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Memorandum 19-014

TO: HOMER ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION
FROM: HOMER CITY COUNCIL
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2019
SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW OF UPDATES TO HOMER TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The purpose of this memo is to authorize the Homer Advisory Planning Commission to spend up to \$5,000 in consulting/engineering services for developing a scope of work and eventual request for proposal for updates to the Homer Transportation Plan.

The Planning Commission reported at the January 14th City Council meeting that they would like access to some of the scoping funds approved in the FY2019 City of Homer Budget to explore different scenarios related to the level of the update including cost estimates. These funds would be used to assess recommended updates and will take into consideration variables such as:

- How transportation planning engineering has changed since the adoption of the plan and how that might influence the plan
- In what ways the plan has outlived its usefulness
- Ability to partner with ADOT and/or KPB with plan updates

The requested funds will be used to present Council with different scenarios that vary on level of effort and cost for a full update of the plan. Every effort will be made to minimize costs associated with this work. Engineering and consulting services will be provided by one of the two firms that has the City of Homer term contract for transportation engineering, Kenny Engineering or HDL Engineering.

Enc:
Planning Memo dated January 4, 2019
Budget amendment for scoping



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MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
THROUGH: KATIE KOESTER, CITY MANAGER
FROM: RICK ABBOUD, CITY PLANNER
DATE: JANUARY 4, 2019
SUBJECT: UPDATE OF TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Planning Commission spoke to Mayor Castner about their desire to update the 2005 Homer Area Transportation Plan and added the item to their worklist. Mayor Castner proposed and received approval for funding of scoping activities that could further efforts to update the plan.

The Planning Commission has found that the plan has outlived most of its usefulness. Estimates of population used for the plan have not been accurate and some of the recommendations of the plan have lost support. They would also like to have the plan make more pointed recommendations regarding the usefulness of setbacks on specific streets found in the Central Business District. An updated classification of streets would also be useful for future Right-of-way design.

The undertaking of updating the plan will require an understanding of the costs associated with the levels of work that may be proposed. Initially, the scoping funds might be used to work up cost estimates for likely scenarios. After a recommendation is made about the extent of the plan, funds will need to be identified to support the update efforts.

Scoping can incorporate funding sources and other opportunities. Our scoping efforts will have to consider the ability to partner with AKDOT. The AKDOT intersection study is of the same time frame and could benefit from updated data and a joint effort to recognize future transportation needs. Funding for the document (a component of the comprehensive plan) may also be available from the borough. In consideration of the likely costs, several methods of funding may have to be considered including accumulation and appropriation of future planning reserves. We may want to plan around the results of the 2020 census and work on funding until the data is available.

I suggest that we utilize funds to scope the costs of the project and develop a timeframe that will be most beneficial for project development and funding.



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Memorandum

TO: HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KEN CASTNER
DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2018
SUBJECT: BUDGET AMENDMENT

Since my election, I have met with each of the Boards and Commissions. The following are requests I received that will require a policy determination from the Council and some supported funding. There will be a small fiscal note for 2019, but, depending on the Council's will (which may be a topic for the "retreat" that has been discussed) the resulting expense for outside expertise would be far greater in the year or two ahead.

I am requesting \$18,000 for the following planning/scoping studies, conducted primarily in-house, to be included in the 2019 budget. The areas of study are:

1. An updated Transportation Plan;
2. An updated policy directive on signage;
3. An Updated Climate Action Plan;
4. A Port Services Plan;
5. An examination of the trade-offs in modeling a plan for private participation for projects that involve City-owned land or City-owned structures; and
6. A general policy concerning the repurposing of City-owned Structures.

City of Homer
2018 Capital Budget

2019 Proposed Budget Amendment Form

Fund Name: General Fund

Project Name: Preliminary Planning and Scoping Studies

Account #	Account name	Page #	Increase	Decrease	
100-0100-5990	Transfers to Reserves (Fire Fleet)	49		\$18,000	
100-0100-5210	Professional Services	49	\$18,000		

Rationale:

The \$18,000 would assist in preliminary work with boards, commissions, and staff to flush out some or all of the following planning/scoping in order to be able to fully understand the time, need, resources required and priority level of moving forward with updates or preparations of complete plans/policies.

An updated Transportation Plan;

An updated policy directive on signage;

An Updated Climate Action Plan;

A Port Services Plan;

An examination of the trade-offs in modeling a plan for private participation for projects that involve City-owned land or City-owned structures; and

A general policy concerning the repurposing of City-owned Structures.

Direction by Council, either by memo or resolution, will be required to authorize the expenditure of funds for specific scoping projects.

Requested By: _____
Mayor

Prepared By: _____
Mayor