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# Report

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## **Marine Highway**

The AMHS is very much in a state of flux with the changing administration (still no deputy commissioner) aging boats breaking down (LeConte out of commission until March 3<sup>rd</sup>) and budget woes (possible cuts in next year schedule). The good news is that the governor has requested more funds for the ferry system, indicating support for AMHS. At this week's conference, AMHS is still proposing 5-6 trips per week for next winter. They will meet this week in Ketchikan to discuss the Haines project. They are prepared to come to Haines in the immediate future to present their plans to you.

## **2007 Legislative Priorities**

I have attached last year's list of requests to the state legislature as well as a draft 2007 list for your consideration. The list can change during the session but a preliminary list should go to Juneau very soon.

## **Solar Aquatics**

Also attached is the latest communication from USDA. If this is to be a priority for the borough, some level of funding should be identified to further the project. I have contacted Mr. Cohen and invited him to be present for any questions the assembly may have.

## **Secure School Funding**

The Senate passed their spending bill this past week without adding funds for this program. The current plan is to try and add it to the war supplemental appropriation that will be considered after this week's recess.

## **Third Avenue**

Final design is wrapping up and the project will be divided to allow the paving to be bid separately from the rest of the job. The borough will have to be more involved in the RFP and contract award phases but the state (or PND) can administer the project through construction (still working on those details).

## **School Update**

The entire building is in the dry. The ceiling insulation, roofing and roof drain systems are complete and the mechanical contractor has completed the rough-in plumbing in area C and is now working in B and A. The sheet metal duct work is going on now in all of the building with C nearest to completion. The contractor is working on expediting the delivery of the Air handling units that are lagging a little. The electrical contractor (Sitka Electric) has a four man crew, including one local electrician, working in all areas. The fire sprinkler installers will be on site next week for their work; their material is on site now. Same for the pipe and duct insulation people.

## **Misc.**

Congratulations to Julie Cozzi and family - her first grandchild was born this past week. She reports that Elijah Lee is a beautiful boy weighing in at 7 lbs, 10oz and 21 inches long. Julie returns at the end of next week. Not to be outdone, Chief Goodman is circulating pictures of his new granddaughter, Elizabeth, who arrived this past Friday weighing 8lbs. 4oz.