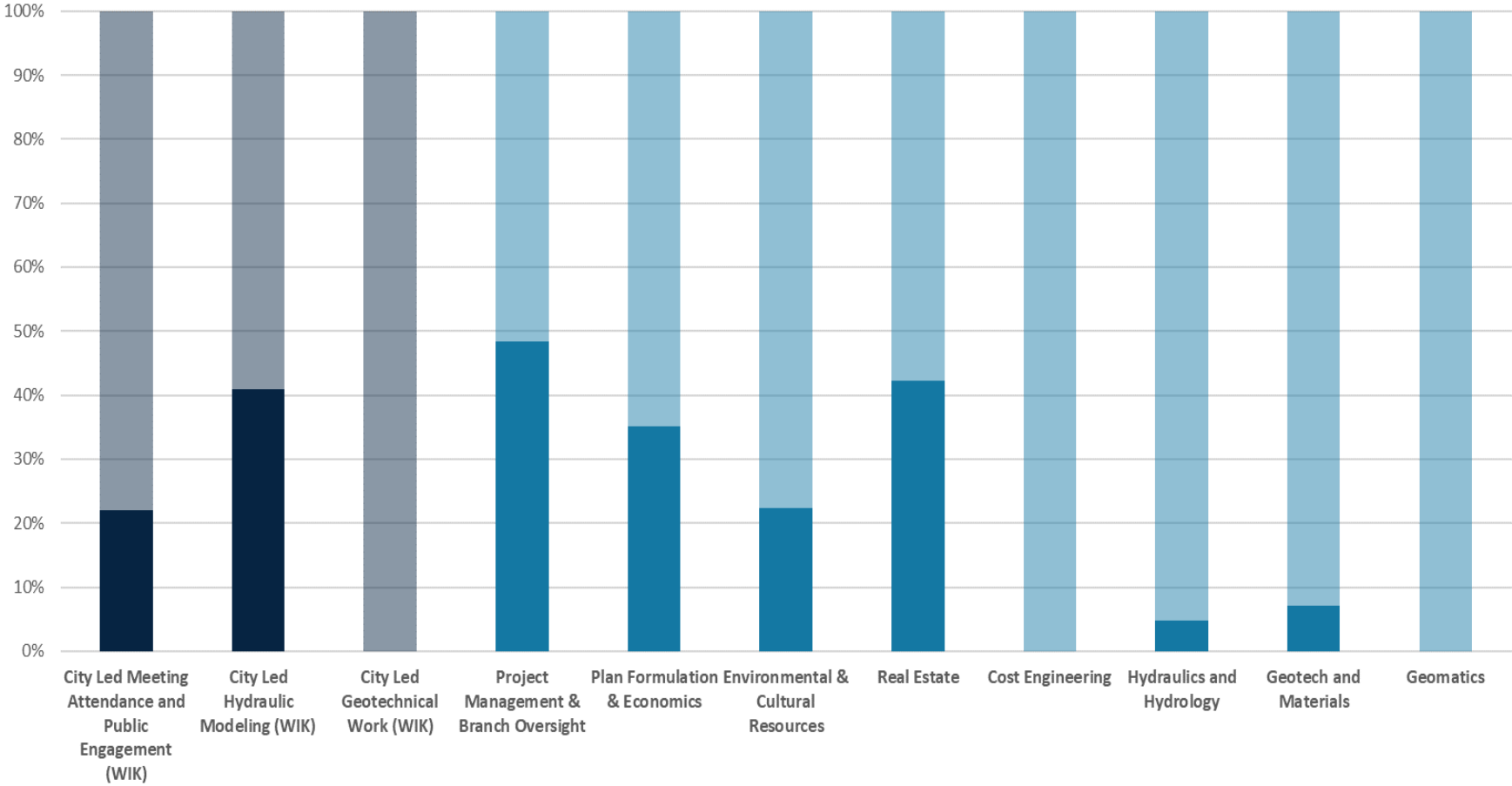
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Jeffrey S. Palazzini
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding
USACE Alaska District

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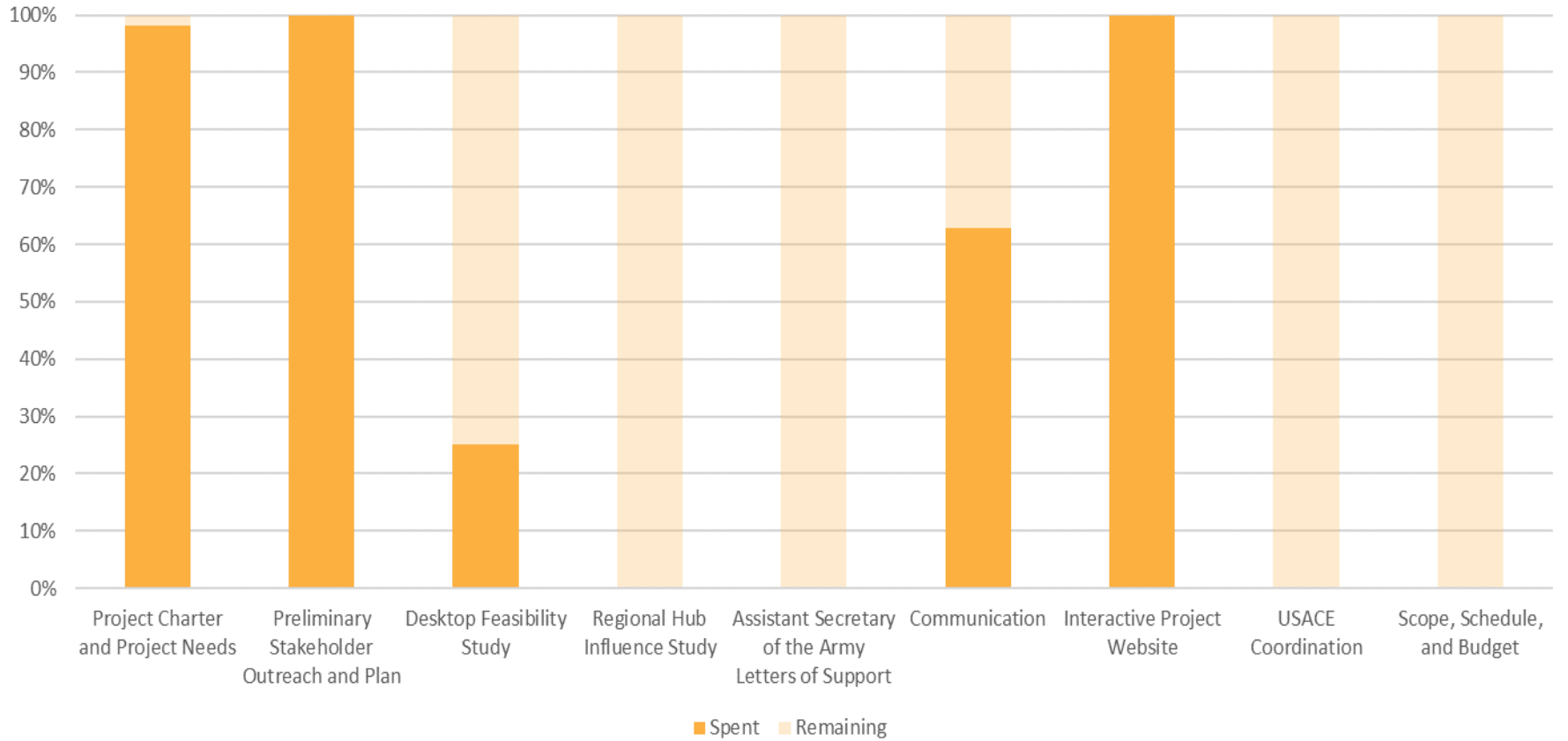
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Spent to Date by Study Budget Category



As of 4/15/24

Owner's Representative Spent to Date by Task



As of 4/8/24



MEMORANDUM

Community Rating System Program Status

Item Type: Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
Date: April 22, 2024
From: Ryan Foster, AICP, City Planner
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, Acting City Manager

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the status of the City's participation in Community Rating System (CRS) Program and to inform the Council of the intention to withdraw from the program. The CRS is a voluntary federal incentive program that encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The City of Homer joined the CRS program in approximately 2014. At that time the Planning Division staff consisted of 4 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and had the resources and time to pursue a voluntary program. With a current staff of 2.5 FTEs, the ability to prepare the paperwork and tracking for the program is difficult and time consuming, drawing resources and staff time away from required tasks of the Planning Division. Homer is rated a CRS class of 9 with the discount amount for flood insurance from the program of 5% (the lowest discount amount class). There are currently 12 properties covered under this discount, with a total community savings of \$3,236.

Based on the return on investment of staff time and resources and the limited community benefit received, staff is preparing to withdraw from the CRS program and will work with Federal Emergency Management Administration staff to complete that process. Upon withdrawal from the CRS program, the City of Homer would still be in the National Flood Insurance Program and all applicable floodplain management codes still apply for all future development.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough similarly withdrew from the CRS program in January 2023, but remains in the NFIP. While there were 210 policies affected by the change, the total savings to policyholders was \$4,671.30. The Borough found the cost to continue the program "exceeded the intended benefits of the program."

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Because everyone deserves to get home safely

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB), with the partner cities Homer, Kenai, Seldovia, Seward and Soldotna, were awarded grant funds to develop a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP).

Humans are vulnerable and sometimes make mistakes and our transportation system needs to account for this reality.

WHAT IS A CSAP?

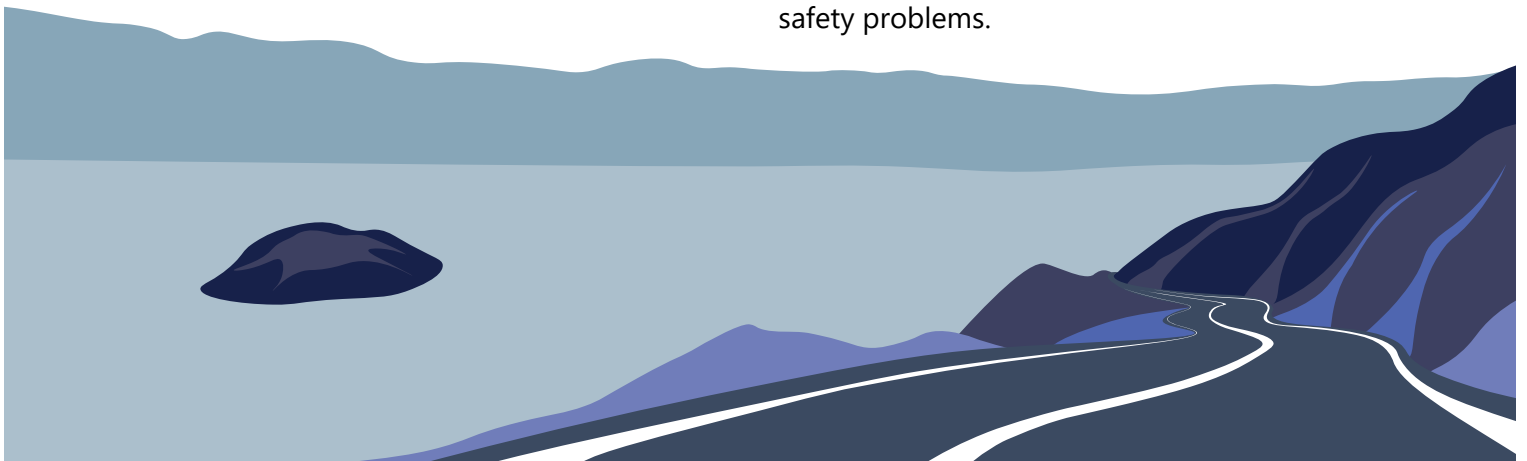
A CSAP is a long-term strategy for enhancing the safety of the borough's roads through a holistic approach to reduce (and eventually prevent) roadway fatalities and serious injuries borough wide. The CSAP will be structured around the Safe System Approach (SSA) National Roadway Safety Strategy developed by the USDOT.

WHY DO WE NEED A CSAP?

The KPB had **14 non-motorist fatalities** and serious injuries between 2016 and 2021, according to the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Alaska Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment. In September 2023, a driver and passenger were killed while slowing in a school zone. In December 2022, a head on collision near Clam Gulch resulted in two fatalities. Also, in December 2022, a pedestrian/vehicle accident resulted in a pedestrian fatality. According to the AKDOT&PF the KPB had 238 fatal or serious injury crashes (both motorist and non-motorist) between 2017 and 2022.

Humans are vulnerable and sometimes make mistakes and our transportation system needs to account for this reality. The CSAP will help the KPB and their partner cities to understand the causes and contributing factors, and recommend countermeasures, creating redundancy and reducing risk. The plan will identify opportunities to improve safety through proactive and systemic programs, policies, processes, partnerships, and projects, especially for areas revealed to be of the highest concern.

A CSAP situates the borough, and partner cities to apply for future grant funds for projects and strategies identified in the plan to address roadway safety problems.



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN

WHAT IS THE SSA?

The Safe Systems Approach (SSA) is a framework to help agencies prioritize safety policies, programs, and projects. The SSA principles are:

- No fatal or serious injury crashes
- A transportation system that can accommodate errors in human judgment
- A transportation system that limits speed
- Investments that prevent future crashes
- Engagement and coordination from all transportation and safety agencies
- Investments in solutions across the system, not at individual locations



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

You are the users of the KPB roadways as pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, commercial vehicle operators and micromobility and personal conveyance users. Your knowledge and perspectives on issues and opportunities to improve the safety of the transportation system is essential.

Opportunities to participate:

Public Workshop 1

May 7, 2024; 5-7 PM, Homer High School Commons; 600 Fairview Avenue, Homer

May 8, 2024; 5-7 PM, Donald E. Gilman River Center, 514 Funny River Road, Soldotna

May 9, 2024; 5-7 PM, Seward Community Library & Museum, 239 6th Avenue, Seward

Virtual TBD

Public Workshop 2

TBD; Fall 2024

Public Workshop 3

TBD; Winter 2024/25

WHERE DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

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Robert Ruffner, Planning Director,

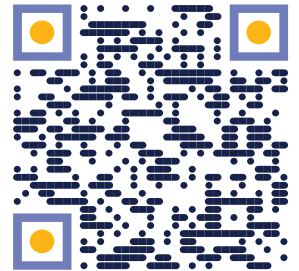
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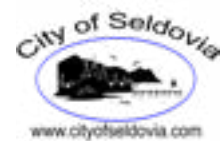
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Project Website

<https://kpb-ss4a-comprehensive-safety-plan-kpb.hub.arcgis.com/>



KPB COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN

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PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Kenai Peninsula Borough, with partner cities Homer, Kenai, Seldovia, Seward and Soldotna, is developing its first Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) structured around the Safe System Approach (SSA) National Roadway Safety Strategy developed by the USDOT. Humans are vulnerable and sometimes make mistakes and our transportation system needs to account for this reality. The CSAP will help the KPB and their partner cities to understand the causes and contributing factors, and identify opportunities to improve safety, especially for areas of highest concern.

Please join us for this public workshop to learn more about the KPB CSAP and how you can be involved!

CSAP PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- **Tuesday, May 7, 2024;** 5-7 PM, Homer High School Commons; 600 Fairview Avenue, Homer
- **Wednesday, May 8, 2024;** 5-7 PM, Donald E. Gilman River Center, 514 Funny River Road, Soldotna
- **Thursday, May 9, 2024;** 5-7 PM, Seward Community Library & Museum, 239 6th Avenue, Seward
- **Virtual TBD**

Come and meet our project team, grab a snack, and learn about safety planning, the project schedule, and share your areas of transportation safety concerns.

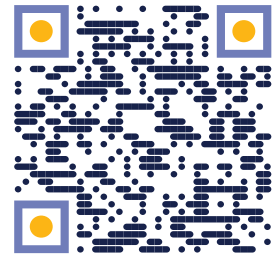
Open house begins at 5 PM and ends at 7 PM. There will be a short presentation at 5:30. Each workshop will follow the same format.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Project Website

<https://kpb-ss4a-comprehensive-safety-plan-kpb.hub.arcgis.com/>



CONTACTS

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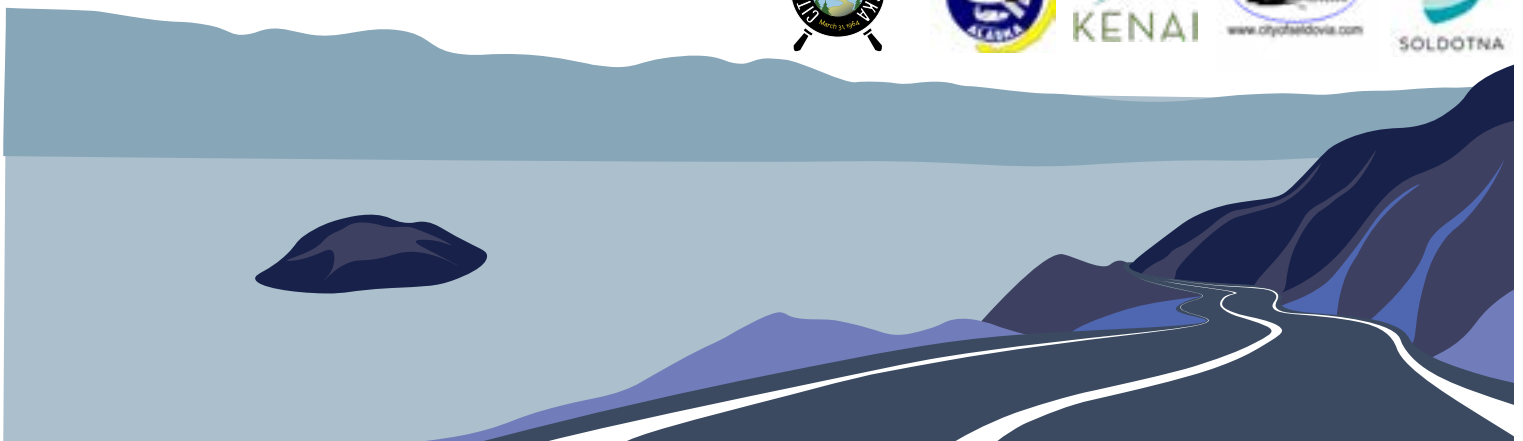
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**THE KENAI PENINSULA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

2024 IOF

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW FORUM

Location:

Soldotna Regional Sports Complex

25 APRIL

THURSDAY

8:30 AM CHECK IN & REGISTRATION

9:00 AM START

4:30 PM END



SCAN TO REGISTER

INDUSTRY TOPICS & HIGHLIGHTS:



**REGIONAL
LABOR
STATISTICS**



**WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS**



**CRITICALLY
INTERCONNECTED
TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- HOUSING
- TRANSPORTATION
- CHILDCARE



**HIGHLIGHTS OF
EMERGING INDUSTRIES:**

- BLUE ECONOMY
FEATURING
MARICULTURE
- REGIONAL ENERGY
PROJECTS,
DEVELOPMENT AND
PROGRAMS



**SOLDOTNA
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- Stereos and Audio Components
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- iPhone, iTouch, iPad
- Copiers / Scanners / Fax Machines
- Cell Phones and Telephones
- Electronic Scales
- Credit Card Machines
- Alarm Clocks and Clock Radios
- Handheld Games
- Vacuums
- Communications Equipment

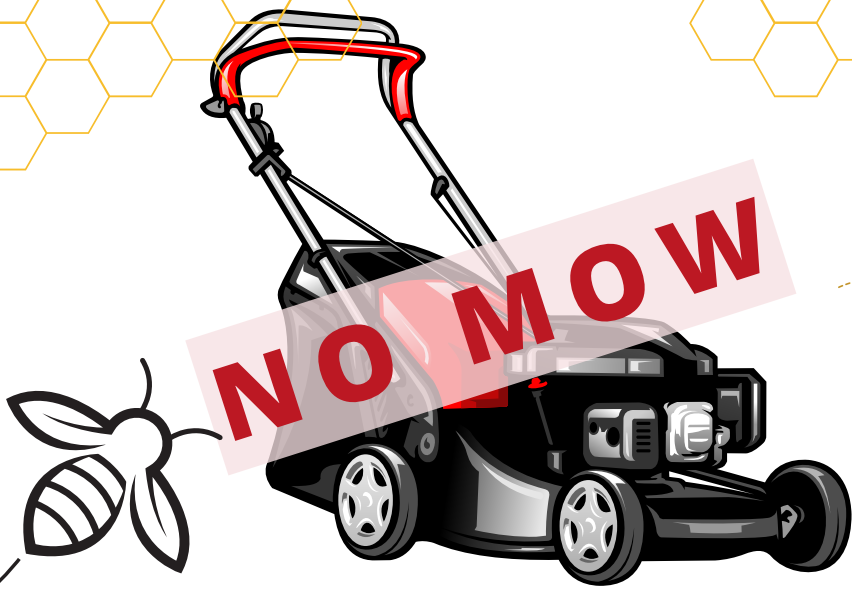
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April 27th

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