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Report

May 13, 2008

State Projects

Union Street - work has begun this past week on the resurfacing and utility upgrades. We are installing new service lines to vacant lots to avoid digging up the new pavement as development occurs. The borough will be reimbursed as the properties hook up.

S.E. Director Visit - Mal Menzies came to Haines and met with Rep. Thomas and the Mayor to discuss various current and future projects. The drainage by the state yard and car wash has been a big concern that the state is now preparing to address. Their intent is to improve the drainage from the gas station and RV Park with a major project estimated to cost over \$200K. They are trying to combine this project with the Union Street repairs. We also conveyed to him the Planning Commission's recommendation for upgrades to Allen Road and walking paths along Front Street.

Lutak Road Reconstruction - Bid opening will be held on May 15th

Local Projects

Young Road Water Tank - Two bids came in for this project that were both significantly higher than expected due in large part to the price of steel for the tank. SE Earthmovers: \$1,671,480 and SE Roadbuilders: \$1,806,946. Our total estimated budget for this project was \$998,700 (all but \$30K are grant funds). We are looking at options for different types of tanks and possibly a smaller version that can be added onto later as demand for water increases in that area.

Beach Road Forcemain - The low bid of \$244,637 (SE Earthmovers) was significantly under the \$305,905 from SE Roadbuilders. This will be fully funded from a state grant of \$399,795. The remaining funds will go toward administrative costs and associated road repairs.

Pool Repairs - Dawson Construction was onsite last week to begin assessment of the needed pool repairs. They have the engineer's report and the scope of work outlined and will work with their subcontractors to determine what parts will be needed and coordinate the work to minimize closures. The utilidor work is estimated to take 2 weeks and the fire suppression system is estimated as a 1-week job. The pool repairs will be added to those jobs. Because the pool will be drained for repairs, refilling and heating the pool will add a week to the closure.

Harbor Floats - We are still waiting for the Governor's signature on funding but have been told that it may be October before funds are available for this project. Since an Army Corps of Engineers permit can take a very long time to get approved, we have already begun that process so that we can move on to construction as soon as possible.

Road Repairs - PND has completed the majority of topographic surveying for 3rd Ave, 4th, 5th, 6th, Dalton, FAA Road and Tower Road. Mapping is currently being prepared for those streets. Due to accumulated snow remaining in the ditches at the time of the initial survey, PND surveyors will be returning to Haines in the next two weeks to complete the remaining survey work. We want to be out to bid by the end of next month for project completion later this summer.

Secure Schools

Déjà vu - the U.S. Senate is working on an emergency 1-year funding request for Secure Rural Schools that will be attached to the war funding supplemental bill. The funds are included in the House version and the President is already threatening to veto the bill. There is a Secure Schools Coalition that will be going to D.C. next week to further press the cause. Wrangell is sending the only Alaskan delegate to lobby on our behalf and has asked if we would consider helping to defray their costs for the week-long effort. The coalition will also be pressing for a multi-year extension of funding but the outlook for this is dim.

Energy Issues

There has been a lot of discussion lately about energy conservation. It is a topic being addressed by borough staff as well. Each department has been reminded to minimize power consumption and conserve energy wherever possible. We will also be sponsoring a series of public service announcements that will provide energy saving tips to the borough residents.

Alaska Marine Highway

I attended a Marine Transportation Advisory Board meeting last week. The 2008 winter schedule is due to be finalized next month. There will be a teleconference for community input on May 15 at 10 am. AMHS plans to publish the draft 2009 summer schedule by August and plans to establish a 2-year schedule. There was also a lot of discussion about replacement vessels and the \$75 million that the Legislature put into the budget for a new ferry. If the Governor approves the funding, design work will continue this fall. AMHS estimates that it will take about 6 years to construct a new ferry.

Western Dock & Bridge will begin work soon on new dolphins at the ferry terminal that will allow ferries to dock from both directions.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Southeast Conference is preparing the 2008 CEDS and has asked for any changes to our list as soon as possible. I have attached the current list of projects for your review. If it meets your approval, I will send it in. If more discussion is warranted, perhaps the Commerce Committee could discuss it at their next meeting.

Successful Conference!

The Tourism Industry of the Yukon held their annual meeting in Haines and was extremely pleased by their visit here. About 86 registrants enjoyed Haines and were seen spending money throughout town! Kudos to Lori Stepansky and Christa Rayl for a lot of long hard hours spent making this a success for Haines!

Misc.

Other items worked on since the last meeting include, the school project (will present updated information to the Oversight & Planning Committee later this month to prioritize spending of funds on hand), Dalton Trail (new committee headed by Joe Poor is looking into how to move this project forward), other trail possibilities (Alaska-Trails board member in town to work with CIA and look at possible borough trails), Southeast Conference teleconferences, continued FY09 budget recommendations, Skagway trip with Mayor & CFO, met with the Wellness group regarding possible use of former elementary school building and various personnel meetings, including attending committee meetings of both the Public Safety Committee and the Ad-hoc committee for review of the police chief applications.

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April 29, 2008

Dear Community Advisory Group Members:

It is time to begin the public review process for the next scheduling cycle. The proposed schedule patterns that will be provided for review will cover fall/winter/spring 2008-09.

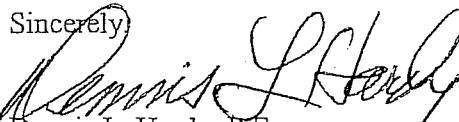
The schedule patterns that are being proposed are based on a funding level for FY09 that will support 407.7 ship-weeks of service. The operating plan has been designed to meet the needs for community service, staying within available funding, and maintaining regulatory and safety standards for the vessels.

Please take the time to review and comment on this proposal paying particular attention to any need for special events scheduling. Be sure to give the name of the event, date, location, and arrival/departure times needed for each event.

Please provide your written comments prior to May 13, 2008. Information may be faxed to 907-586-8365 or emailed to dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov. A teleconference to hear comments and consider adjustments is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. for Southwest and Southcentral Alaska schedules. The meeting will be held in Kodiak at the Kodiak Borough Assembly Chambers, 710 Mill Bay Road for participants wishing to attend in person. The teleconference for Southeast Alaska schedules will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Juneau at the Southeast Conference offices, 612 West Willoughby Ave.

The toll free number to participate in both teleconferences is: 1-800-315-6338, conference code 3902#. The link to access the proposed schedule patterns is <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/share/schedule/considerations.pdf>

If you have any additional questions or need additional information, please contact the AMHS Operations Manager, Chuck Van Kirk, at (907) 465-8862 or (907) 723-2368.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Hardy, P.E.
Director of Marine Operations

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SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE



CENTRAL COUNCIL



April 28, 2008

TO: Mayors, Borough, City and Village Managers, Economic Development Specialists, Planners, and Tribal Representatives

RE: FY08 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update

To Whom It May Concern:

Southeast Conference and the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska request your help in preparing the 2008 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) update for Southeast Alaska. Participating in the CEDS process has distinct advantages for your community. Projects on the CEDS list are eligible for funding through the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA). Communities that qualify for EDA grants for projects listed in the CEDS do not have to prepare an overall Economic Development Plan.

This letter, update form, last year's community projects lists, and CEDS Strategies are being mailed to municipal, community and tribal representatives in your community. Please have your economic development committee, or a designated representative from your community who can coordinate with municipal and tribal representatives, carefully update your projects list. We have attached an instruction sheet and last year's project list for you to work from. If possible, please code your projects according to the attached CEDS Strategies list.

Please return your CEDS 2008 Updated Projects List by Friday, May 16, 2008, to Janet Mehl at Southeast Conference by email, USPS mail or by fax:

Southeast Conference
P.O. Box 21989
Juneau, AK 99802

Fax: 907-463-5670
Email: info@seconference.org

If we do not get your updated projects information before our publication deadline, we will use your information from the previous year.

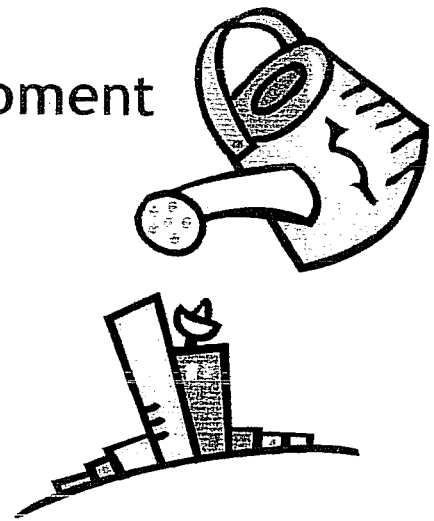
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Community Economic Development Strategies (CEDS)

Haines Borough 2007-2008



1	Boat Harbor Expansion	\$24 million	Preconstruction, Design	CORPS, RD, AKDOT/PF
2	Harbor Repairs & Upland Development	\$5 million	Design and Construction	Federal, State, Local
3	Water & Sewer Upgrades	\$3 million	All stages	EDA, RD, Denali
4	Road Development & Upgrades	\$24 million	All Stages	AKDOT, Federal
5	Fish Processing	\$6 million	All Stages	EDA, CDBG, RD
6	Marine Industrial Park & Trans-shipment Facility	\$200,000	Planning	AIDEA, RD, Federal
7	Senior Assisted Living Facility	\$6.5 million	Design & Construction	Denali, HUD, Other
8	Value-Added Timber, Natural Resource Development	\$100,000	Concept	USFS, AKDNR, Federal
9	Port Chilkoot Dock Improvements	\$750,000	Design	Federal, State, Local
10	Lynn Canal Transportation	\$150,000	Planning	Federal, State, Local
11	Community Recreation & Trail Development	\$3 million	All Stages	Denali, EDA, RD
12	Downtown Development	\$300,000	Planning	Denali, EDA
13	Alternative Energy Development	\$250,000	Concept/Planning	Federal, State, Other
14	Lutak Port Development	\$2 million	Design & Construction	Federal, State, Other