



SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE - CANCELLED/LACK OF QUORUM AGENDA

November 19, 2024 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/92303909454> or: 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 923 0390 9454

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the City and 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

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 22, 2024 SRRC Minutes - Draft

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

G. CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances were up for introduction on the consent agenda at [Monday night's Regular Assembly Meeting](#). A blank SRRC checklist is included in the packet if an ordinance is pulled for further discussion and committee members want to utilize that tool.

Recommended Motions:

"I move to approve the consent agenda as presented and ask for unanimous consent" OR "I move to approve the consent agenda as amended and ask for unanimous consent": [use this motion when items are pulled off consent for further discussion]

2. Legislation for Review by SRRC

Ordinance 2024-40 An Ordinance Creating a Local Improvement District No. 210 HESCO Barrier Project Phase 1 and Appropriating the Sum of up to \$7,580,000.

[2024-11-13 Koester Memo with Flood Barrier Cost Estimate](#)

[ORD 2024-40 Exhibit A 16ft inundation](#)

[ORD 2024-40 Exhibit B & C](#)

Ordinance 2024-01(b)(T) An Ordinance Appropriating \$2,500,000 to the Municipal Compost Facility Capital Improvement Project; Grant Funding Provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Ordinance 2024-01(b)(U) An Ordinance Appropriating \$125,000 to the Manager for the Parks and Playground Major Maintenance Capital Improvement Project; Grant Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

Ordinance 2024-01(b)(V) An Ordinance Appropriating \$653,520 to the Manager for the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path Capital Improvement Project; Grant Funding Provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

[Ordinance 2024-01\(b\)\(W\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$3,000,000 to the Manager for a Loan to Tower Legacy II, LLC for Creekside Apartments; Funding Provided by the Affordable Housing Fund.

[Ordinance 2024-01\(b\)\(X\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$1,000,000 to the Manager for a Loan to BroKo Holdings, LLC for 220 Front Street; Funding Provided by the Affordable Housing Fund.

[Ordinance 2024-37](#) An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Sales Tax Code Related to Definitions, a Temporary Sales Tax Registration, and Deposits by Nonresidents.

[Ordinance 2024-36](#) An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Code.

[Ordinance 2024-41](#) An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City and Borough to Change the Zoning of Mendota Park Parcel 1B, Located on Davis Avenue, from D10 to D15.

[Exhibit A - Map of Location](#)

[Notice of Recommendation \(NOR\) from Planning Commission](#) and [link to PC Meeting Material on Rezone](#)

[Ordinance 2024-42](#) An Ordinance approving the City and Borough's participation in proposed refinancings by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank of the Bond Bank's various General Obligation Bonds that provided funds to purchase various revenue bonds of the City and Borough, under loan agreements between the City and Borough and the Bond Bank; and authorizing revised schedules of principal and interest payments on the City and Borough's bonds, in accordance with the loan agreements, if the Bond Bank successfully refinances its bonds.

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I. AGENDA TOPICS

3. Draft FY2026 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities List - SRRC Pick Top 2-3 to Submit as Priorities

October 22 SRRC Packet Material - Agenda Topic: Draft FY2026 Legislative Capital Priorities List w/ Presentation

[Presentation to Commissions Fall 2024](#)

[FY2026 CBJ Legislative Priorities Board and Commission Input Requested Cover Memo](#)

[FY26 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities List DRAFT \(4\)](#)

J. STAFF REPORTS

K. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

L. NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular SRRC for Legislation Review - December 17, 2024 at Noon via Zoom

M. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

N. ADJOURNMENT

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SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES - DRAFT



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A. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Froehlich called the Systemic Racism Review Committee to order at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Read by Chair Froehlich

We would like to acknowledge that the City and 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

Present: Ephraim Froehlich, Jennifer Pemberton, Ivan Nance, Kelli Patterson, and Ana Vera Morato

Absent: John Drips

Staff/Others: Deputy Clerk Di Cathcart, Assistant Attorney Clinton Mitchell, Engineering/Public Works Director Denise Koch, Assemblymember Ella Adkison, CBJ Grants Manager Ashley Heimbigner, members of the public John Galt and Ibn Bailey.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – agenda approved as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – minutes approved as presented.

1. June 18, 2024 SRRC Minutes - Draft

2. September 17, 2024 SRRC Minutes - Draft

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

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3. Legislation for Review by SRRC

[Ordinance 2023-14\(b\)\(AS\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$985,000 to the Manager for the City and Borough of Juneau's Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Costs; Funding Provided by Airport Funds and Eaglecrest Funds.

[Ordinance 2024-01\(b\)\(O\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$86,000 to the Manager for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Capital Improvement Project; Grant Funding Provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

[Ordinance 2024-01\(b\)\(P\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$500,000 to the Manager as a Grant to Gastineau Human Services for Expanding Residential Substance Use Disorder Beds; Funding Provided by General Funds.

[Ordinance 2024-01\(b\)\(Q\)](#) An Ordinance Deappropriating \$1,000,000 of General Funds and Appropriating \$1,000,000 of Restricted Budget Reserves as Local Matching Funds for a United States Army Corps of Engineers Glacier Outburst Flooding General Investigation Study.

[Ordinance 2024-01\(b\)\(R\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$50,000 to the Manager for Maintenance of the Arboretum Manager's Residence; Funding Provided by Jensen-Olson Arboretum Endowment Funds.

[Ordinance 2024-01\(b\)\(S\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$2,000,000 to the Public Safety Communication Infrastructure Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

[Ordinance 2024-35](#) An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Lease a 400 Square Foot Portion of Land Near Crazy Horse Drive to the Federal Aviation Administration for the Purpose of Continued Placement of Weather Monitoring Equipment. [Exhibit A - MAP](#)

Assistant City Attorney Clinton Mitchell read the ordinance titles into the record and gave a summary of each ordinance. Chair Froehlich asked committee members if they had any ordinances they wished to pull for further discussion.

Chair Froehlich asked if 2024-01(b)(S) is just appropriating funds from DOJ and applying it to the capital improvement project; Mr. Mitchell stated that Chair Froehlich was correct.

MOTION: by Ms. Morato to pull Ordinance 2024-01(b)(O) and Ordinance 2024-01(b)(P) for further discussion and to approve the consent agenda as amended and asked for unanimous consent. **Hearing no objection, motion passed.**

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Chair Froehlich, how do we know grant funds are going to a specific project such as the Lemon Creek multi modal path or the grant to Gastineau Human Services.

Ms. Koch, appreciate the SRRC pointing these things out. When you apply for these grants, you have to be specific on where those funds will be used in order to be awarded. There is strong oversight of the federal grant being applied for in addition to the review done at the boards and commissions and Assembly level.

Mr. Nance asked, how does the public know how money is being spent, what projects are currently happening and who the project manager is.

Ms. Cathcart shared her screen to show the committee the link to the Engineering webpage that lists all CBJ projects and who the contact for each of those projects is.

MOTION: by Ms. Morato to move Ordinance 2024-01(b)(O) forward to the full Assembly for action with the following comment added to the Manager's Report for this ordinance: *the SRRC strongly encourages CBJ to take an active approach, especially where accessibility and outreach is concerned and to make sure they are receiving public participation and input from the most impacted residents in the Lemon Creek area, including community meetings in the neighborhoods that are impacted the most.* **Hearing no objection, motion passed.**

MOTION: by Ms. Pemberton to move Ordinance 2024-01(b)(P) to the full assembly for action. *Hearing no objection motion passed.*

I. AGENDA TOPICS

4. Draft FY2026 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities List - Overview & Process Presentation by E/PW Director Denise Koch

Ms. Koch gave an overview of the legislative capital priorities background and process noting that this committee will have a chance for a second review prior to the priorities moving forward to the Assembly. At the next SRRC meeting the committee should provide a letter of recommended priorities from the SRRC to Ms. Koch for inclusion in the material going before the Assembly.

For review at the next SRRC meeting the committee requested demographics of the area for the legislative capital priorities project that relates specifically to the flood.

J. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Cathcart notified the committee that there are multiple CBJ property re-zones scheduled for tonight's Planning Commission meeting if any committee members were interested in listening in.

Please respond via email if any of the dates listed work for the committee to hold a worksession, Tuesday 11/5, 11/12 or 11/26 at Noon via Zoom.

K. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Welcome Assemblymember Adkison as the new SRRC Assembly Liaison.

L. NEXT MEETING DATE - Noon via Zoom

Regular SRRC for Legislation Review - Tuesday, November 19, 2024

M. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS - None

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Systemic Racism Review Committee Legislation Review Summary

Serial Number/Title:

Introduced: _____ Public Hearing Date: _____ SRRC Review Date: _____

Presented By: _____ Drafted By: _____

Department/Division: _____ Lead Staff Contact: _____

Purpose of Legislation (background/summary of intent):

Connection to existing legislation:

Connection to adopted planning documents:

*****BELOW IS FOR SRRC MEMBERS TO COMPLETE*****

Step One: What is the impact of the proposed legislation?

a. Does the proposed legislation negatively impact or unduly advantage a particular racial/ethnic group or otherwise perpetuate systemic racism?
If No, review is completed. If yes, go on to the next question:

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b. Does the legislation work to mitigate and/or eliminate structural racism
If Yes, review is completed. If No, or Undetermined, continue through the remaining steps.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Step Two: How does the legislation perpetuate systemic racism?

- a. What are potential unintended consequences?
- b. What benefits may result?
- c. What is the potential long term impact of the proposed legislation?

Details: _____

d. What quantitative and qualitative evidence of inequality exists?

Details: _____

- e. What steps has the department or legislation sponsor taken to notify those impacted proposed changes?
- f. Have key stakeholders who could be potentially impacted by the proposed legislation been engaged?

Details:

- g. Has public input been received?
- h. If public comment has been received, what is the substance of that comment?

Details:

Step Three: Who is affected by the Proposed Legislation?

- a. Who are the impacted group(s)?
 - White Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Asian Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Two or more races Other
- b. Are there impacts on specific geographic areas?

Race Considerations - Total Community is 69.7% White Only - 30.3% Minority						Economic Considerations	
Census Tract/Block Groups	Minority Pop.	Census Tract/Block Groups	Minority Pop.	Census Tract/Block Groups	Minority Pop.	Elementary School Boundaries	
CT 1: Auke Bay/Out the Road		CT 3: Mendenhall Valley Airport/ East Valley		CT 5: Downtown		Gastineau	Title 1
BG1: Out the road	11.9%	BG1: N. of Jennifer	42.5%	BG 1: Highlands	20.6%	Harborview	Title 1
BG2: Lena area	15.5%	BG 2: Glacier Valley	39.8%	BG2: DT/Starr Hill	24.8%	Glacier Valley	Title 1
BG3: Montanna Creek	14.5%	BG 3: Airport	40.8%	BG 3: Flats/Village	30.8%	Mendenhall River	
BG4: Fritz Cove area	10.1%	BG 4: Radcliffe	24.6%			Riverbend	Title 1
						Auke Bay	
CT 2: Mendenhall Valley with the Loop		CT 4: Salmon Creek/Lemon Creek		CT 5: Douglas Island		Lower Income Housing Areas	
BG1: Mendenhall Taki	27.8%	BG 1: DZ/Freds	60.9%	BG 1: North Douglas	15.9%	Chinook/Coho	
BG2: Upper Riverside	23.1%	BG 2: Davis	45.0%	BG 2: West Juneau	28.0%	Cedar Park Area	
BG 3: Portage/McGinr	33.7%	BG 3: Belardi Costco	63.8%	BG 3: Crow Hill/ DT D	27.6%	Gruening Park Area	
BG 4: Long Run	19.6%	BG 4: Twin Lakes	25.9%			Switzer Area	
BG 5:Glacierwood/Vir	41.2%					Kodzhoff Area	
						Douglas Hwy Corridor	

- c. Is there a benefit to a specific census block district/neighborhood/school zone?
If Yes, does it come at the detriment of another?

YES	NO

Details:

- d. Is there a benefit to an individual, group of individuals, or business/organization?
If yes, does that come at a detriment of others?

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Details:

Step Four: What solutions could remedy the legislation’s implications in perpetuating systemic racism? Check all that apply:

Recommend additional public input be gathered (Neighborhood/census block meetings, assembly/ committee meetings)

	Recommend that the legislation move forward with accountability measures (sunset provisions/annual review of impacts/implications for systemic racism.) to monitor impact.
	Propose revised language to strengthen the legislation or the regulations cross-referenced within the proposed legislation.
	Recommend the proposed legislation not move forward.
	Other: (explain)

Step Five: Further Feedback to the Assembly on systemic racism implications

The SRRC will forward to the Assembly any additional questions that arose during the legislation review that the committee feels may be important for the Assembly to consider.

If a systemic racism implication is identified, the SRRC will provide a written report to the Assembly that includes consideration of the provisions below:

- What are the indicators and progress benchmarks?
- Program strategies?
- Policy Strategies?
- Partnership Strategies?

City & Borough of Juneau - Leg Priorities Nominations & Support

Section I, Item 3.

Board or Commission	Project Description	Support of Existing FY25 Priority or New?	Request	Total Cost
Juneau Commission on Sustainability	#1 - Shore Power at Dock 16B	Support – Rank #14	\$30-40M	\$60-\$70M
Juneau Commission on Sustainability	#2 - Mendenhall Wastewater Treat. Plant Compliance: Fat, Oil, Grease (FOG) Removal	Support – Rank #4	\$6.3M	\$6.3M
Juneau School District	JSD Wide Security and Safety Upgrades	Support – Rank #13	\$2M	\$2M
Planning Commission	#1 – Glacier Outburst Flood Response, Mitigation, and Preparedness	New	\$3-\$100M	TBD
Planning Commission	#2 - Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC)	Support – Rank #1	\$3M	\$300 - \$550M
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee	#1 – Jackie Renninger Park	Support – Rank #19	\$7M	\$8.075M
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee	#2 – Lemon Creek Multimodal Path	Support – Rank #8	\$13M	\$16M
Historic Resources Advisory Committee	#1 – Waterfront Juneau-Douglas City Museum	Support – Rank #16	\$2M	\$12M
Historic Resources Advisory Committee	#2 – Telephone Hill Redevelopment	Support – Rank #2	\$2M	\$10M+
Docks & Harbors*	#1 - Statter Harbor Wave Attenuator (formerly “Auke Bay New Breakwater”)	Support – Rank #18	\$5M	\$50M+
Docks & Harbors*	#2 – Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float	New	\$1.4M	\$14M

As of 11/15/2024, *Priorities discussed and approved by UAB, but pending formal adoption.



Juneau Commission on Sustainability

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October 25, 2024

To: Denise Koch, Director, CBJ Engineering & Public Works

From: Nick Waldo, Chair, Juneau Commission on Sustainability

Subject: FY 2026 CBJ Legislative Priorities

The Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS) appreciates this opportunity to provide comments on the City and Borough of Juneau FY2026 Legislative Capital Priorities. In addition to the two funding-ready projects identified below, JCOS would like to flag two upcoming issues which may emerge as key funding requests in the near future: flood response and solid waste management. Currently, JCOS respects the importance of flood response as a public safety and affordable housing issue, but the capital request is not within our purview of sustainability. As specific plans are proposed, we may comment on relevant details of the response. The other issue which is not ready for our comments yet is solid waste management. CBJ has commissioned a Solid Waste Disposal study to be completed in February 2025 and JCOS will issue comments as appropriate at the time, which may include significant allocation of capital.

The projects which JCOS is currently prepared to support are:

- **Shore Power at Dock 16B.** \$20M. Cruise ship dock electrification has been a long-time JCOS priority to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air and water pollution created by the burning of fossil fuels while ships are docked in Juneau. We have supported CBJ in applications for federal grants as well and would like to see all avenues of funding pursued until this project is complete. As cruise ships will pay for energy, this project is economically sustainable as well as environmentally.
- **Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant: Fats, Oil, Grease & Grit Removal.** \$6.3M. Properly functioning water and wastewater treatment plants are the single most important piece of environmental infrastructure which municipalities operate. Improving the performance of our plant will protect the health of the Mendenhall Wetlands, a critical wildlife habitat and recreational area. The operation of the plant is non-negotiable, so addressing maintenance and performance concerns early will save money in the long-term by avoiding emergency repairs at a later date.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.



Planning Commission

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155 Heritage Way • Juneau, AK 99801

From: Mandy Cole, Planning Commission Chair

To: Denise Koch, Engineering & Public Works

Re: FY25 Legislative Projects Recommendation

The Planning Commission reviewed projects from the FY 2026 CBJ Capital Priority List and determined two priorities:

- 1) Glacier Outburst Flood Response, Mitigation, and Preparedness**
- 2) Second Channel Crossing**

We appreciate the opportunity to provide context to these priorities.

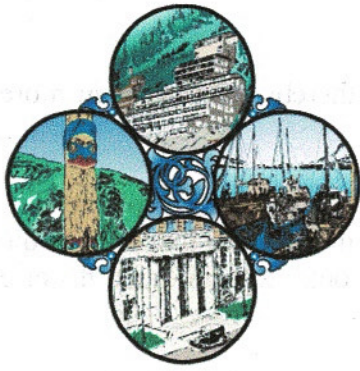
Glacier Outburst Flood Response

The Planning Commission recognizes the extraordinary efforts made by homeowners/renters, the City and Borough of Juneau, and State and Federal agencies and advocates. We can only add that the work of the Planning Commission, and the stability of our larger community, is contingent upon managing the risk we face with regard to glacial flooding.

Second Channel Crossing

Progress has been made on this project, and the Commission encourages the City to continue to raise money and awareness. The link will provide redundancy, emergency access, development, and recreational opportunities. In considering priorities, our Commission discussion highlighted the outsized impact a Second Crossing would have on the future development of our community.

City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska Historic Resources Advisory Committee



Chair, Gary Gillette, Architect
Vice Chair, Dorene Lorenz, At Large
Jerrick Hope-Lang, Knowledgeable of Tlingit and Haida Culture
Cheryl Jebe, At Large
Recorder, Shannon Crossley, Architectural Historian
Steve Winker, At Large
Robin Brenner, At Large

October 19, 2024

Subject: FY2026 CBJ Legislative Capital Priority List

Denise Koch, Engineering and Public Works Director,

The Juneau Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) has received your request for committee review of the FY2026 CBJ Legislative Capital Priority List. On October 2, 2024, HRAC held a public meeting at which time the Capital Priority List was reviewed and discussed. HRAC members determined there were two projects on the list that are pertinent to the committee’s role to advise on historic resources in the community. HRAC offers the following comments and recommendations:

Waterfront Juneau-Douglas City Museum

HRAC strongly supports the pursuit of a new city museum. Preserving and protecting Juneau’s history and historical objects is of vital importance for our community. The current facility was not designed as a museum and lacks critical components to adequately exhibit and store valuable and vulnerable artifacts and archival documents.

The basement level of the current museum building, which is used for storage of artifacts, artwork, and archival materials, experiences water intrusion seriously compromising the effort to protect historic materials. Proposed solutions to address this situation would not fully solve the issue and be extremely costly, reduce an already very limited storage area, and is subject to failure over time as there is inadequate drainage around the building. Further, the current HVAC system in the building was an add-on and does not meet recognized museum standards for protection of historical materials.

HRAC recommends pursuit of legislative funding assistance for a new city museum.

Telephone Hill Redevelopment

Numerous times in the past, HRAC has recommended saving the historic buildings on Telephone Hill. For over one hundred years these buildings have provided critical housing stock to our community. These houses are some of the oldest buildings in Juneau. Once they are lost, they cannot be replaced. The Assembly owes the community to make a serious effort to evaluate these buildings for rehabilitation.

A city commissioned Construction Conditions Survey executed a limited assessment of the buildings on Telephone Hill. The study concluded, “At a minimum, the homes need to be remodeled and retrofitted. Unless the building is saved as a historic building, it is likely not economically feasible for CBJ to own or rent the property (emphasis added).” The Assembly has not advocated owning or renting these housing

units. Historic buildings may find relief of some building code provisions thereby making them more feasible for rehabilitation in a comprehensive redevelopment plan.

Another city commissioned study analyzed the market and feasibility of new housing on Telephone Hill. The result concluded substantial financial assistance would be required from the city and that 24% of the housing units would need to be short term rentals for the project to “pencil out.” Rehabilitated historic houses have proven to be a very popular short-term rental option.

The study suggested increasing the height of new buildings to nine stories requiring a change in structural materials from wood to steel, thus adding cost to the project. Wood construction technology has improved over the years making mid to high rise structures more feasible. These alternate wood technologies, known as mass timber construction methods, should be investigated as they would allow taller buildings to reach the same number of units at the site. This option may allow the historic buildings to remain and be developed for short term rentals or other options.

The legislative request indicates the funds would be “used for removal of hazardous materials and environmental cleanup; demolition of existing structures; a redevelopment study; site preparation; utility and infrastructure upgrades; and re-subdivision.” It seems premature to demolish the buildings until a comprehensive redevelopment study is completed.

HRAC recommends that “demolition of the existing structures” be removed from the scope of work until such time a full assessment of the existing buildings is undertaken, and a comprehensive redevelopment study is completed. A comprehensive redevelopment study should include various property ownership scenarios, use of newer wood technology construction methods, and rehabilitation of historic properties for use as short term rentals, professional office space, or boutique restaurants as several private property owners have successively done in Juneau.

HRAC appreciates your thoughtful consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely, for the Juneau Historic Resources Advisory Committee.



Gary Gillette, HRAC Chair

cc: Ashley Heimbigner, CBJ Engineering

From: [Annie Carroll](#)
To: [Ashley Heimbigner](#)
Cc: [George Schaaf](#); [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Subject: RE: Legislative Capital Priorities: Comments Due Oct 25
Date: Friday, October 25, 2024 4:49:21 PM
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Hello Ashley,

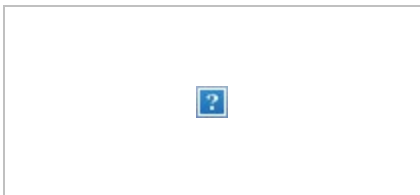
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The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee formally support the Jackie Renninger Park Development & Pipeline Skatepark Improvements Project and the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path Project as their top two projects for inclusion on the Legislative Capital Priority list.

I apologize, the attached memo with instructions regarding how to submit comments was lost as your email make its way to me. I hope that this is a clear depiction of the PRAC's decision but please let me know if you need clarification or a more formal recommendation.

Best,

Annie Carroll (she/her)
Administrative Assistant
Parks & Recreation
Ph: 907-586-5226



From: Ashley Heimbigner <ashley.heimbigner@juneau.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:56 AM
Cc: Denise Koch <Denise.Koch@juneau.gov>
Subject: RE: Legislative Capital Priorities: Comments Due Oct 25

Good morning, Chairs and Staff Liaisons for CBJ Boards and Commissions,

This is a reminder that comments and recommendations for the FY26 Legislative Capital Priorities list are requested by **October 25, 2024**. Please see the original email below from

Denise Koch for more details.

Thank you to all that have already submitted FY26 recommendations, please reach out if you have any questions regarding the list or the process.

All best,
Ashley

Ashley Heimbigner | Grants Manager

[Engineering & Public Works](#) | City & Borough of Juneau, AK

Location: 230 S. Franklin Street, 3rd Floor Marine View Building

Office: 907.586.0800 ext. 4173

From: Denise Koch <Denise.Koch@juneau.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 12:22 PM
Cc: Ashley Heimbigner <ashley.heimbigner@juneau.gov>
Subject: Legislative Capital Priorities: Comments Due Oct 25

Dear Chairs and Staff Liaisons for CBJ Boards and Commissions,

Your board or commission is invited to comment on CBJ's Annual Legislative Capital Priorities list. (See the adopted [FY25 list here](#).) Comment is not mandatory. However, your board or commission may want to comment on a project that is particularly important to you.

- Please send any comments to me and Ashley Heimbigner by **October 25, 2024**.
- Comments should reflect the will of the body and be officially adopted in a public meeting.
 - Any board and commission comments will be shared with the Assembly in advance of that body ranking and adopting a final list.
- Please see the memo attached for further instructions regarding how to submit comments and/or suggest a new project.
- Please also consider recommending projects for removal from the list, in addition to your recommendations of support for your top two projects.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Please e-mail Ashley or me with any questions on the process.

Sincerely
Denise Koch

Director, Engineering & Public Works

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I apologize, the attached memo with instructions regarding how to submit comments was lost as your email make its way to me. I hope that this is a clear depiction of the PRAC’s decision but please let me know if you need clarification or a more formal recommendation.

Best,

Annie Carroll (she/her)
Administrative Assistant
Parks & Recreation
Ph: 907-586-5226



From: Ashley Heimbigner <ashley.heimbigner@juneau.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:56 AM
Cc: Denise Koch <Denise.Koch@juneau.gov>
Subject: RE: Legislative Capital Priorities: Comments Due Oct 25

Good morning, Chairs and Staff Liaisons for CBJ Boards and Commissions,

This is a reminder that comments and recommendations for the FY26 Legislative Capital Priorities list are requested by **October 25, 2024**. Please see the original email below from

Denise Koch for more details.

Thank you to all that have already submitted FY26 recommendations, please reach out if you have any questions regarding the list or the process.

All best,
Ashley

Ashley Heimbigner | Grants Manager

[Engineering & Public Works](#) | City & Borough of Juneau, AK

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From: Denise Koch <Denise.Koch@juneau.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 12:22 PM
Cc: Ashley Heimbigner <ashley.heimbigner@juneau.gov>
Subject: Legislative Capital Priorities: Comments Due Oct 25

Dear Chairs and Staff Liaisons for CBJ Boards and Commissions,

Your board or commission is invited to comment on CBJ's Annual Legislative Capital Priorities list. (See the adopted [FY25 list here](#).) Comment is not mandatory. However, your board or commission may want to comment on a project that is particularly important to you.

- Please send any comments to me and Ashley Heimbigner by **October 25, 2024**.
- Comments should reflect the will of the body and be officially adopted in a public meeting.
 - Any board and commission comments will be shared with the Assembly in advance of that body ranking and adopting a final list.
- Please see the memo attached for further instructions regarding how to submit comments and/or suggest a new project.
- Please also consider recommending projects for removal from the list, in addition to your recommendations of support for your top two projects.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Please e-mail Ashley or me with any questions on the process.

Sincerely
Denise Koch

Director, Engineering & Public Works

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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE **DRAFT** MINUTES



October 01, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Zoom Webinar

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Ryan O'Shaughnessy, Josh Anderson, Ren Scott, Kaasáank' Andrew Williams, Danika Swanson, Emma Van Nes, Paulette Schirmer

Absent: Charles Westmoreland, Portland Sarantopoulos

Staff Present: George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director; Lauren Verrelli, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director; Annie Carroll, Parks & Recreation Staff Liaison

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Anderson to approve the agenda with the addition of the Legislative Capital Priorities red folder item. *No objections were heard, and the agenda was approved.*

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from September 3, 2024

Ms. Schirmer noted correction was needed to remove extraneous entry labeled "F = move" on page 5 And Mr. O'Shaughnessy noted correction is needed to the spelling of his last name on Page 3.

MOTION by Ms. Schirmer to approve the minutes as amended. *No objections were heard, and the minutes were approved.*

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2. October 1st Director's Report

G. NEW BUSINESS

3. JOA Painting Endowment— Presented by G. Schaaf

Mr. Schaaf explains that the Jensen-Olson Arboretum is a wonderful asset to the community and the only endowed facility that we have. Proceeds from the endowment fund and support the operation of the Arboretum In addition to general fund support from CBJ. He explains that currently a window replacement project is underway as a part of the deferred maintenance capital improvement program for the city and initially painting was to be included. Unfortunately, painting does not rise to the same level of priority as the window replacement and there was not enough money to include the painting job. Logically it makes the most sense to undertake both projects simultaneously to limit the amount of disruption on the property. He then asks the PRAC for their recommendation on whether to use endowment proceeds for this project.

Mr. Anderson asks if there are any other maintenance issues or problems at the arboretum. Mr. Schaaf answers that there was some substantial work completed at the arboretum recently in the sunroom and restroom in the managers residence. He adds that that work and this proposed job will take care of the most immediate needs of the facility, however there is interest in finishing the interior of the garage and painting the outside. Ms. Verrelli states that the residence is in the middle of the arboretum and is a

focal point so these improvements will add refinement to the property. She also confirms that she is not aware of any other big projects for the arboretum.

Ms. Van Nes asks if there is any update on the ADA accessible path planned for the facility grounds. Ms. Verrelli answers that the path has been completed and a ribbon cutting was held the previous weekend for the path which stretches from the greenhouse towards the apple tree courtyard area. Across the lawn.

MOTION by Ms. Schirmer for the PRAC to recommend that the department approve the use of the unrestricted funds from the Jensen-Olsen Arboretum Endowment Fund to repaint the residence at the arboretum. *No objections were heard, and the motion passed.*

4. **RED FOLDER - Legislative Capital Priorities**— Presented by G. Schaaf

Mr. Schaaf began by explaining that this is a relatively new part of the budget process, within the last 3 years. It is an effort to try to provide a unified front for the city, going to the State Legislature into the Congressional delegation to seek designated and appropriate funds rather than have every department pursue different funding opportunities for major projects. The departments are asked to propose projects, then the citizen advisory boards for the various departments are also asked to provide comment and input. He specifically mentions 3 projects on the list directly concerning Parks & Rec including the Lemon Creek multimodal path, 35 mile off Road vehicle park, and the Jackie Renninger Memorial Park renovation projects. He asks PRAC to come to a decision on their top 2 recommended projects to share with the Engineering & Public Works department by October 25.

Ms. Swanson asked if the results of the October 1 Regular Municipal Election would impact the funding of certain projects on the Legislative Capital Priorities list? Mr. Schaaf answered that it most likely would, but that that would not change their inclusion on the list.

Ms. Swanson, Mr. Kaasáank', and Ms. Schirmer all discussed the immediate need for Glacial Outburst Flood Response, Mitigation & Preparedness. Mr. O'Shaughnessy asked where the responsibility lies, and if it would be more appropriate for the PRAC to put forward endorsements for Parks & Recreation related projects. Mr. Kaasáank' also asked if it would be best to support Parks & Recreation projects and go in that direction. Mr. O'Shaughnessy says that if they are to conduct a poll, they should be free to vote for anything, but that he feels the committee's purview is for Parks and Recreation related projects and that he would very much like to see this body put forward Priorities related to the department. Ms. Schirmer noted that that was the direction the committee followed the last time they voted on the Legislative Capital Priorities list.

Mr. Anderson shares that he is going to champion the ORV, as it has been coming for a long time and he would like to continue to move it towards the goal line. He adds that the Lemon Creek project has been in the works for a long time, and he would like to stay consistent and keep these projects moving forward. Mr. O'Shaughnessy agrees with Mr. Anderson's point and says he too would like to see these projects get a little bit of help to proceed.

Ms. Van Nes states that she agrees the ORV park is important but notes that Jackie Renninger Park is in an underserved part of Juneau, and she would like to see it prioritized as well as the Lemon Creek multimodal path. She adds that the path would increase safety for those biking from downtown to the valley. Ms. Scott agrees and says that both are in underserved areas of town and that she would especially like to see forward movement on the project due to safety concerns.

Mr. Kaasáank' shares that he would like to put forward the Jackie Renninger Project and the ORV park. He says that the Lemon Creek project is of less interest to him as he sees it as more of a service to tourists who stop there to watch the eagles. He says CBJ had been very remiss in offering good solutions

for entertainment to locals, especially in underserved areas. He adds that the ORV park is of interest as he has seen locals pushed out of areas where they were previously allowed to ride off road vehicles due to tourism.

Ms. Swanson shares that she lives near the Lemon Creek Area and has never considered the path project as anything to do with tourists, and that she believes it is a safety issue for the many people walking and biking near traffic. She also mentioned that she was at Jackie Renninger 2 weeks ago cleaning up needles, so she would put that project as a top priority as well even though all three projects have such good merit. Mr. Kaasáank shares that he and his grandson also encountered needles near Floyd Dryden and that this issue is widespread so it should not which way they proceed based on that issue alone. He adds that the design of projects such as the Lemon Creek path should consider providing a place for disposal of needles.

Ms. Swanson in beginning to respond to Mr. Kaasáank notes that they have yet to be introduced and asks for his name. Mr. Kaasáank introduces himself and shares that his english name is Andrew Williams and his Tribal name, and preferred name is Kaasáank and he is an Eagle of the Kaagwaantaan clan and a child of the T'akdeintaan. He shares a bit about his family's history in Juneau, and notes that he works for the State of Alaska as a Database Specialist II, is a council member of the Juneau Tlingit Community Council, and has worked with the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida for over 15 years. Ms. Swanson thanks him for the introduction and says she looks forward to meeting in person. She adds that she would like to clarify her point about needles, stating that it is not her hang up as she works with a lot of at-risk youth and knows that they often go to hang out at Jackie Renninger. She says she would like it if they had a better lit, safer place to hang out. Mr. Kaasáank says that he has the same ambitions to try and help the neighborhood, and he doesn't want to see these issues discourage people from getting involved in public sports and going to public spaces.

Ms. Schirmer brings attention to the Capital Civic Center project and asks if it is directly related to Parks & Recreation as well. Mr. Schaaf shares that Parks and Recreation is responsible for the Centennial Hall Facility and though it is managed by the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council. From an immediate operational and programming standpoint he says it would not affect Parks & Recreation because they are only involved in the basic maintenance of the building. Ms. Schirmer shares that she can get behind the Lemon Creek, and ORV Park projects. She says Lemon Creek is a high priority because it will increase safety for people who bike alongside the road.

After hearing everyone's priorities Mr. Anderson and Mr. O'Shaughnessy report that there is 4 in favor of the ORV park, 6 in favor of the Lomen Creek Multimodal Path, and 4 in favor of the Jackie Renninger Project. With that they decide to push forward the Lemon Creek Project and put the other 2 projects to vote to break the tie. Mr. O'Shaughnessy and Mr. Anderson both vote for the ORV Park and Ms. Swanson, Ms. Scott, Ms. Schirmer, Ms. Van Nes, and Mr. Kaasáank all vote in favor of the Jackie Renninger Project.

MOTION by Ms. Anderson for the PRAC to endorse the Jackie Renninger Park Project and the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path projects from the Legislative Capital Priorities list. *No objections were heard, and the motion passed.*

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Schaaf Updated the PRAC on the departments efforts to make the Marie Drake and Floyd Dryden gyms available to the public. He acknowledges that there is lots of interest in community access to the gyms, especially for pickleball. He said that the gyms which have recently been emptied have numerous maintenance needs and the department must make them clean and safe before offering them for

reservations. The facilities will soon be added to CivicRec, the department’s recreation management software. He shares that they plan to use existing funding for this fiscal year to fill temporary positions to staff the facilities beginning in the new year. He adds that the community wants additional programming in these facilities. It’s probably going to take an increment request to the Assembly to the department’s budget to be able to really operate and manage at that level.

Ms. Swanson asked Mr. Schaaf if he could give an update on what the department is doing for pickleball. Mr. Schaaf answers that the department is still working to make improvements to the outdoor courts of the Adair Kennedy Memorial Park and issuing a small contract with a landscape design firm to solidify measurements for the courts and come up with a striping plan that will work for tennis and pickleball players at the park and can be started this next summer

Mr. Kaasáank' asked what the focus of the newly acquired facilities will be, and Mr. Schaaf answered that the community has been vocal about a desire for more indoor gym space to the to the point where last year, they were proposing potentially a 19-million-dollar community center to try to fill that gap. The spaces could be used for dry land programming for activities, meeting spaces, or court sports like pickleball and volleyball. Ms. Verrelli Added that having an option for private rentals at these facilities would be beneficial to the community, however she acknowledges that staffing needs must be met first.

Mr. Schaaf shares with the PRAC that several representatives from the department attended the Alaska Recreation and Park Association (ARPA) recently. He shares that he serves as the Treasurer for ARPA and that the Juneau Pools Aquatics Manager Terra Patterson was recently appointed to aboard seat. He says that the conference offers a great training opportunity for recreation professionals, and shares that for the next 2 years it will be held in Valdez. From a project updates standpoint he shares that the Adair Kennedy Memorial Park softball and baseball field has recently been updated with new artificial turf and the dugouts are currently being worked on. Additionally, Partners at The Department of Transportation have made great progress towards the bridge replacement on the Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei Trail and that it will be wrapped up this fall.

J. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Anderson shares that the youth activities board will be meeting next week, and that he looks forward to sharing an update after that.

Ms. Swanson shares that Trail Mix has completed work on the Perseverance Trail. She also adds that the Auction this year will have a true auctioneer for their dinner which will be held November 23, with tickets going on sale soon. She invites anyone interested in helping to reach out to Trail Mix to get involved.

K. NEXT MEETING DATE – November 5, 2024

L. ADJOURNMENT With no further business to discuss the committee meeting adjourned at 6:24pm

Respectfully submitted by Annie Carroll on 11/01/2024.

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Page 2: Project Eligibility

Q1 **Yes**

Does the proposed project represent a major, nonrecurring expense with a total project cost over \$1M?

Q2 **Yes**

Will the proposed project result in a fixed asset (land, major equipment, building or other structure, road or trail) with an anticipated lifespan of at least twenty years?

Q3 **Yes**

Will the project provide broad community benefit?

Page 3: Project Information

Q4
 Project Title (Please ensure title is consistent with other CBJ plans and documents.)

Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float

Q5
 Brief Project Summary (1-2 sentences)

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.

Q6
 Physical Location of Project

Aurora Harbor

Q7

Detailed Project Description Benefit(In 300 words or less, describe the project, including specific features, stages of construction, etc. Explain how the project will benefit the community. What sector/s of the community will this project benefit? Are there any green or sustainability elements to the project?)

Docks & Harbors seeks to update current infrastructure and expand facilities at Aurora Harbor to support CBJ's growing maritime sector. This sector is a major driver of CBJ's economy; Juneau contributes to the regional and national economy through the distribution of seafood and seasonal employment of numerous local and out-of-state workers. The Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float project will provide critically important improvements to serve the transportation needs of the seafood industry in Juneau. The proposed project holds great potential for job creation, business opportunities, and environmental impact by providing a more efficient method for transferring goods and reducing harbor congestion and carbon dioxide emissions by decreasing travel miles. This, in turn, can lead to a more sustainable and prosperous future for commercial and recreational user groups alike. The marine facility this project seeks to improve is relied on heavily by the commercial fishing industry yet is inadequate to meet the needs of local and regional fishermen. Located in downtown Juneau, the proposed project site is located between Harris and Aurora Harbors. The existing facilities in the project area consist of the crane dock, a rock-filled sheet pile bulkhead with a concrete apron, fender piles, and two hydraulic cranes facing into a small vessel basin. There is also a small float and gangway for fishermen to transport goods. These facilities are collectively known as the Fisheries Terminal. The crane dock faces a persistent issue of overcrowding, which poses difficulties for fishermen who have to manually ascend a steep 27-foot long ladder from their vessels to the fixed dock. The Aurora Harbor Project will address these issues by providing a drive down float with two additional cranes to support more efficient operations. It will also service other industry vehicles, such as ambulances, tourism, and semi truck with shipping container, for the transportation of goods and services to better enhance the local community and economy.

Q8

Project Plans and ProgressIn one or two paragraphs, describe what has been accomplished so far (if anything). This may include a feasibility study, conceptual design, final design/engineering/permitting, fundraising activities, and/or total funds raised to date.

An application for a MARAD PIDP grant as a rural, small project at a small port has been submitted. This means that the Federal share of the funding may exceed 80% of the total funding, although this is not guaranteed. CBJ Docks and Harbors recognizes the competitive nature of the PIDP grant program, and can match 20% or \$2.8M of local match.

Q9

Project SupportIs the project supported in CBJ or other Area plans? If so, list where the project is mentioned in planning documents. This could include CBJ plans such as the Comprehensive Plan, or regional planning documents like the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

The project has received broad support from our partners including commercial fishermen, fish processors, CCTHITA and Douglas Indian Association.

Q10

Goal(s) of ProjectIn one sentence or less, state the goal of the proposed project. For example, "economic development" or "improve non-motorized transportation routes."

The Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float Project will provide a safer, more efficient method for transporting goods and supplies directly between vessels to shore.

Q11

Operations & Maintenance (O&M)Who is responsible for operations and maintenance upon completion of the project?

Docks & Harbors.

Page 4: Project Funding & Timeline

Q12

Total Project Cost*Include funds already secured and future funds required to complete.

\$14,000,000

Q13

Funding Already SecuredInclude amount and source - example: "\$250,000 - 1% voter approved sales tax." Enter \$0 in the first line if there is no funding secured for the project.

1	\$2,750,000 committed by Docks & Harbors Board
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Q14

Proposed FY2025 Funding Request

\$11,250,000

Q15

Yes

Future Funding May Be RequestedDo you anticipate making future funding requests for this project?

Q16

Preconstruction Costs (feasibility/design/permitting, etc.):FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ONLY

\$1.8M

Q17

Construction Costs:FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ONLY

\$12.2M

Q18

For projects that consist of land or equipment purchase only, state when the purchase(s) would be made.

n/a

Q19

Preconstruction phase to be completed by: FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ONLY

July 2025

Q20

Construction phase to be completed by: FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ONLY

January 2026

Q21

Attachment 1 Please upload any relevant photos, drawings, maps, or charts or images. You can also email any/all attachments to ashley.heimbigner@juneau.gov.

2024%20PIDP_Aurora%20Harbor%20Drive%20Down%20Float%20Project.pdf (4.6MB)

Q22

Attachment 2 Please upload any relevant photos, drawings, maps, or charts or images. You can also email any/all attachments to ashley.heimbigner@juneau.gov.

Attachment%20J_Letters%20of%20Support%202024.pdf (2.2MB)

Q23

Attachment 3 Please upload any relevant photos, drawings, maps, or charts or images. You can also email any/all attachments to ashley.heimbigner@juneau.gov.

Attachment%20F_Project%20Planning%20Document_Juneau%20Downtown%20Harbors%20Uplands%20Master%20Plan%202017.pdf (10.4MB)

Q24

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CAPITAL PRIORITIES

NEW PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float

Proposed by the Docks & Harbors Board

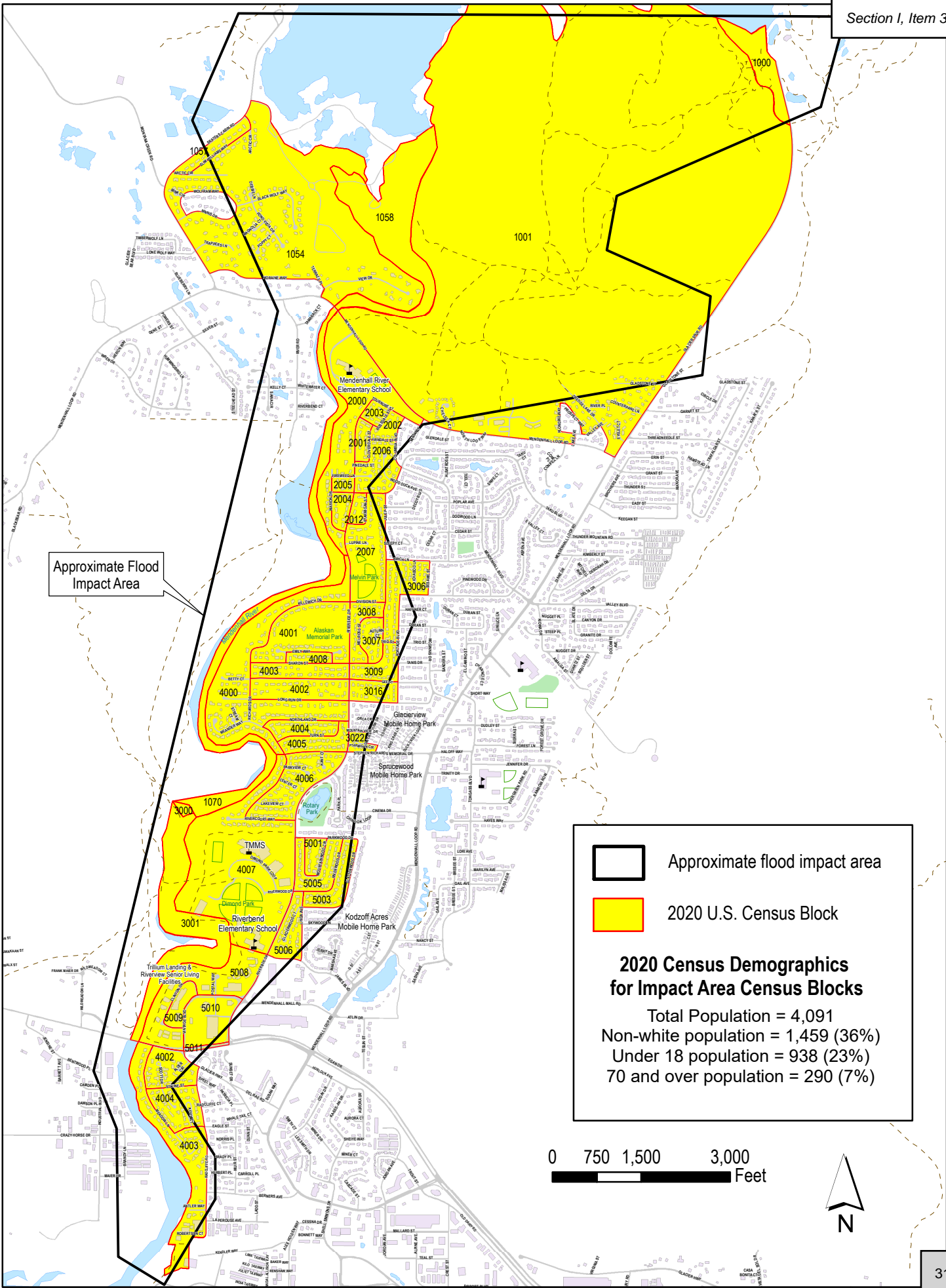
Brief Summary:

“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.”

- **Total Project Cost:** \$14M
- **Proposed FY2026 Funding Request:** \$1.4M
- **Current Status:** Conceptual design
- **Funding Secured:** \$11.1M PIDP Grant

Project Goal:

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



From: [Ashley Heimbigner](#)
To: [Di Cathcart](#)
Cc: [Robert Barr](#); [Denise Koch](#)
Subject: Lemon Creek Pathway Update Memo for Chair Froehlich/SRRC?
Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024 11:01:33 AM
Attachments: [Attachment A Lemon Creek Multimodal Pathway Update Memo July 2024 finalR1.pdf](#)

Hi Di,

Given that Chair Froehlich had a number of questions and concerns about progress on the Lemon Creek Multimodal Pathway at the last SRRC meeting, we thought it might be helpful to share the attached memo from the July PWFC meeting.

Updates since the memo:

- The ordinance to appropriate the FHWA Reconnecting Communities grant is being introduced at the November 18 Assembly Meeting.
- CBJ is applying for \$12M-\$14M to construct Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Lemon Creek Pathway through the EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program.

We weren't sure whether the memo made sense as a packet item, but thought it might be helpful information to share with the Chair?

I will have the Legislative Capital Priorities information to you by tomorrow!

All best,
Ashley

ATTACHMENT A

Section 1, Item 3.



Engineering and Public Works Department
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Telephone: 586-0800 Facsimile: 586-4565

DATE: July 15, 2024

TO: Chair Bryson and the CBJ Public Works and Facilities Committee

THROUGH: Denise Koch, Engineering & Public Works Director

FROM: Ashley Heimbigner, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Lemon Creek Multimodal Path Background and Update

This memo provides an update on the project status, grant funding, timeline, and potential next steps for a multimodal pathway in Lemon Creek. At this point, the federal funding we have secured is for planning only.

Project Summary:

CBJ is in the preliminary planning stages of the development of the Lemon Creek Multimodal Pathway. The proposed pathway would include a 1.2-mile pedestrian- and cycle-friendly, ADA-accessible path in Juneau's Lemon Creek neighborhood. The pathway would extend from the Vanderbilt / Glacier Highway intersection near Twin Lakes to the Egan Drive access road adjacent to Switzer Creek and U-Haul property (formerly Walmart) with a bridge crossing at Lemon Creek. Depending on regulatory determinations and final alignment, the pathway will be a combination of paved pathway constructed on gravel fill, and elevated boardwalk constructed on helical piers. The pathway will connect to the sidewalk on Alaway Avenue providing access from the local neighborhood, as well as an improved crossing to the Twin Lakes bike trail at Vanderbilt Hill Road/Glacier Highway. (See map on page 3.)

This project has been identified as a priority by the Juneau Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (2009), the Lemon Creek Area Plan (2017) and was adopted into the Comprehensive Plan. It was designated as the number one CBJ Legislative Capital Priority in 2021 and 2022, and the 8th priority in 2023 and 2024 with strong support from both the Planning Commission and the Systemic Racism Review Committee. [Recent \(FY23\) road construction projects](#) by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation (AKDOT) on Glacier Highway in Lemon Creek, were designed to improve the safety of multimodal users within in the Lemon Creek area, however, the transit area remains a congested industrial traffic area contributing to air and noise pollution in the area and residents and non-motorized commuters/users continue to express concerns regarding safety and overall experience. The pathway will also expand pedestrian access to Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge, which is immediately adjacent to Lemon Creek, but virtually inaccessible without a vehicle due to the barrier presented by Egan Drive.

To better understand the current barriers and opportunities for pedestrians in Lemon Creek and to provide a starting point for planned community engagement efforts, CBJ conducted an informal and voluntary online survey of Lemon Creek area residents in fall 2023. Over 60% of respondents stated that they would be more likely to walk or bike within the area of Lemon Creek if the proposed pathway were available. Similarly, 40% of resident respondents stated

that they would be more likely to commute on foot or bike to destinations outside of Lemon Creek via the proposed path, with 57% of respondents stating that they would use the path once per week or more.

Project Funding:

Current Funding: CBJ currently has allocated \$1.15 million in General Funds for preliminary project investigation and planning. CBJ has also been awarded \$739,520 in federal planning grant funding. Local matching funds for the two planning grants noted below will be provided from existing funds already appropriated to the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path CIP.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Supplemental Planning Grant: In December 2023, CBJ was awarded \$86,000 (\$21,500 local match) in FY23 [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) funding from the USDOT FHWA to conduct a non-motorized transportation study and community engagement in Lemon Creek. Project work will begin once the FHWA provides the final signed award agreement.

Reconnecting Communities Program (RCP) Planning Grant: Most recently, the CBJ was awarded a \$653,520 (\$163,380 local match) Planning Grant via the FY2023 [Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods \(RCN\)](#) funding program from the USDOT Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The scope of the RCN grant will build on the FY2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) supplemental planning grant. Project work will begin once the FHWA provides the final signed award agreement (likely late fall 2024). More information on the RCN funding program can be found [here](#)¹.

Future Anticipated Funding:

CBJ is applying for \$800,000 in final planning and design funding through the FY23 FHWA Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program² for the Lemon Creek Multimodal path due July 17, 2024. The EPW team will evaluate and pursue relevant grant funding opportunities for project construction as the design and planning process progresses.

CBJ Voters approved \$1.5 million of Sales Tax funding as part of the (Proposition 3- October 2022) for this project. The funding is scheduled for allocation in Fiscal Year 2027.

Timeline:

CBJ anticipates that the work proposed in the aforementioned grant-funded work (planning, NEPA and design) will be completed in summer 2028, ideally setting the stage to begin construction in early FY29.

The multi-year planning timeline is due to the complex land ownership and funding landscape. Federally funded projects trigger the requirement to follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA ensures agencies consider the significant environmental consequences of their proposed actions and informs the public about the decision making. NEPA is far more complex and time consuming than the detailed planning, permitting and public involvement that the CBJ follows for locally funded projects using sales tax, bonds, Marine Passenger Fees, General Fund etc. The additional NEPA complexities can include detailed evaluation and public vetting of multiple alternatives and requires federal approval of the evaluations, agency and public involvement, documentation of the process and desired (preferred) alternative.

¹ <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities/reconnecting-communities-fy23-awards>

² https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/atiip/

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SS4A Grant - Community outreach, equity analysis and road safety audit																								
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Final Planning, Design & NEPA (Applying for grant funding)																								
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<i>*Pending availability of construction funding.</i>																								

Next Steps:

EPW will provide updates to the Committee regarding the upcoming community engagement and planning activities, as well as CBJ’s efforts to secure grant funding for final design and construction of the pathway.

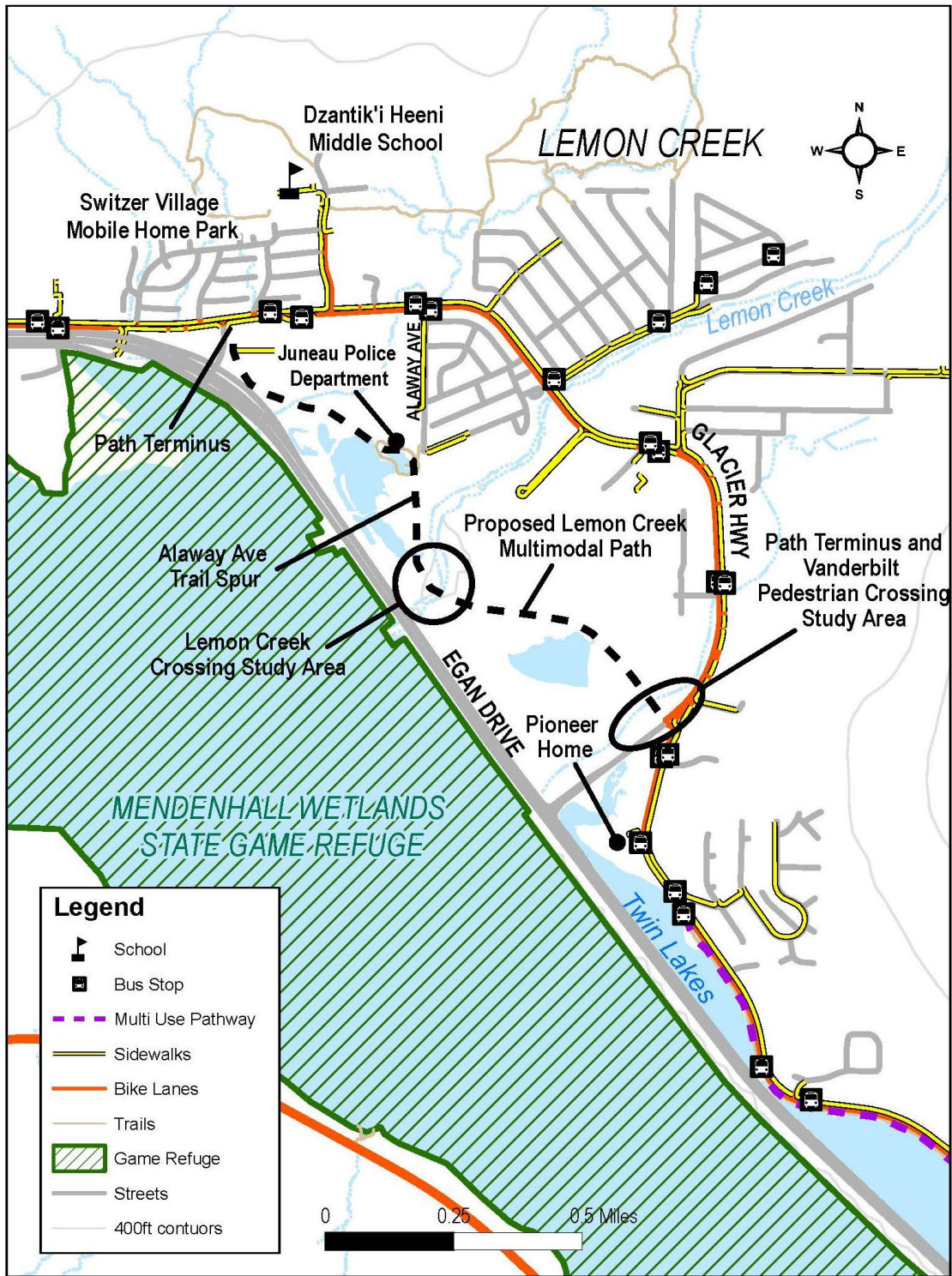


Figure 1. Preliminary alignment of a multimodal pathway in Lemon Creek. Final pathway alignment subject to change pending public process and engineering/design requirements.



Systemic Racism Review Committee (S

Section 1, Item 3.

c/o Office of the Municipal Clerk
155 Heritage Way, Room 215
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City.clerk@juneau.gov

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 15, 2023
TO: Borough Assembly
FROM: SRRC Chair Ephraim Froehlich, on behalf of the SRRC
CC: Denise Koch, Engineering/Public Works Director
RE: Legislative Capital Priorities Recommendations

At our Tuesday, October 24, 2023, Systemic Racism Review Committee meeting, E/PW Director Denise Koch presented the committee with the draft FY2025 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities Project list and walked committee members through the process and timeline. During our Tuesday, November 14, 2023, SRRC meeting, committee members discussed the merits of the various projects and came to unanimous consent over the following three projects as our recommended priorities.

Priority 1: Lemon Creek Multimodal Path

This is recommended as a top priority highlighting the equity, or lack thereof, of the residents of the Lemon Creek area with lack of trails, parks, and open spaces within Lemon Creek. This project would create that access.

Priority 2: Jackie Renninger Park Development & Pipeline Skate Park Improvements

This is recommended as a top priority as this project falls in line with the stated goals of the committee, to recognize and uplift undeserved communities within the City and Borough of Juneau.

Priority 3: Bartlett Aurora Behavioral Health Center

The committee reviewed this project and as noted by one committee member, many of the issues within our system start with behavioral health and easy access to it for our underserved and marginalized community members. If this project stays on the list, the SRRC is recommending it as an additional priority.