



City of Homer

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov

Administration

491 East Pioneer Avenue
Homer, Alaska 99603

(p) 907-235-8121 x2222

(f) 907-235-3148

MEMORANDUM 21-149

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
FROM: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects and Communications Coordinator
DATE: August 19, 2021
SUBJECT: 2022-2027 CIP Recommendations and Establishing FY23 Legislative Priorities

The City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has undergone review by staff and City Advisory Commissions and is provided in draft form for your review on September 23, 2021. I have updated project descriptions with current information regarding progress to date, scope, estimated cost, etc.

OVERVIEW OF CIP UPDATES (which are also indicated in red font in the draft CIP)

Two projects have been successfully funded or completed:

- Kachemak Heritage Land Trust completed the Poopdeck Platt Community Park Trail
- City of Homer Main Street Sidewalk Facility – Pioneer Avenue North was funded in the FY22-23 Capital Budget

Partial funding has been obtained for one City of Homer projects and it remains in the CIP:

- City of Homer Radio Communications System Upgrade Project.

Several projects have been recommended for removal for the reasons provided. These projects will only be removed by Council approval of a motion to do so.

- Legislative Priority Project Section
 - Storm Water Master Plan; recommended by Public Works Director Keiser citing sufficient existing baseline data on storm water drainages.
- Mid-Range Project Section
 - Truck Loading Facility Upgrades at Fish Dock; recommended by Port & Harbor Advisory Commission and Harbormaster citing decreased business demand.
- Long-Range Project Section
 - Beach Access Improvements from Main Street; recommended by staff citing difficulty/cost of building and maintaining stairs on active bluff area.
 - Jack Gist Park Improvements, Phase 3; recommended by staff citing that extending water utility to the park is included as Phase 3 in the Jack Gist mid-range project description.

- Karen Hornaday Park Improvements, Phase 4; recommended by staff citing that concession stands are not used anymore and other elements of the project are included in KHP mid-range project description.

Project Updates of Note:

- Mid-Range Project Section
 - Jack Gist Park Improvements updated per recommendation of Public Works Director to include only upper ball field drainage in Phase 3 and water utility for Phase 4.
 - Karen Hornaday Park project description updated to include entrance road and pedestrian trail.
- State of Alaska Project Section
 - Main Street Reconstruction project renamed amended to focus on adding sidewalk facility.
- **Several new projects have been proposed for inclusion in the CIP.** They are contained in a separate document and will only be included in the CIP upon Council approval of a motion to do so.

Staff considered the potential for Federal Infrastructure funding and additionally met with our area DOT & PF area planner regarding potential projects with both City and State interests in mind. Staff recommends incorporating the proposed projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR the AUGUST 23 WORKSESSION:

- 1) Provide staff direction regarding proposed CIP updates and any other project amendments necessary to bring the CIP to a final draft ready for introduction at the September 13th City Council meeting, including recommendations for removing projects and adding new projects.**
- 2) Discuss Legislative Priority Projects:** When Council formally adopts the CIP, the Resolution also designates five City of Homer projects as the top Legislative priorities; the top 2 of the 5 are also the City's Federal priorities. The Legislative Priority designation directs City staff to advocate for those projects when meeting with our State and Federal representatives.

In the past, Council has elected to leave the previous year's Legislative Requests on the top 5 list until the projects were funded. Last year, the top five priorities were:

1. New Large Vessel Harbor
2. Storm Water Master Plan
3. Main Street Sidewalk Facility: Pioneer Avenue North
4. Multi-Use Community Center, Phase 1
5. Homer Barge Mooring & Large Vessel Haul Out Facility

This year, the funding of the Main Street Sidewalk project opens a spot for a new project. Depending on Council action on the Storm Water Master Plan, a second project could be added.

Please discuss potential considerations for the City's Legislative Priority Projects. To assist you in your discussion and your individual Legislative Priority selections, please review the following project recommendations offered by City Commissions after reviewing the CIP:

- Economic Development Advisory Commission:
 1. New Large Vessel Harbor
 2. Barge Mooring / Large Vessel Haul Out Repair Facility

(Please note: the EDC also recommend City Council prioritize the Multi-Use Community Center)

- Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission:
 1. Main Street Sidewalk Facility: Pioneer Avenue North
 2. Multi-Use Community Center, Phase 1
 3. Karen Hornaday Park Public Restroom

- Planning Commission
 1. Main Street Sidewalk Facility: Pioneer Avenue North
 2. Barge Mooring Large Vessel Haul Out Repair Facility.

(Please note: the Planning Commission also recommend City Council prioritize the)

- Port & Harbor Advisory Commission
 1. New Large Vessel Harbor
 2. Barge Mooring /Large Vessel Haul Out Repair Facility

3) Mayor and each Council Member: Please submit your individual top 5 project selections to me (in order of rank #1-5) either at the end of the August 23rd worksession or by email (jcarroll@ci.homer.ak.us) no later than Tuesday, September 7. I will tally Councilmember recommendations into a prioritized list and draft a resolution in advance of the September 13th introduction of the CIP. (Keep in mind that projects ranked #1 and #2 will be your pick for the City's Federal priorities.)

Introduction of the Resolution to adopt the CIP is scheduled for the September 13, 2021 City Council meeting. Adoption of the CIP and the FY21 Legislative Priority list is scheduled for the September 27, 2021 City Council Meeting.

I look forward to hearing back from you and incorporating your recommendations into the final draft of the CIP.