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MEMORANDUM 22-174

TO: Mayor Ken Castner and Homer City Council
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
FROM: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects and Communications Coordinator
DATE: October 6, 2022
SUBJECT: 2023-2028 CIP Amendments and Adoption of the FY24 City of Homer CIP

Thank you for taking the time to review the CIP projects during your September 26, 2022 worksession. At present, the CIP is still in a draft form. To bring the CIP to its final form, the following changes require Council consideration and formal action:

- ▶ At the worksession, Councilmembers discussed and generally agreed to the following recommendations for projects to remove from the CIP. The projects will only be removed by formal Council action.

By Motion: Make a motion to remove the Public Restroom Accessibility Barrier Removal, Homer Intersection Improvements, Beluga Slough Trail Extension, Sterling Highway Reconstruction – Anchor Point to Baycrest Hill, Horizon Loop Trail, Phase 1 and Mariner Park Improvement projects from the CIP.

Council discussed the recommendation of removing the Sterling Highway Milepost 172 Drainage Improvements from the State Project section. It will stay in the State section unless approved for removal by Council motion.

- ▶ Three projects have been recommended to be moved within the CIP.

By Motion: Make a motion to approve the following moves: Move the Barge Mooring & Large Vessel Haul Out Repair Facility from the Legislative Priority section to the Mid-Range Section; and move the Deep Water/Cruise Ship Dock Expansion and Old Main Dock Removal and Disposal projects from the Mid-Range Section to the Long-Range Section.

- ▶ Several new projects were proposed for inclusion in the CIP. Adoption into the CIP requires Council approval through a formal motion.

By Motion: Propose inclusion of the following City of Homer projects: A-Frame Water Transmission Line Replacement, Beluga Sewage Lift Station, Fish Grinding Building Replacement, Homer Airport Terminal Improvements, Wayfinding & Streetscape Plan Implementation, Svedlund and Herndon Street Sidewalks Homer Harbor Dredging, and Homer Harbor System 5 Redesign.

- ▶ Three new transportation projects have been proposed since the September 26th CIP worksession. The HAP Loop – Homer All Ages & Abilities Pedestrian Pathway is proposed by Public Works and Economic Development staff. It was developed in consultation with the Independent Living Center after the Homer Non-motorized Trail Symposium October 1. Staff supports this project in that it brings connectivity to Homer’s central trail system, gives compelling justification for the Svedlund/Herndon and Main Street sidewalk projects and could potentially leverage Federal Highway Administration funding through the State’s upcoming Transportation Alternatives Program.

The other two projects are road surface transportation projects identified by Public Works Director Keiser after consultation regarding City road projects to propose for inclusion in the Community Transportation Program section of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan. Staff recommends approving these two projects in the CIP as they could potentially leverage Federal Highway Administration funding through the State’s upcoming Community Transportation Program to improve Homer’s road infrastructure.

By Motion: Propose inclusion of the following projects: HAP Loop, Heath Street Rehabilitation and Main Street Rehabilitation.

- ▶ After the September 26th CIP worksession, Councilmembers communicated their eight Legislative and Federal Priority project selections. I compiled your recommendations to determine a proposed priority ranking and provide them in the attached resolution for your consideration. Please note, two projects tied in their priority selection (Homer Spit Erosion Mitigation and the Fire Hall Expansion) so the Legislative priority project selections number nine in the Resolution.

By Motion: establish and approve City Council’s prioritized list of the nine Legislative Request projects.

After you approve changes to the CIP and finalize the Legislative Priorities, the Resolution adopting the City of Homer FY24 Capital Improvement Plan can be passed.