



# **SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2025-02 WITH JUNEAU LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AGENDA**

**January 23, 2025 at 7:00 AM**

**Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar**

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Submitted By:

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Katie Koester, City Manager

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We would like to acknowledge that the City & Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. Gunalchéesh!

**C. ROLL CALL**

1. **Introduction of Special Guests**

**D. AGENDA TOPICS**

2. **Updates from Senator Jesse Kiehl and Representatives Andi Story and Sara Hannan**
3. **Update from CBJ State Lobbyist Kevin Jardell**
4. **Update from CBJ DC Lobbyist Katie Kachel**

**5. Review of Legislative Capital Priorities**

*The complete Legislative Priorities binder with project descriptions are included at the end of this packet under Supplemental Materials.*

**6. Introduction of Ordinance 2025-12 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Serial No. 2024-42 Regarding the Proposed Refinancings by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank of Various Revenue Bonds of the City and Borough Authorized Thereunder.**

This ordinance is an amendment to Ordinance 2024-42 which authorized the refinancing of three bonds through the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank (AMBB). The amendment is necessary as the AMBB is consolidating principal due dates to the month of December which changes the payment schedule from March to December and alters the years of maturities in CBJ's issuances. This ordinance adjusts the maturity years for AMBB's due date changes.

Ordinance 2024-42 authorized the issuance of up to \$13.5 million in bonds to refund (refinance) the 2014A Port, 2015 Harbor, and 2021 Port bonds. The original bonds were sold through the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank and financed harbor improvements, seawalk construction, and cruise ship berth enhancements. Ordinance 2024-42 was approved on December 16, 2024.

**The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.**

**E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**F. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**7. FY2026 Legislative Capital Priorities (January 2025 DRAFT, Un-adopted)**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 23, 2025  
**TO:** Mayor Weldon and Borough Assembly  
**FROM:** Katie Koester, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of FY2026 Legislative Priorities

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The Draft FY2026 Legislative Priority list has made its way through advisory and Assembly bodies, has been scored by all Assembly Members and was discussed at the Assembly Finance Committee on January 8. The proposed FY2026 list is attached and the Draft Legislative Priority Book with project descriptions is included in the online packet. Printed copies of the book with supporting documentation including comments and recommendations from advisory bodies were included in the binders distributed the week of December 20, 2024. Since then, some project summaries required minor updates. Updated versions of those projects are included in the online packet.

Once adopted, the final list will be entered into CAPSIS as ranked, posted on the Assembly webpage, and distributed to the federal delegation.

## Federal Priorities

It is also timely for the Assembly to discuss the FY2026 Federal Legislative Priorities as the appropriations portal is now open and scheduled to close on February 14, 2025.

Senator Murkowski’s office is encouraging communities to refer to [FY2025 guidance for project proposal eligibility](#)<sup>1</sup>. Staff and our lobbyist at BlankRome (Katie Kachel) will be tracking any updates for FY2025 guidance as it becomes available. Below are the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests CBJ submitted in FY25.

	FY25 Project Request Name	Status
1	Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC) - \$23M	Unsuccessful
2	Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant FOG- \$5.95M	Unsuccessful
3	JSD HVAC and Heating Control System Upgrades - \$6.4M	Renew America’s Schools Grant Successful
4	Capital Civic Center - \$15M	Unsuccessful
5	Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float – \$10.686M	PIDP Grant Successful
6	Auke Bay Wave Attenuator - \$1.5M	<i>Pending – Included in FY2025 appropriations bill</i>

In addition to identifying new projects to be submitted, we received word that we need to re-submit the FY2025 request for the USACE GI Auke Bay Wave Attenuator due to USACE funding timelines.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.murkowski.senate.gov/appropriations-and-cds-request-page>

The following is a list of the top projects on the Legislative Priorities (in priority order) that staff, with guidance from our lobbyist, believe have eligible congressionally directed spending accounts to plug into. Final requests, including dollar amounts, is a bit of a moving target as we work with the delegation and Ms. Kachel. We have been advised to submit no more than 5 priorities.

#### **FY26 Project Possible Requests**

- Glacial Lake Outburst Food Disaster Long-Term Mitigation (USACE)
- Glacial Lake Outburst Food Disaster Short-Term Mitigation (FEMA)
- Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC)
- Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant FOG
- Telephone Hill Redevelopment
- Bartlett Emergency Department Renovation/Expansion
- Capital Civic Center
- Auke Bay Wave Attenuator (resubmittal)

Given the competitiveness of the projects, the different funding sources available, and the need to re-submit Auke Bay Wave Attenuator - if the Assembly would like to keep Capital Civic Center on the list I recommend submitting the list below. JDNC is needs more project progress to be competitive (and has already received a CDS), Telephone Hill is in early stages of project readiness, and Bartlett ED Addition has also already received a CDS. You will be hearing a project update from Capital Civic Center at the January COW before the final adoption of the Legislative Priorities on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

1. Glacial Lake Outburst Food Disaster Long-Term Mitigation (USACE)
2. Glacial Lake Outburst Food Disaster Short-Term Mitigation (FEMA)
3. Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant FOG
4. Capital Civic Center
5. Auke Bay Wave Attenuator (resubmittal)

#### **Requested Action:**

Discuss FY2026 Legislative Priorities, including staff recommendation for Federal Congressionally Directed Spending Requests. Forward FY2026 Legislative Priorities to the Assembly for adoption.

**Encl:** FY26 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities List\_DRAFT (January 2025); Summary of Assembly Member Scores\_FY26 Draft Legislative Priorities\_Revised (01.23.25)

[Guidance for Congressionally Directed Spending \(CDS\) Requests from Senator Murkowski's office](#)



## FY2026 DRAFT Legislative Capital Priorities Rankings

FY26 Assembly Scoring (1 - 19)	FY25 Adopted Priority Ranking	Project Name:	Amount Requested:	Total Project Cost:	Funding Already Secured:
1	New	Glacial Outburst Flood Response, Mitigation & Preparedness	\$30M+	\$TBD	\$6.155M (CBJ funds)
2	1	Juneau Douglas North Crossing	\$2M	\$300M-\$550M	\$2M for PEL; \$2.1M CBJ; \$7M CDS; \$16.45 RAISE
3	4	Mendenhall Wastewater Treat. Plant Compliance: Fats, Oil, and Grease & Grit Removal	\$6.3M	\$6.3M	\$0
4	2	Telephone Hill Redevelopment	\$2M	~\$10M (placeholder)	\$600,000 (\$500k 1% Sales Tax; \$100k GF)
5	3	Pederson Hill Housing Development	\$1.5M	\$5-\$15M	\$1.5M (1 % Sales Tax)
6	9	Bartlett Emergency Department (ED) Renovation/Expansion	\$2M	\$10-20M	\$4M Bartlett Reserves; \$4M CDS
7	6	Aak'w Village District Parking (formerly N. SOB parking garage)	\$38M	\$50M+	\$5M SOA; \$5M CBJ Voter Approved Sales Tax
8	13	JSD-Wide Security and Safety Upgrades	\$2M	\$2M	\$0
9	8	Lemon Creek Multimodal Path	\$12M	\$15M	\$740k USDOT grants; \$1.5M (1 % Sales Tax)
10	18	Statter Harbor Wave Attenuator (Formerly "Auke Bay New Breakwater")	\$5M	~\$50M+ (placeholder)	\$1.8M CBJ commitment, (\$500k pending CDS)
11	New	Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float	\$1.4M	\$14M	\$11.1M PIDP Grant (MARAD)
12	14	Shore Power at Dock 16B	\$20M	\$54.25M	\$10M (MPF)
13	15	Eaglecrest Employee & Tourism Workforce Housing	\$12M	\$12M	\$0
14	11	Capital Civic Center	\$10M, SOA; \$35M Federal Delegation	\$45M	\$8M CBJ funds for design and matching funds; \$10M commitment from CLIA for MPFs; \$6.5M in Partnership Resources
15	19	Jackie Renninger Park Development & Pipeline Skatepark Improvements	\$7M	\$8.075M	\$1,075,000
16	16	Waterfront Juneau Douglas City Museum	\$2M	\$12M	\$2M in 1% CBJ Voter approved sales tax
17	17	West Douglas Extension	\$4M	\$7.5M	\$0
18	20	North Douglas Boat Ramp Expansion	\$250k	\$20M	\$0
19	21	Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Park Development	\$5.7M	\$6M	\$450,000 (CBJ funds and RTP grant)

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**  
**REFUNDING BONDS**

**Serial No. 2025-12**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 2024-42 REGARDING THE PROPOSED REFINANCINGS BY THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL BOND BANK OF VARIOUS REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH AUTHORIZED THEREUNDER.

Approved:

Prepared by:

K&L GATES LLP  
Seattle, Washington

City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska  
Ordinance Serial No. 2025-12  
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Presented by: The Manager  
Introduced: 01/23/2025  
Drafted by: Bond Counsel

## ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2025-12

### **An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Serial No. 2024-42 Regarding the Proposed Refinancings by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank of Various Revenue Bonds of the City and Borough Authorized Thereunder.**

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska (the “City and Borough”), adopted Ordinance Serial No. 2024-42 (the “Ordinance”), authorizing the City and Borough’s participation in proposed refinancings of the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank that provided funds to purchase various revenue bonds of the City and Borough on December 16, 2024; and;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank elected to standardize the payment dates of bonds issued through the Bond Bank to June 1 and December 1, including the proposed refinancings authorized by the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly intends to amend the Ordinance to provide updated parameters relating to the refinancings authorized thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director will hold a public hearing on the issuance of any series of the refinancings herein authorized that will be private activity bonds as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1. Classification.** This ordinance is a noncode ordinance.

**Section 2. Amendment of Section 2(a).** Section 2(a) of Ordinance Serial No. 2024-42 is hereby amended to read as follows (additions are underscored, and deletions are shown with the text stricken through):

(a) *2014A Port Bond.* The revised schedule of debt service on the 2014A Port Bond and other provisions as may be required by the Bond Bank will be set forth in an amendatory loan agreement and a refunding bond to be issued in exchange for the 2014A Port Bond. The refunding bond shall come due on the dates set forth in such amendatory loan agreement of the following years in the following estimated principal installments:

Maturity Year	Amount
<u>2025</u>	<u>\$ 195,000</u>
<u>2025</u> <del>2026</del>	<u>\$175,000</u> <del>190,000</del>
<u>2026</u> <del>2027</del>	200,000
<u>2027</u> <del>2028</del>	215,000
<u>2028</u> <del>2029</del>	225,000
<u>2029</u> <del>2030</del>	235,000
<u>2030</u> <del>2031</del>	245,000
<u>2031</u> <del>2032</del>	260,000
<u>2032</u> <del>2033</del>	270,000
<u>2033</u> <del>2034</del>	285,000
<u>2034</u> <del>2035</del>	300,000
<u>2035</u> <del>2036</del>	315,000
<u>2036</u> <del>2037</del>	330,000
<u>2037</u> <del>2038</del>	345,000
<u>2038</u> <del>2039</del>	365,000

The foregoing schedule is based on the assumption that the entire 2014A Port Bond is going to be refunded. To the extent that only a portion of the 2014A Port Bond is refunded, the foregoing principal maturity schedule shall be proportionately reduced. In addition, the adjusted principal maturities may be increased or decreased by the City Manager or his/her designee for any year by 25%.

**Section 3. Amendment of Section 2(b).** Section 2(b) of Ordinance Serial No. 2024-42 is hereby amended to read as follows (additions are underscored, and deletions are shown with the text stricken through):

(b) *2015 Harbor Bond.* The revised schedule of debt service on the 2015 Harbor Bond and other provisions as may be required by the Bond Bank will be set forth in an amendatory loan agreement and a refunding bond to be issued in exchange for the 2015 Harbor Bond. The refunding bond shall come due on the dates set forth in such amendatory loan agreement of the following years in the following estimated principal installments:

Maturity Year	Amount
<u>2025</u> <del>2026</del>	\$ 475,000
<u>2026</u> <del>2027</del>	495,000
<u>2027</u> <del>2028</del>	520,000
<u>2028</u> <del>2029</del>	545,000
<u>2029</u> <del>2030</del>	575,000
<u>2030</u> <del>2031</del>	605,000
<u>2031</u> <del>2032</del>	625,000
<u>2032</u> <del>2033</del>	660,000

The foregoing schedule is based on the assumption that the entire 2015 Harbor Bond is going to be refunded. To the extent that only a portion of the 2015 Harbor Bond is refunded, the foregoing principal maturity schedule shall be proportionately reduced. In addition, the adjusted principal maturities may be increased or decreased by the City Manager or his/her designee for any year by 25%.

**Section 4. Amendment of Section 2(c).** Section 2(c) of Ordinance Serial No. 2024-42 is hereby amended to read as follows (additions are underscored, and deletions are shown with the text stricken through):

(c) *2021 Port Bond.* The revised schedule of debt service on the 2021 Port Bond and other provisions as may be required by the Bond Bank will be set forth in an amendatory loan agreement and a refunding bond to be issued in exchange for the 2021 Port Bond. The refunding bond shall come due on the dates set forth in such amendatory loan agreement of the following years in the following estimated principal installments:

Maturity Year	Amount
<u>2025</u> <del>2026</del>	\$1,065,000
<u>2026</u> <del>2027</del>	1,120,000
<u>2027</u> <del>2028</del>	1,175,000
<u>2028</u> <del>2029</del>	1,240,000

The foregoing schedule is based on the assumption that the 2026 through 2029 maturities of the 2021 Port Bond are going to be refunded. To the extent that only a portion of those maturities of the 2021 Port Bond are refunded, the foregoing principal maturity schedule shall be proportionately reduced. In addition, the adjusted principal maturities may be increased or decreased by the City Manager or his/her designee for any year by 25%.

**Section 5. Ratification of Ordinance.** As amended by this ordinance, the Ordinance is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after adoption.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

## CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska (the “City and Borough”), Do HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached ordinance is a true and correct copy of Ordinance Serial No. 2025-12 (the “Ordinance”) of the City and Borough as finally passed at a regular meeting of the Assembly of the City and Borough (the “Assembly”) held on the 3rd day of February, 2025, and duly recorded in my office.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such special meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Assembly voted in the proper manner for the passage of the Ordinance; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper passage of the Ordinance have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of February, 2025.

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Clerk  
City and Borough of Juneau



# FY2026

## LEGISLATIVE

## CAPITAL PRIORITIES

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**January 2025**  
**DRAFT**  
Un-adopted

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January XX, 2025

To The Honorable State and Federal Delegation:

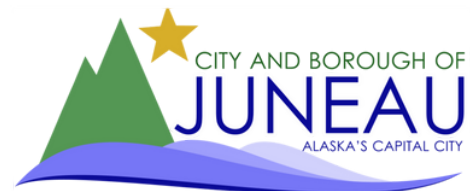
This document presents the City and Borough of Juneau's (CBJ) Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Capital Priority List. The Legislative priority list provides information on long range capital projects identified as priorities for the community of Juneau. Descriptions of projects include cost and schedule information, a designation of who will be responsible for operating and maintaining the infrastructure, and what goals the project is advancing.

The projects included in the Legislative Priority List were compiled with input from CBJ Boards and Commissions and City staff. The Legislative Priorities will be used to inform requests to State Legislature, Federal Delegation and granting agencies.

It is the intent of the CBJ to update the Legislative Capital Priority List annually to ensure the long-range capital improvement planning stays current, as well as to determine annual legislative priorities and assist with budget development. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Katie Koester  
City Manager



# Development Schedule

## FY2026 Legislative Capital Priorities - City & Borough of Juneau

ACTION	FY26 TIMELINE
Prepare and distribute draft LCP to CBJ Boards, Commissions & advisory groups for review and input.	September 30, 2024
Input for new draft requested by	October 25, 2024
Presentations to Boards and Commissions:	Planning Commission Introduction: October 8, 2024
	Systemic Racism Review Committee (SRRC) Introduction: October 22, 2024
Administrative Review & Compilation	October/November 2024
SRRC 2nd Review (with input and new projects)	November 19, 2024*
PWFC for Review	December 2, 2024
Homework: Assembly Ranks Priorities	Due December 20, 2024
Finance Committee	January 8, 2025
Assembly Review (Leg Breakfast + COW)	January 23, 2025
Assembly Adoption	January 27, 2025
CAPSIS Deadline	Likely February 2025
Distribute Priorities	February 2025

\*Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

# FY26 CBJ Legislative Capital Priority List

Section F, Item 7.

Rank	Project Name:	Purpose:	Amount Requested:	Goal:	Page #:
1	Glacial Outburst Flood Response, Mitigation & Preparedness	Varied	\$30M+	Public safety, disaster preparedness, affordable housing	7
2	Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC)	Planning, permitting, project management	\$3M	Economic development, housing	8
3	Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance: Fats, Oil, Grease & Grit Removal	Design, Construction	\$6.3M	Return the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant to permit compliance, reduce treatment costs, and extend the useful life of the plant.	9
4	Telephone Hill Redevelopment	Site work	\$2M	Prepare for redevelopment	10
5	Pederson Hill Housing Development	Development	\$1M	Increase workforce and market rate housing with further development of Pederson Hill Subdivision.	11
6	Bartlett Emergency Department (ED) Renovation/Expansion	Design, Engineering, Permitting	\$2M	Improve access to, and the quality of emergency medical care in the community.	12
7	Aak'w Village District Parking (formerly NSOB Parking Garage)	Partial Funding	\$30M	State/legislative parking, Aak'w Village District infill development	13
8	JSD Wide Security and Safety Upgrades	Procurement, Design, Construction	\$2M	Support and improve the security and safety of district facilities.	14
9	Lemon Creek Multimodal Path	Design, Engineering, Construction	\$12M	Advance long-term goal of a new non-motorized route	15
10	Statter Harbor Wave Attenuator (Formerly "Auke Bay New Breakwater")	Match Potential Federal Funding	\$5M	Increase moorage and renovate aging infrastructure; economic development	16

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Rank	Project Name:	Purpose:	Amount Requested:	Goal:	Page #:
11	Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float	Public Safety, Disaster Preparedness	\$1.4M	Provide a safer, more efficient method for transporting goods and supplies directly between vessels to shore.	17
12	Shore Power at Dock 16B	Final design and construction	\$20M	Reduce emissions, improve air quality and economic development.	18
13	Eaglecrest Employee & Tourism Workforce Housing	Planning, Design, Site Preparation, Construction	\$12M	Increase recruitment and retention while helping to manage our growth in tourism	19
14	Capital Civic Center	Partial Funding	\$5-\$10M	Support convention and visitor economy	20
15	Jackie Renninger Park Development & Pipeline Skatepark Improvements	Design and Construction	\$7M	Provide access to parks and outdoor recreation services for Juneau's most underserved neighborhood.	21
16	Waterfront Juneau Douglas City Museum	Partial Funding	\$2M	Grow the arts in Juneau and expand the capital campus.	22
17	West Douglas Extension	Planning, Design, Construction	\$4M	Long term development support	23
18	North Douglas Boat Ramp Expansion	Planning, Research, Permitting	\$250K	Improve safety and expand boating access & transportation.	24
19	Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Park Development	Design & Construction	\$5.7M	Reduce user conflicts and create new opportunities for outdoor recreation.	25

# Glacial Outburst Flood Response, Mitigation & Preparedness



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$30M +**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$6.155M(CBJ)**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: TBD**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:** The Mendenhall Valley has experienced multiple years of record glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF) from Suicide Basin. The August 2024 event released 16 billion gallons of water over a short period of time causing widespread flooding, evacuations and damage to 290 homes. Scientists indicate that full basin releases, and continued catastrophic flooding, are likely. CBJ is considering all available short and long-term solutions to mitigate the potential widespread damage from future releases. While more information is required to determine estimated costs of the selected solutions, the funding need will be significant and ongoing.

CBJ requested a USACE General Investigation (GI) to determine long-term, permanent mitigation solutions. This multi-year study requires a \$3M for local match, which the Assembly appropriated in Sept 2024. Federal funding to support the (GI) was approved in the American Relief Act of Dec 2024. The Assembly also appropriated \$1,055,000 for emergency flood mitigation funding leading up to and following the August 2024 flood event, as well as \$100,000 to update the outdated hydrologic and hydraulic flood inundation maps for the area. On October 21, 2024, the Assembly appropriated \$2M for the installation of flood levee barriers. USACE and CBJ Engineers anticipate the total cost of the multi-phase flood barrier resilience project could exceed \$27M.

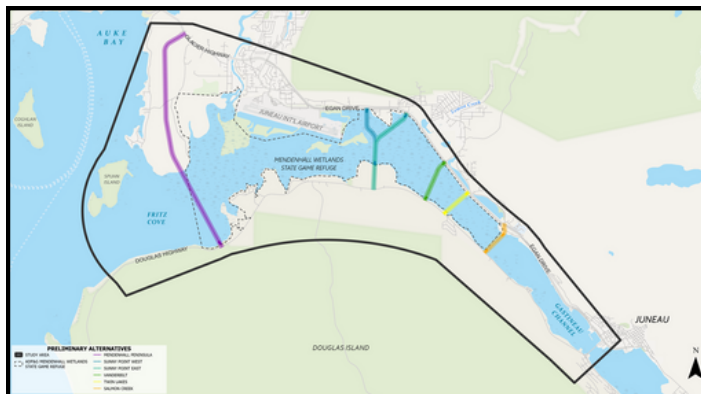
**TIMELINE:** CBJ and our tribal and community partners are pursuing all available and applicable flood fighting and flood mitigation measures for implementation as soon as possible. This includes the project to update inundation mapping. Permanent solutions could require up to 7-10 years.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** TBD, depending on location and type of mitigation activity.

**PROJECT GOAL:** Public safety, disaster preparedness, affordable housing, economic development



# Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC)



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$3M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$26.13M** (\$2M for PEL; \$2.1M CBJ; \$7M CDS; \$16.454M USDOT RAISE)

**ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$300M-\$550M** (Depending on alternative)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:

The construction of a second crossing from mainland Juneau to Douglas Island has been a priority for the community since the early 1980s. This alternative access is crucial for enhancing safety and providing redundancy in the event the Juneau-Douglas bridge becomes impassable. Currently, if the bridge were to fail or become obstructed, Douglas Island residents would be stranded, emergency services would be hindered, and access to the local hospital would be cut off. Beyond safety, the proposed Juneau Douglas North Crossing will reduce travel times to North and West Douglas and improve access to larger tracts of land suitable for housing and development.

With support from Senator Murkowski, the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) received \$7 million in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for FY23. These funds are being utilized to build on the ongoing analysis and public outreach efforts conducted through the Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) study. More information can be found at [JDNorthCrossing.com](http://JDNorthCrossing.com).

Additionally, CBJ was awarded a 2023 USDOT RAISE grant of \$16.454 million, which will fund the project through the design phase. Once a preferred alternative is selected, CBJ plans to apply for Federal Highway construction funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The requested \$3 million will be allocated for a funding gap caused by inflation that was not covered by previous funding sources.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** Through the PEL process, which is nearing completion, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in collaboration with DOWL, has conducted numerous stakeholder and public meetings, surveys, and listening sessions to gather input on public sentiment and potential project alternatives. Updates on project status, alternatives, reports, and stakeholder meetings are available at [JDNorthCrossing.com](http://JDNorthCrossing.com). Following the completion of the PEL process, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review will incorporate a comprehensive public engagement process as the preferred alternative is evaluated.

**TIMELINE:** The PEL study is anticipated to conclude by spring 2025 and then move into NEPA.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** Alaska DOT&PF

**PROJECT GOAL:** Community safety, housing, and economic development.



# Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant: Fats, Oil, Grease & Grit Removal



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$6.3M**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$6.3M**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:**

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) requires special treatment, typically prior to the treatment basin. The foam from FOG degrades plant performance at the Mendenhall Treatment Plant. This project would install a grease collection vessel with a skimmer and vortex vessel to control incoming grease and finer grit. The Mendenhall Treatment Plant is currently operating under a Compliance Order by Consent with the State due to permit violations. Removing FOG before it disrupts the treatment process will assure more consistent plant performance. This project will design and construct the FOG and grit removal equipment.

**TIMELINE:** Once funding is secured, design and construction within 30 months.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Permit compliance, reduce treatment costs, and extend the useful life of the plant.

# Telephone Hill Redevelopment

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$2M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$600,000**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: (\$10M placeholder)**



**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:** This project will prepare the roughly three acres of CBJ owned property in downtown Juneau which is adjacent to the State Office Building for redevelopment. This project will include removal of hazardous materials and environmental cleanup, potential demolition of existing structures, a redevelopment study, site preparation, utility and infrastructure upgrades, and re-subdivision. The outcome of this project will be independent buildable lots which are sized appropriately for redevelopment with infrastructure that can be utilized to maximize the density and the property will be redeveloped to meet the goals of the Assembly and the state capital.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** In fall of 2023, the City held public meetings to encourage community dialog regarding this project, followed by an online community survey in Dec 2023. The CBJ funded and consultants completed a Telephone Hill Place Guide which provides direction on redevelopment of the property. The CBJ Assembly will continue to provide the public opportunities to comment on this project. There will be opportunities for public comment to the Planning Commission and to the Assembly during all phases of redevelopment. CBJ issued a Request for Information (RFI) in Dec 2024 to better understand development feasibility on Telephone Hill. The purpose of the RFI is to solicit input from qualified developers regarding potential incentives that could be offered from the CBJ to encourage and support the development of high-density, mixed-income housing in Downtown Juneau. Responses to this RFI are expected in February 2025. Additional project information is available at [juneau.org/engineering-public-works/telephone-hill](http://juneau.org/engineering-public-works/telephone-hill).

**TIMELINE:** An inventory of utilities, property and hazards is currently underway. The Telephone Hill Place Guide which provides direction on redevelopment of the property has been reviewed by the Assembly. The property is now partially vacated and CBJ is soliciting for the development concept proposals and construction partners. Once funding is secured, demolition of existing structures will begin.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Redevelop over three (3) acres of high-density zoned property in the center of downtown Juneau for the highest use, including housing.

# Pederson Hill Housing Development



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$1M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$1.5M** (1% Voter-Approved Sales Tax)

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$5M-\$15M**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:**

The requested funding will provide for the construction of a secondary access road to the Pederson Hill Subdivision. In the past year the Assembly agreed to work with the Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) to develop the remainder of Phase 1B and 1C. With that development underway any additional development will require a second access route for public safety and emergency response. This second access is an expensive requirement which needs to be funded before any future housing units can be planned on this CBJ property. This second access will make available up to 26 acres of CBJ owned property, which is zoned for 10 housing units per acre. Once this road is constructed the land will be available for development and disposal for housing. The Assembly has expressed interest in providing land to the US Coast Guard at this location for housing.

## **PUBLIC PROCESS:**

There will be an opportunity for public comment to the Planning Commission during planning and to the Assembly during all phases of development.

**TIMELINE:** Design and alignment study have been funded and are underway. Initial results are expected in March 2025.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Housing. Increase workforce and market rate housing with further development of the CBJ owned Pederson Hill Subdivision. Make CBJ owned property available for development and disposal.

# Bartlett Emergency Department (ED) Renovation/Expansion



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$2M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$4M** (Bartlett Regional Hospital Reserves)

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$10M-\$12M**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:**

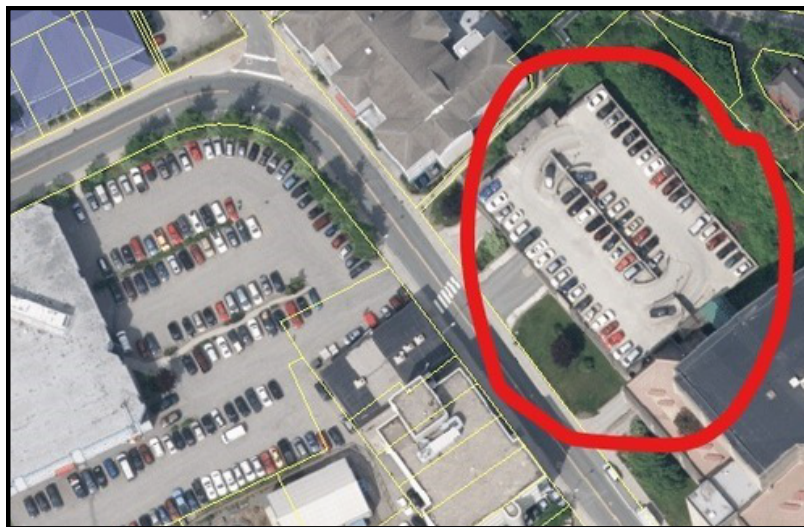
This project will expand the footprint of the existing ED, and renovate existing ED spaces, to improve patient access, patient flow, and patient and employee safety. Renovations will increase patient privacy, while mechanical and electrical upgrades will allow for new negative pressure exam space. Patients will have access to safer care, while improved space adjacencies will help ensure patients get to the appropriate level of care in a more efficient and timely manner. With other recent improvements in Bartlett's healthcare portfolio, including expanded behavioral health services and the additional of post-acute services, this project will improve medical care to the community across the healthcare continuum. This project is currently in the conceptual design stage with CBJ Engineering and Architects of Alaska. Bartlett has approximately \$4M set aside for this project, and Senator Murkowski added \$4M as Congressionally Designated Spending in the approved FY24 appropriation bill.

**TIMELINE:** Once funding is secured, design and construction completed within 18-24 months.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** Bartlett Regional Hospital

**PROJECT GOAL:** Improve access to, and the quality of emergency medical care in the community.

# Aak'w Village District Parking (Formerly N. SOB)



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$38M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$10M** (\$5M SOA; \$5M CBJ Voter Approved Sales Tax)

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$50M+**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:** Building a garage with greater capacity would expand parking for State employees, the Legislature, and the Aak'w Village District, freeing up current parking lots for development and infill. This parking garage provides parking for the State of Alaska, just North of the State Office Building. The current garage was constructed in 1974 and in need of major repairs. The initial idea was to expand the garage to almost twice the size by adding several additional floors. However, the structural investigation found the structural members to be significantly smaller than shown in the available construction plans. Options to increase parking will be more expensive than originally projected.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** This project was designated as a CBJ Legislative Priority in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

**TIMELINE:** Architect provided feasibility and cost estimate.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** TBD

**PROJECT GOAL:** State/Legislative parking, Aak'w Village District infill development.



# Juneau School District–Wide Security & Safety Upgrades



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$2M**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$2M**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:**

This project will upgrade security cameras, phone systems, secure entryways, brush clearing, perimeter lighting, emergency egress lighting, back-up generators, and secured property. This project will increase the Juneau School District's security presence, which will help to deter vandalism, theft, and other criminal activities. The security and safety of our staff, students, and community is our main priority, and with this project upgrade, the District feels that it is taking the necessary steps to bring our facilities into the technology age. The Security Upgrade project is oriented around securing our entry ways and school sites by adding systems that would slow down or deter a person from entering such as in the case of a active shooter or critical incident.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** Begin design within 3 months of available funding. 35% review (and 3% expenditure) 4 months from start; 65% review (and 5% expenditure); 9 months from start; construction begins 14 months from start (25% expenditure); construction completed 28 months from start (100% expenditure).

**TIMELINE:** A district-wide assessment will likely be completed in spring 2025. Once funding is secured, design and implementation would roll out over 18-36 months depending on facility recommendations.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** Juneau School District

**PROJECT GOAL:** Security and safety of district facilities.

# Lemon Creek Multimodal Path

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$12M**  
**AMOUNT SECURED: \$2.23M**  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$15M**



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:

The requested funding would construct a multimodal path in Lemon Creek that connects residents to schools, shopping, jobs and services. CBJ received a USDOT Reconnecting Communities planning grant for FY24 that will include robust public engagement, route selection and preliminary design. The Assembly has appropriated \$1.15M to advance design of the project as well as potential match for construction grant opportunities. The full route would connect the Glacier Highway / Vanderbilt intersection to Alaway Avenue and then on to Glacier Highway (near U-Haul). This would provide direct access to the two largest mobile home parks in the community.

CBJ also received FHWA FY23 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) supplemental planning funds for additional community planning and analysis of pedestrian, cyclist and motorist safety, and submitted an application for US EPA Community Change Grant funding to complete engineering, environmental review and construction of the first two phases of the project.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** This project has been identified as a priority by the 2017 Lemon Creek Area Plan adopted into the Comprehensive Plan. Designated as the number one Legislative Capital Priority in 2021 and 2022, and the 8th priority in 2023 and 2024.

**TIMELINE:** FY25 (ongoing) route analysis, public outreach, planning and preliminary design. Once full funding is secured, 18-24 months for design and construction.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Advance long term goal of a new non-motorized route, connect Lemon Creek to recreational opportunities in the wetlands.

# Statter Harbor Wave Attenuator

(Formerly “Auke Bay New Breakwater”)



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$5M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$1.8M** (CBJ commitment)

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: TBD (\$50M placeholder)**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:**

The requested funding would allow for the preliminary planning and design phases, including permit acquisition. This opens the opportunity for the construction of a new breakwater at the end of Statter Harbor. The current facility has reached its useful life and needs to be replaced. The new facility would allow for more moorage and provide economic stimulus to the community. CBJ would be the local sponsor for the US Army Corps of Engineers, who is federally responsible for the feasibility analysis, design and construction of the breakwater. Local match is required under federal law and is available through Docks & Harbors. Senator Murkowski has added \$500K as Congressionally Designated Spending in the FY24 appropriation bill and is awaiting Congressional action. The US Army Corps of Engineering feasibility study kicked off in September 2024. This will be a three-year planning effort which requires federal funding each year. Senator Murkowski has submitted a \$600K CDS in the FY25 Budget to continue supporting the project. CBJ Docks & Harbors has sufficient in-house match.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** Identified as a Legislative Priority for FY2023, FY2024 & FY2025.

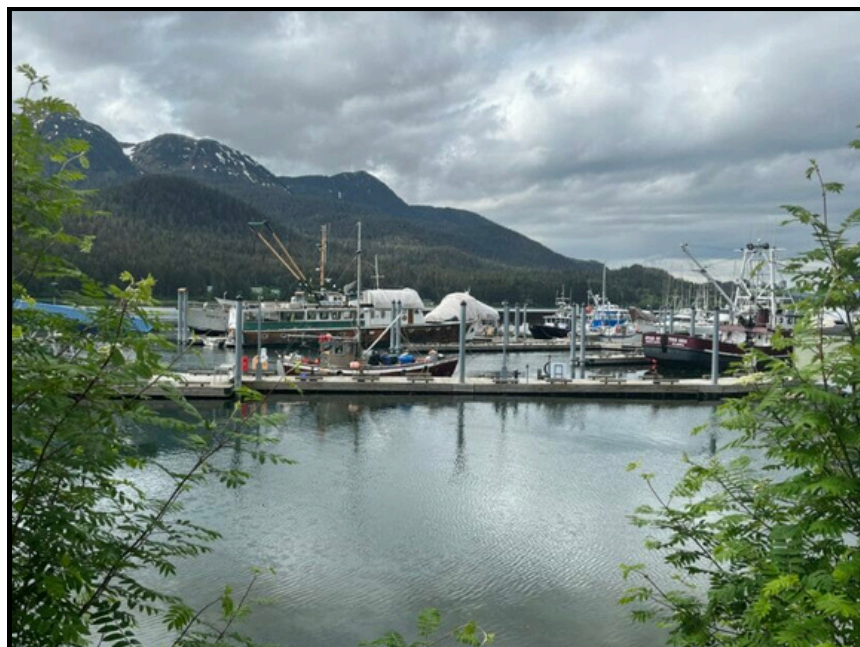
**TIMELINE:** Once funding is secured, 3 year design and construction timeline.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Increase moorage and recapitalization of aging infrastructure.



# Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float



*Aurora Harbor (Photo by Yvonne Krumrey/KTOO)*

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$1.4M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$11.1 M** MARAD PIDP Grant

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$14M**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project will build a drive down float and vehicle bridge, as well as incorporate two new 5-ton electric cranes, to serve the commercial fishing fleet and improve freight transportation. The facilities will improve safety, reduce overcrowding, and increase the efficiency of transporting goods between vessels and the road system. CBJ was awarded an FY24 MARAD PIDP grant for \$11.1M. Because the PIDP grant program requires a 20% non-federal match, Docks and Harbors is requesting \$1.4M in state funding to assist with the \$2.8M in match funding required.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** The project has received broad support from community partners including commercial fishermen, fish processors, CCTHITA and Douglas Indian Association.

**TIMELINE:** Currently in design, construction of the project is planned for completion in early 2026.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Provide a safer, more efficient method for transporting goods and supplies directly between vessels to shore.

# Shore Power at Dock 16B



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$30-40M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$10M Marine Passenger Fees**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$60-70M**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:**

The project would provide the final design and construct the electrical infrastructure (substation, feeder cables, batteries, etc.) and shore power infrastructure (submarine cables, power connection floats, cable positioning devices) at the two CBJ-owned cruise ship docks. The electrical infrastructure could also service ground transportation as it transitions to electric vehicles. The project benefits the community by improving air quality and reducing noise pollution from cruise ships that connect to shore power while hoteling in port, and by upgrading the electrical infrastructure at Juneau's waterfront. The elimination of ship GHG emissions furthers the community's climate action goals of switching from fossil fuels to renewable hydropower as well as enables the cruise lines to better meet their sustainability goals. The project benefits the tourism sector of the community.

While the full project includes two docks, the amount requested this year with the amount secured would fund the completion of one dock. CBJ plans to pursue additional grant funding for the project. CBJ continues to pursue grant funding for construction and implementation.

**TIMELINE:** Preconstruction phase to be completed by 2025. Construction phase to be completed by 2027 pending availability of funding.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Reduce emissions, improve air quality and economic development.

# Eaglecrest Employee & Tourism Workforce Housing



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$12M**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$12M**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:**

The project would develop onsite workforce housing to assist with recruitment and retention of summer and winter employees. Possibilities will exist for other summer tourism or service industry workers to be housed. As the labor market tightens and finding entry level service and ski area workers becomes increasingly difficult, the availability of housing will be critical to meeting our staffing needs. Affordable workforce housing located at Eaglecrest will help to attract the next generation of residents to Juneau and support the growth of the winter tourism economy so that it can support the conversion of summer tourism and service industry workers into more stable year around employment opportunities.

Northwind Architects was contracted to develop the designs and cost estimates for a 96 bedroom modular workforce housing unit that could be located and expanded upon at Eaglecrest. Site specific engineering will need to be performed using the current preliminary engineered design for the modular dormitory as a jumping off point.

**TIMELINE:** Once funding is secured, 18-24 month design and construction timeline.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** Eaglecrest Ski Area

**PROJECT GOAL:** Increase recruitment and retention while helping to manage tourism growth in Juneau.

# Capital Civic Center

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$5M-\$10M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$26.5M**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$45M**

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:

The Capital Civic Center will function as a multi-use civic and conference facility to enhance Juneau's prominence as a regional center for art, culture, and community engagement while attracting broad-based use and pride in Alaska's Capital City. Completion of the Capital Civic Center is envisioned in four phases. This project addresses Phases 2 and 3 only.

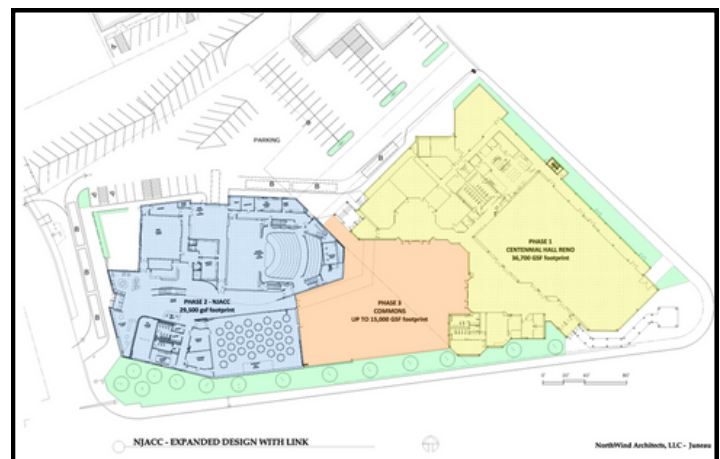
The first phase, completed in late 2023, renovated the existing ballrooms and installed new sound and HVAC systems. Phase 2 is currently under discussion and would create a standalone wing connected via corridor to Centennial Hall that includes a community hall; a 299-seat theater with raked seating, state-of-the-art lighting, and professional acoustics; a multi-use event space; and an art gallery. Demolition of Juneau's former armory will offer additional parking and improved access. Phase 3 would join Centennial Hall with the standalone wing created in Phase 2 in a large commons area. The new facility will serve as an expanded center for emergencies, including shelter in the event of a natural or maritime disaster. A future Phase 4 project would add a second floor to a portion of Centennial Hall to include several large meeting rooms.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** Conceptual studies and outreach for Centennial Hall were performed in June of 2019. Upgrades to the ballroom at Centennial Hall were completed in August 2023. The performing arts elements (new JACC) also received public input throughout the development of design for a standalone facility. Merging the two facilities into a large, single, facility was presented to the Assembly in 2020. The Assembly funded conceptual design in late 2021, appropriating \$2M to advance the project. Northwind and JYW Architects teamed up for design and worked with stakeholders to consolidate space and find design efficiencies, resulting in the newly proposed phased approach. Further parking impact analysis has been recommended as the latest plans include a loss of 49+ parking spaces.

**TIMELINE:** Once funding is secured, 3-3.5 year design and construction timeline.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Support convention, arts and visitor economy.





# Jackie Renninger Park Development & Pipeline Skatepark Improvements



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$7M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$1.075M**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8.075M**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:**

This project will implement the master plan for Jackie Renninger Memorial Park, providing much needed access to outdoor recreation and open space for Juneau's most underserved neighborhoods. This 4.6-acre parcel is home to the Pipeline Skate Park and a small public restroom. This project would ensure the surrounding neighborhood has convenient and safe access to a neighborhood park.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** In 2022 the Assembly appropriated funding to develop a master plan for Jackie Renninger Park which will be completed by the end of 2024. This process will result in a conceptual design that will be fully developed in a subsequent design phase.

**TIMELINE:** Once funding is secured, within 2 years of start date.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** To provide access to parks and outdoor recreation services for Juneau's most underserved neighborhood.

# Waterfront Juneau Douglas City Museum



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$2M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$2M** (CBJ Voter Approved Sales Tax)

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$12M**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:**

This project will construct a new museum on the waterfront to house art and other local collections. The museum will leverage its waterfront location to become a destination for visitors and locals. It will also free up the current museum adjacent to the State Capitol for expansion of the Capitol campus.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** Identified as Legislative Priority in FY2023 & FY2024.

**TIMELINE:** Once funding is secured, 2-3 year design and construction timeline.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Grow the arts in Juneau and expand the Capitol campus.

# West Douglas Extension

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$4M**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$7.5M**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:**

This project will continue construction of the gravel surface pioneer road from near the current end of the Douglas Highway to Hilda Point. The road will promote development, increase opportunities for recreational access to public lands, and enable closer access to new growth development areas that are identified in the CBJ Comprehensive Plan. Road access will assist land owners in their on-the-ground investigations required for formulating future development plans.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** West Douglas Roadway corridor alignment has been approved by Assembly and Planning Commission. This project has been identified as priority 'New Growth Area' by CBJ Comprehensive Plan and West Douglas Conceptual Plan.

**TIMELINE:** Once funding is secured, 18-24 month design and construction timeline.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Support long-term development.



# North Douglas Boat Ramp Expansion



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$250,000**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$20M**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:**

Requested funding would accomplish the first steps to expanding the North Douglas Launch Ramp Facility. These include planning, research and permitting to initiate the project.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** Docks and Harbors has solicited public input on the concept.

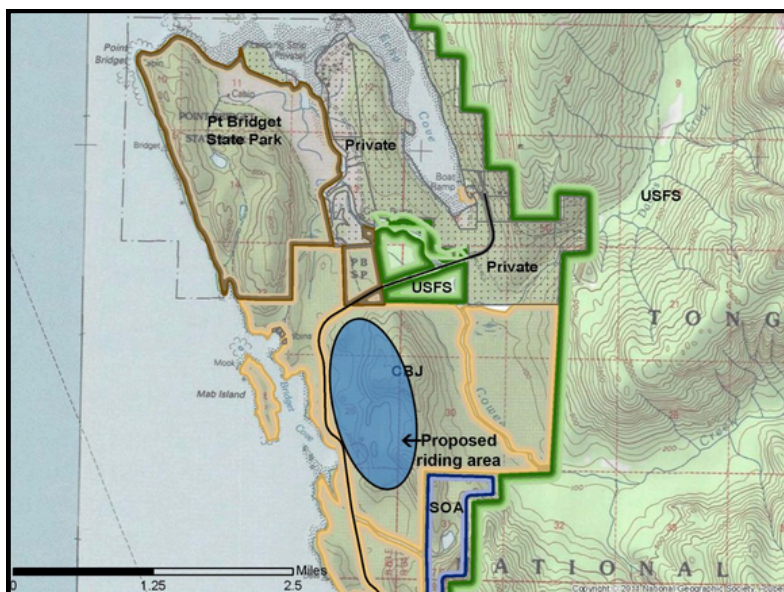
**TIMELINE:** Once funding is secured, 18-24 month design and construction timeline.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Improve safety and expand boating access & transportation.



# Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Park Development



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$5.7M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$450,000** (CBJ funds and RTP grant)

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$6M**

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:

This project will address longstanding and unmet demand for sustainable off-road vehicle (ORV) recreation, provide a venue for training opportunities, reduce damage to sensitive habitats elsewhere, and reduce user conflicts.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** A multi-year public process has been completed and design, permitting, and development of the 35-Mile ORV Riding Park is underway. This process includes stakeholders such as the Juneau Off-Road Association (JORA), Trail Mix, Inc., conservation organizations, and citizen advisory boards.

**TIMELINE:** A three year design and construction timeline is anticipated. More detailed project information available at [juneau.org/parks-recreation/project-list/entry/81872](http://juneau.org/parks-recreation/project-list/entry/81872).

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** To meet growing demand for off-road vehicle recreation, avoid user conflicts, reduce ongoing damage to sensitive resources and landscapes, and stimulate economic activity by creating new opportunities for outdoor recreation that do not currently exist in Juneau.

## Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities List

by Katie Koester, City Manager

### **Q: What are the Legislative Capital Priorities?**

A: The CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities (LCP) is a document that lays out community priorities for capital projects, including a project description, rationale for why it's needed (benefits to the community), description of progress to date (money raised, plans drawn up, etc.), and estimated total cost. For CBJ projects, additional information is provided on the timeline for completion. Facilities that have alternative funding streams are not included on this list: for example, the Airport, or projects that can be funded through Passenger Fees. See graphic on the following page for a diagram of how the different plans and lists relate to each other.

NOTE: Inclusion on the Legislative Capital Priorities is not a funding request. From CBJ's standpoint, it is a mechanism to prioritize projects and raise awareness of a needed project to increase chances of funding from various sources. Nominating a project for inclusion in the LCP should not be thought of as a request for municipal funding.

### **Q: Are the "legislative priorities" the same as the Capital Improvement Plan?**

A: No, they are a prioritized list of projects that are pulled from various CBJ plans, including the Comprehensive Plan, Area Plans, and the Six-year Capital Improvement Plan. The Legislative Priorities are "short list" of projects on which CBJ will focus particular attention during the upcoming legislative session and with the federal delegation. (The goal is to get at least partial funding for a project included in the state capital budget or federal earmark.)

CBJ's "short list" of Legislative Priorities should have a limited number of projects on it. An attempt is made to phase projects so that funding requests range in size depending on available funds and objective. For the State Legislature, project descriptions are inputted into an online system lawmakers use to prioritize funding requests (CAPSIS). These are due in February. Federal priorities are also solicited by the delegation through an online platform. The Assembly will designate projects that have a nexus with federal funding opportunities for submission to the delegation through the Legislative Priority process.

### **Q: What is a capital project?**

A: A capital project is a major, non-recurring budget item that results in a fixed asset (like a building, road, parcel of land, or major piece of equipment) with a useful life of 20-50 years. Designing and building a new library is a capital project. Planning and implementing an after-school reading program is not a capital project. Most of the projects in the LCP are CBJ projects, but some are community projects spearheaded by a non-profit organization or state or federal agency (e.g., Alaska DOT). To be included on the LCP projects must have an estimated total project cost of at least \$1,000,000.

### **Q: Is the Legislative Capital Priorities list just "wish list," and if so, what's the point of writing one?**

A: The Legislative Priorities list does include projects that are aspirational, and as such may have items that are so large or expensive, that it is hard to imagine completion in the near future. However, articulating these priorities helps guide the Assembly and the community through small steps that lead up to the larger goal and advocate towards a common goal. It will take time and discipline to keep the list an accurate and living document.

There are several reasons to include longer term projects on the Legislative Priority List, even when it seems like little progress is being made in accomplishing projects: 1) It helps focus attention on community needs. 2) It helps groups raise money for projects if the sponsor can say that the project has been identified as a community priority in the CIP. 3) Typically the more priority a municipality places on a project, the greater the chances it will receive a legislative appropriation.

## CBJ Lists, Plans and Priorities

How do the many CBJ lists of projects, plans and priorities relate to each other? This diagram shows how each document informs the one below it. The dollar signs represents the general volume of funds needed, but only the green rings are lists that come with the commitment of actual dollars.

