

MEMORANDUM

CITY/BOROUGH OF JUNEAU

155 South Seward Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801

TO: Rorie Watt,
City Manager

DATE: December 22, 2016

FROM: Michele Elfers
Chief Landscape Architect

SUBJECT: Request for Marine Passenger Fees – Downtown Street Improvements, Phase II

The Public Works and Engineering Department requests \$1 million of Marine Passenger Fees for FY 18 for street reconstruction of Phase II of the Downtown Street Improvement project. This phase includes Front Street, N. Franklin Street from Front Street to 2nd Street and a portion of 1st Street.

Most of the project area was last reconstructed in 1985, 30 years ago, when cruise ship passenger volumes were under 200,000 visitors/ year. Today, with cruise ship visitors at 1,000,000/ year, the sidewalks have tripping hazards from 30 years of freeze thaw cycles, drainage problems, and in many cases the walking surfaces do not meet ADA standards. An additional safety concern for visitors is the narrow pedestrian walkways that force people to walk into the streets and obstruct traffic flow. With the underlying goal of improving the efficiency of pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow, the reconstruction effort will reduce the number of structures in the right of way such as light poles, sign poles and other obstructions. An extensive public outreach process indicated that lighting is the number one priority for the reconstruction to improve safety. This will be a key component of the reconstruction effort. Utility improvements include storm drainage upgrades and some water and sewer utility improvements to serve the businesses and properties in the downtown.

Phase I of this project will be constructed in the spring of 2017, Phase II if funded will be constructed in spring 2018. Phase III, including Ferry Way, Shattuck Way, Municipal Way and lower Seward Street, will seek funding in the FY19 budget cycle for construction in 2019.

Funding for Downtown Street Improvement Phases				
Phase	Funding Year	Construction Year	Funding Source	Funding Amount
Planning/Design	Oct 2014		Sales Tax T-960 Transfer	\$ 100,000
	FY16		Sales Tax	\$ 250,000
I	FY17	spring 2017	Sales Tax	\$ 1,100,000
			MPF	\$ 900,000
			Water Fund	\$ 150,000
II	FY18	spring 2018	Sales Tax	\$ 1,100,000
			MPF	\$ 1,000,000
			Wastewater Fund	\$ 100,000
III	FY19	spring 2019	Sales Tax estimate	\$ 1,500,000
			MPF estimate	\$ 1,200,000