



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
October 7, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

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- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - 1. October 7 Agenda Overview**
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - 2. Minutes from September 2, 2025**
- E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
- F. AGENDA TOPICS**
  - 3. PRAC FY25 Annual Report**
  - 4. FY27 Legislative Capital Priorities**
- G. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**
- H. NEXT MEETING DATE - November 4, 2025**
- I. ADJOURNMENT**

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**TO:** Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Lauren Verrelli, Interim Parks & Recreation Director  
**DATE:** October 3, 2025  
**RE:** October 7, 2025 Meeting

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Please find enclosed the information supporting your agenda topics for this meeting. The meeting is anticipated to last 60 minutes and will take place via **Zoom Webinar**. To join the Zoom Webinar, go to <https://juneau.zoom.us/j/94184441385> or call 1-253-205-0468. **Webinar ID:** 87003674124.

### **AGENDA TOPICS**

#### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee FY25 Annual Report**

Included in the packet is the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee FY25 Annual Report, which highlights the committee's work and accomplishments over the past fiscal year. The board will be asked to review and approve the report before it is forwarded to the Assembly Human Resources Committee.

*Recommended Motion:*

I move that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee approve the FY25 Annual Report as presented and forward it to the Assembly Human Resources Committee.

#### **FY2027 Legislative Capital Priorities**

The attached memo from Engineering & Public Works Director Denise Kotch requests proposals from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for the CBJ's list of FY27 legislative priorities. This list contains large projects selected from the Capital Improvement Plan for which CBJ intends to pursue state and federal appropriations, including congressionally designated expenditures ("earmarks"). There are three parkland-focused projects included in the list again this year: Jackie Renninger Park, 35-Mile, and the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path.

The Committee is asked to nominate and/or endorse their top two projects to pass along to the Assembly.

*Recommended Motion:*

I recommend that the Assembly add the following item(s) to the FY27 Legislative Priorities List:

1. Project:
2. Project:

#### **STAFF & PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS**

None



## PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE **DRAFT** MINUTES

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

PRAC Chair Ryan O'Shaughnessy called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

### B. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Ryan O'Shaughnessy, Susan Crandall, Jennifer Gross, Emma Van Nes, Paulette Schirmer, & Ren Scott

**Absent:** Josh Anderson, Danika Swanson, & Kaasáank' Andrew Williams

**Staff Present:** Lauren Verrelli, Parks & Recreation Acting Director; Neil Steininger, Assembly Liaison; & Annie Carroll, Parks & Recreation Staff Liaison

### C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION** by Ms. Schirmer to approve the agenda. *No objections were heard, and the agenda was approved.*

### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Schirmer noted that there was a misspelling of Linne Clark's name and a capitalization error in Mr. Anderson's name to be corrected.

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

### E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

**Charlie Herrington**, a Douglas resident, began by sharing that he lives on Foster Avenue near Fairbanks Street. He mentions that he knows the Downtown Douglas/West Juneau Area Plan was completed recently and highlighted the need for more parks in the area. He mentions that Franklin Street nearby is closed for 6 months of the year and is hardly used by cars when it's open, as there are no driveways along it. He suggests the idea of transforming the space into a terraced park with gardens and play structures for the families in the nearby neighborhoods without a park within walking distance. He asks for their guidance on how to propose this officially to the city.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy asks Ms. Verrelli where Mr. Herrington should begin with his proposal to reclassify a parcel of CBJ land as parkland. Ms. Verrelli says she supports offering more playground space in the area, and recommends he start with the CBJ Community Development Department to see what can be done about getting the suggestion included in their plans.

### F. AGENDA TOPICS

**3. Floyd Dryden Pickleball Courts Update – Presented by L. Verrelli**

Ms. Verrelli shared a short memo and presentation covering plans for the pickleball courts at Adair Kennedy Park near Floyd Dryden School. She gives an overview of the pickleball offering currently available through the department, including outdoor courts at Cope Park and Floyd Dryden, as well as indoor play within Treadwell Arena, May-June, and winter drop-in play at the Floyd Dryden Gym, with the potential to expand to Marie Drake Gym, dependent on staffing. She acknowledges the community's desire for evening drop-in hours but explains that the Floyd Dryden Gym schedule is busy with Adult Volleyball and Youth Sports most days of the week. She stresses that the lack of staff is the main reason why they can't expand programming to Marie Drake Gym in the evenings, as they have not had any applicants for the open Recreation Aide positions yet, despite advertising attempts.

Ms. Verrelli shares the timeline of the project up to this point, noting it was initially brought to PRAC in March 2024 and underwent several redesigns before being finalized in November 2024, with the plan to implement it in spring 2025. The final plan includes 4 dedicated pickleball courts, 1 shared tennis court with 2 pickleball courts overlaid, and 1 shared basketball & tennis court. In Spring 2025, staffing challenges prevented the plan from coming to fruition. Staff have been working to acquire materials and have a contractor in place so construction can begin as soon as the weather allows in spring/summer 2026.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy asks Ms. Verrelli if she is confident they will get a contractor in place to meet the set schedule, to which Ms. Verrelli answered she is confident, and resurfacing materials will need to arrive close to the time they begin work, as they are the most effective for a short period of time. She shares that the department is working on hiring a Project Manager within CBJ Engineering that would be dedicated to managing Parks & Recreation projects, and she is excited to have someone to help see this project through to the end.

Ms. Van Nes calls attention to the plans for Jackie Renninger Park, which include more dedicated space for pickleball. Ms. Verrelli confirms that the design for Jackie Renninger is set up with approximately 1/3 of the park's space dedicated to pickleball courts, and they hope to have a bond initiative for it on the ballot next year.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy asks for an overview of the Recreation Aide position that would staff and monitor the gyms for pickleball programs. Ms. Verrelli answers that it is a part-time limited position with an estimated 5-10 hours per week, with a flexible schedule. The Rec Aides are responsible for opening the gym, putting up nets, collecting payment from visitors, and closing and locking up at the end of their shift. She shared that a Rec Aide could play with the participants as long as they remain attentive and ready to check people in as new players arrive. Currently, 10 vacant positions need to be filled so that the department can make the most of gym space for preschool and senior open gym, pickleball, and private rentals.

**Linne Clarke**, a valley resident, starts by sharing that she is an avid pickleball player. She extends her thanks to Ms. Verrelli and Mr. O'Shaughnessy for listening to their community's input and working towards progress on this project. She explains that one big issue she has is that the community is unaware of the project timeline, and she wishes there were a way to be apprised of the project as it moves forward. She shares that she contacted the department periodically and was unable to receive an update on the progress on the courts.

She then asks if the plans at their current stage are unchangeable since they will leave only 4 feet between courts. She shares that they will take what they can get, but the spacing is a concern for safety and for certain play techniques. She asks if they will need a full month with consistent, clear weather to complete the resurfacing work. She closes with a suggestion for the department to hire someone to do teaching sessions to encourage more players to join in and take Rec Aide positions, as many people are interested but may be intimidated by learning amongst seasoned players.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy asks if this project is listed on the Parks & Recreation project page, to which Ms. Verrelli answers that it isn't, as it is a small project, but she is willing to get it added. She continues by apologizing for the delay this project has seen, and by clarifying that they will not need a whole month of sun to complete the resurfacing, but certain parts of the process would require the environment to be dry.

Ms. Schirmer asks Ms. Clark if her suggestion is for Parks & Rec to take on offering pickleball classes during this period of being short-staffed. Ms. Clark answers that the players in town don't have a dedicated place to play, and that, as the facilities are owned by Parks & Rec, players don't have control over those areas. She doesn't imagine it would be something you would have to pay for, and suggests that, given the opportunity, there could be someone from the community who could step forward, willing to teach.

**Kueni Maake**, a valley resident, begins by thanking the committee for listening to their concerns. She shares that she agrees with what Ms. Clark has shared, as she has been the one to ask the questions many of them have had in mind. She stresses the importance of extending the court dimensions and mentions that the layout sharing space with a tennis court is not ideal. She asks exactly what materials needed for the project are causing the hold-up since they have been waiting 3 years. She notes that she is glad for the planned courts at Jackie Renninger Park, but insists that they need more indoor space rather than outdoor space. She concludes by expressing that pickleball is a family game for the whole community since players can be any age, it's beneficial to your health, and is affordable for people to play.

Ms. Schirmer asks if she understands correctly that the players in attendance insist Parks & Rec go back to the drawing board with the design plans and change the court dimensions, as well as remove the shared tennis court. Ms. Maake answers that, if possible, yes, but she understands there are constraints for this project. She says that they are happy to share and play together, but it does lead to tennis players' frustration with how loud pickleball is, and prevents all the pickleball players from being able to play together as 16 or more players wait on the sidelines. She does agree that the dimensions need to be reconsidered. Mr. O'Shaughnessy notes that the design has already been contracted, and public testimony has already been taken on it, so change at this point may be difficult. Ms. Scott asks for clarification on the issue of the dimensions, asking if the courts need to change or just the amount of space between them, to which Ms. Maake answers that it is only the space between courts that needs to be extended. Ms. Verrelli shares that they must work within the existing footprint of the courts and cannot expand, meaning their only other option may be to eliminate 2 of the dedicated pickleball courts. She also answers Ms. Maake's question about materials, confirming that resurfacing paint that is the bulk of the material needed for

this project. Ms. Maake thanks her and says that she will apply for a Rec Aide position in the hopes that they can expand programming to Friday evenings.

**Josiah Lehauli**, a valley resident, shares that he attended in support of his pickleball family. He shares that he is a contractor and asks for permission to help resurface the courts as the community waits for the project to take place in spring 2026. Mr. O'Shaughnessy thanks him for his question and notes that, unfortunately, they cannot allow players to resurface the courts as that needs to be done through the department's process and procedures outlined by the city charter and code, but he appreciated his good intent and willingness to contribute to the community.

**Shawn Carey**, a valley resident, shares that he is an avid pickleball player at both indoor and outdoor courts in town. He joins the other players in attendance by noting that the spacing around the proposed courts is too small. He says that if they are going to go through the hassle of creating permanent courts with dedicated nets, 4 feet between courts won't be enough space. He also notes that nets between courts could help prevent balls from flying into other games. He suggests cheating the courts closer to the glacier so that things can be spaced better on the existing concrete slab.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy acknowledges that the court spacing has been brought up by a number of people, but reminds them that the current design has been through 2 separate rounds of public comment. He asks Ms. Verrelli if there are elements of the plan Parks & Rec can revisit or revise, given where they are in the procurement process, and what that would mean for the timeline. Ms. Verrelli answers that the contract with Corvus Design is currently closed, but they have not entered into a contract with a contractor. She says adding a net between courts is something that may feasibly be added to the scope of the project; however, shifting the courts is something they will need to investigate. She asks if changing the layout to include only 2 pickleball courts with more space around them would be better, to which most of the attendees in the room spoke out in opposition.

Ms. Gross asked if spacing would allow fencing to be installed between the courts, to which Mr. Carey answered that it would prevent balls from going into other courts. Ms. Van Nes asks if a tennis net would work as the barrier between courts, to which Mr. Carey answers that they do help, and that's what they're doing now, but a higher net would be better.

Ms. Schirmer asks Ms. Verrelli what size boundaries they have for the tennis court on the glacier side, and why it is at its current distance from the pickleball courts. Ms. Verrelli answers that they designed the court that way to meet tennis requirements with boundaries and spacing. She also shares that replacing the fencing is not a part of this project. Ms. Schirmer asks Ms. Verrelli if pickleball requirements were taken into consideration in this plan, to which she answers yes. Part of the scope when they contracted the design out was that all courts meet their respective requirements. She elaborates that she is aware that the space between courts is tight, so she is hesitant to add more netting between them.

**Melehoko Pauu Ma'ake**, a valley resident, begins by thanking Ms. Verrelli for the progress towards more indoor programming and says that the pickleball community will step up and volunteer to monitor the gyms. She expresses disappointment that the players were not

more involved in drawing out this plan for the courts, and says she hopes moving forward, there can be more community involvement in this project and the one planned for Jackie Renninger. She shares how pickleball is good for the community, helping people out of depression and involving whole families in positive outdoor activity. She agrees with Ms. Clarke's request for more transparency in the planning and progress of this park and asks for more regular updates.

Ms. Verrelli thanks her for bringing up the Jackie Renninger project, as that will be a more permanent, dedicated outdoor pickleball space, while the courts at Adair Kennedy need to share space with tennis. She notes that no one from the tennis community is present tonight, so it's important not to forget their stake in the area in their absence, as we must provide for both groups.

Ms. Gross asks what the pickleball players do while waiting for the court to be available, to which Ms. Ma'ake answered that currently the wait can be 10-15 minutes on a nice day, and they spend the time learning from each other, watching the other games, and socializing.

Ms. Schirmer notes that the current court design was brought to PRAC in November 2024, for public discussion, and asks in what way she feels the community was not involved. Ms. Ma'ake replies that when they showed up for the PRAC meetings, there was only one representative from the tennis community, and the current plan is more in line with what the tennis players wanted than what the pickleball players asked for. Ms. Schirmer clarified that the tennis community claimed they were not notified of the meeting, and sent over 20 emails after the first meeting concluded.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy asks Ms. Verrelli what their options are moving forward with this project. Ms. Verrelli answers that she will look at the budget and consider if changes can be made; however, she suspects the only solution would be to remove 2 dedicated pickleball courts to create more space. Any changes to the designs will cause greater delays in the project, so it depends on what the people want. Ms. Gross asks if a community fundraiser could help raise money to support expanding the court area, to which Ms. Verrelli answers that expanding the concrete pad will greatly increase the construction cost and delay the project further.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy concludes by thanking Ms. Verrelli and the pickleball players for being involved in this public process and acknowledges that the layout is not ideal, but resurfacing and restriping the courts will be a benefit to the community. He is hopeful that Jackie Renninger Park will be remodeled sooner rather than later, and encourages the pickleball community to support that project in any way they can moving forward. He notes that several members of the public have their hands raised for further comment, and he opens the meeting up for further testimony.

**David Job**, a downtown resident, shares that he plays regularly at Cope Park and at Floyd Dryden, and thanks the committee for their time and efforts. He feels that if the tennis court could be shifted slightly to allow for 2 pickleball courts to be moved a bit further, that would improve the situation. He also stresses that resurfacing is a priority. He suggests rolling tennis nets between the courts to help prevent balls from interfering with other games.

**Sue Warner**, a downtown resident, starts by thanking Ms. Verrelli and mentions that she has previously contacted the department as a representative of the Juneau Commission on Aging because pickleball is such a great sport for seniors. She stresses that the space between courts is a matter of safety, and the minimum safe distance is 10 feet. She mentions that youth sports programming takes up the bulk of the indoor gym time in the evenings, and she would like to see some of it dedicated to senior programs since the number of seniors in the community is growing.

**Linne Clarke** returns to say that she does not want the committee to think they are looking a gift horse in the mouth. She expresses that they are excited to have dedicated pickleball courts, but they need to be safe. She addresses Ms. Schirmer, saying that the only plan she was aware of was the original proposal with 6 courts, and that it's not easy to discover things on the website, which is why she called the department for updates. She insists that there is no way the players would see the 4-foot court boundary and think it was safe. She says she cannot speak for every player or make a call on whether they would rather have 4 crowded courts or 2 with more space, if those are the only choices, so she encourages the department to consider shifting the design.

**Shawn Carey** returns to speak and thanks the committee for hearing the pickleball community's testimony, and apologizes for not engaging in the earlier meetings. He reiterates that he feels there is still time and space to make better use of the current concrete slab, and that the benefits will outweigh the cost in the end.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy asks Ms. Verrelli to investigate the different options for the court arrangement and come back to PRAC with a report on what can be done and the impact of those changes, to which Ms. Verrelli says that she can bring that to PRAC in November.

#### **H. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

**Ms. Schirmer** states that the Lands Housing and Economic Development Committee has not met since the last PRAC meeting.

**Mr. Steining** shares that the Assembly has been busy with Emergency flood response activities recently. They have also held discussions about policies relating to unhoused individuals, particularly in the area around Teal Street. He also shares that they will be holding a Finance committee meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and will discuss financing either the relocation or renovation of the Community Assistance Response and Emergency Services Sobering Center.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy closes by thanking Ms. Verrelli for the work she has done holding two jobs, for her leadership of the department, and for our community.

**I. NEXT MEETING DATE** - October 7, 2025, held virtually due to municipal election.

**J. ADJOURNMENT** With no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned at 7:05 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Annie Carroll on 10/3/2025*



**TO:** Assembly Human Resources Committee

**FROM:** Ryan O'Shaughnessy, Chair, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

**DATE:** October 3, 2025

**SUBJECT:** PRAC Annual Report FY25

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee advises the Assembly and the Parks & Recreation Department on policies, projects, and priorities for Juneau's parks, trails, and facilities. This report primarily covers activity from fiscal year 2025.

### **Membership**

The committee saw changes this year. Charles Westmoreland stepped down, and Jennifer Gross and Susan Crandall joined in the summer, helping ensure a broad range of experience in recreation, facilities, and trails.

### **Topics of Public Interest**

- **Pickleball and Tennis Courts**  
Courts at Adair Kennedy and Floyd Dryden remained the most discussed topic before PRAC this year. Community members provided regular testimony urging progress on resurfacing and reconfiguration. The committee has emphasized balanced access for pickleball, tennis, and basketball users and continues to monitor project delays.
- **Disc Golf**  
The Treadwell disc golf course has quickly become one of Juneau's most popular recreational spaces. PRAC supported a proposal to add nine new holes, noting strong community participation, volunteer upkeep, and relatively low cost.
- **Playgrounds and Parks**  
Projects at Sigoowu Ye, Si't Tuwan, Steelhead Park, and Homestead Park all drew interest from nearby neighborhoods. Public input on design and safe access for children and families was a central theme throughout the year.
- **Trails**  
PRAC received updates from Trail Mix on bridge replacements, new trail construction,

and volunteer programs. This partnership helps stretch resources, supports workforce development, and ensures Juneau's extensive trail system remains safe and accessible.

- **Facilities**  
Augustus Brown Pool, Treadwell Arena, the Jensen-Olson Arboretum, and the Zach Gordon Youth Center each play a critical role in providing recreation services. PRAC monitored ongoing staffing challenges and highlighted the need for long-term investment.
- **Open Space and Land Use**  
The committee recommended retaining city-owned land on Meander Way for public access. Protecting limited waterfront and open space remains a recurring concern in PRAC discussions.

### **Department Leadership**

This year brought a leadership transition with the departure of Director George Schaaf. The committee recognizes and thanks George for his many years of service and contributions to Juneau's parks and recreation system. PRAC looks forward to goal setting and potentially beginning a strategic planning process once a new director is hired.

### **Looking Ahead**

In 2026, PRAC expects long-discussed projects- including and especially the Floyd Dryden pickleball courts, playground installations, and continued trail upgrades, particularly on the Christopher Trail- to move forward. The committee will continue to advocate for investment in parks, trails, and recreation facilities as essential assets for community health, youth opportunities, and quality of life.

I firmly believe that the recreational opportunities provided by our community- be it trails, pools, community events in parks, playgrounds, organized sports, youth recreation- are resources enjoyed by all, and for some, are the primary reason to live here.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: FY25 Attendance Record

## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRAC)

ATTENDANCE July 2024 – June 2025 Assembly Chambers & Zoom Webinar

Tuesdays @ 5:30pm unless specified	7/2 2024	8/6 2024	9/3 2024	10/1 2024	11/5 2024	12/3 2024	1/7 2025	2/4 2025	3/4 2025	4/1 2025	5/6 2025	6/3 2025
<b>Ryan O'Shaughnessy</b> Chair 09/03/2024	C	C	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
<b>Josh Anderson</b>	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
<b>Ren Scott</b>	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
<b>Καασάank' Andrew Williams</b>	C	C	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
<b>Charles Westmoreland</b> Resigned 11/18/2024	C	C	P	A	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Danika Swanson</b>	C	C	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	A
<b>Emma Van Nes</b>	C	C	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>Paulette Schirmer</b>	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>Portland Sarantopoulos</b> Resigned 02/18/2025	C	C	P	A	A	P	A	A	X	X	X	X
<b>Jennifer Gross</b> Appointed 03/03/2025	C	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	P	P	A	P

LEGEND: **A** – Absent, **P** – Present, **C** – Canceled, **X** – not on PRAC

### Committee member notes

- 09/03/2024 - Ryan O'Shaughnessy is appointed as chair of PRAC for a one-year term.
- 11/18/2024 - Charles Westmorland resigns from PRAC to focus on commitments coaching youth sports.
- 02/18/2025 - Portland Sarantopoulos resigns from PRAC as she is moving to Palmer, AK.
- 03/03/2025 – Jennifer Gross appointed to PRAC. First meeting March 4, 2025.
- 06/23/2025 – Susan Crandall appointed to PRAC. First Meeting will be August 5, 2025

### Meeting Details:

- July 2, 2024 – Meeting canceled due to availability, next scheduled meeting August 6, 2024.
- August 6, 2024 Canceled due to Glacial Outburst flood response
- October 1, 2024 – Meeting held on Zoom because the Municipal Clerks were using the Assembly chambers for election.



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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 29, 2025  
**TO:** CBJ Boards and Commissions  
**FROM:** Denise Koch, Engineering and Public Works Director  
**THROUGH:** CBJ Public Works and Facilities Committee  
**SUBJECT:** DRAFT FY2027 CBJ Legislative Capital Priority List: Feedback Needed by October 24, 2025

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The Engineering & Public Works Department requests your input on the draft fiscal year (FY) 2027 Legislative Capital Priority list by October 24, 2025. Please e-mail your requests to [denise.koch@juneau.gov](mailto:denise.koch@juneau.gov)

The Legislative Capital Priorities list is not a direct funding request. It is a way to articulate larger or more complicated funding needs for major projects to the Legislature, the federal delegation, and the public. This list represents the CBJ Assembly's large-scale capital priorities for a given year.

All CBJ boards and commissions are invited to provide input on their **top two projects** that they would like to see on the list. They can submit formal support or input on existing projects and project priorities and/or nominate a new project(s). Input may also include recommendations to **remove** an existing project from this list. The information that your board or commission provides will be considered by the Assembly as they prioritize the list for the next fiscal year.

**New this year – Gold Creek Flume:** The Gold Creek Flume is a 2,080 ft flood control channel in downtown Juneau constructed in the 1950s by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The flume has exceeded the design life for concrete structures of its kind, and the structural integrity of the flume is rapidly deteriorating, with significant scouring and erosion, exposed rebar, and evidence of failing channel walls. CBJ Engineering & Public Works and USACE have identified that the flume structure requires complete rehabilitation and other improvements to increase structural resilience and allow for long-term maintenance. However, Juneau has not experienced the dry and warm conditions required to effectively repair the concrete channel for several years. A concrete dividing wall must be installed to channel the water away from the repairs so that the project may be completed in phases.

\$12M - \$15M is needed for project construction. CBJ currently has funding to begin planning and preliminary design in FY26.

**Removed this year – Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float:** This project is fully funded and under design. No further appropriation is required.

**Guidelines and recommendations for input:**

- A prioritized list is only useful if there is the discipline to keep it manageable and relevant. Please keep that in mind when making your recommendations.
- Please limit your recommendations to nominating and/or endorsing only your top two projects. This will make your input more actionable for the Assembly.
- If your body would like to propose a new project, please use the Legislative Priorities Project Nomination form linked here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HSTMPQV>
- To be eligible, a project needs to provide a capital asset with a life of more than 20 years and have a total project cost of over \$1 million (review the appendix of the draft list, 'Everything you wanted to know about the CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities' for more information).

# FY2027

# LEGISLATIVE

# CAPITAL PRIORITIES



**September 2025  
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# Development Schedule



## FY2027 Legislative Capital Priorities - City & Borough of Juneau

ACTION	FY27 TIMELINE
Introduce FY27 LCP process, timeline to PWFC. PWFC provide guidance to CBJ Boards & Commissions.	September 29, 2025
Prepare and distribute draft LCP to CBJ Boards, Commissions & advisory groups for review and input.	October 1, 2025
Input for new draft requested by:	October 24, 2025
Presentations to Boards and Commissions:	Planning Commission Introduction: October 14, 2025
Administrative Review & Compilation	October/November 2025
SRRC 2nd Review (with input and new projects)	October 28, 2025
Homework: Assembly Ranks Priorities	Due November 20, 2025
Assembly Review - Committee of the Whole	December 1, 2025
Assembly Introduction	December 15
Assembly Adoption	January 2026
Distribute Priorities	February-March 2026

# Glacial Outburst Flood Response, Mitigation & Preparedness

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$25M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$11.155M (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. 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 the estimated costs of the selected solutions, the funding need will be significant and ongoing.



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. The August 2025 event was even larger (higher lake stage and faster rate of release), however, the first installation of HESCO barriers (Phase 1 and 1A) as a short-term mitigation solution reduced the potential impact from over 750 homes to less than 50. However, the existing HESCO barriers sustained damage and will need significant repairs. CBJ is working with the USACE Advanced Measures program to assist with rebuilding and repairing Phase 1 and Phase 1A. Additional new sections of HESCO barriers will likely also be needed (e.g. Phase 2) to mitigate against larger future events. On September 22, 2025 the Assembly introduced an ordinance to transfer \$5M in CIP funds to cover \$1M for HESCO repairs and \$4M for new sections of HESCO barriers. However, Phase 2 overall may cost as much as \$19M (rough order of magnitude).

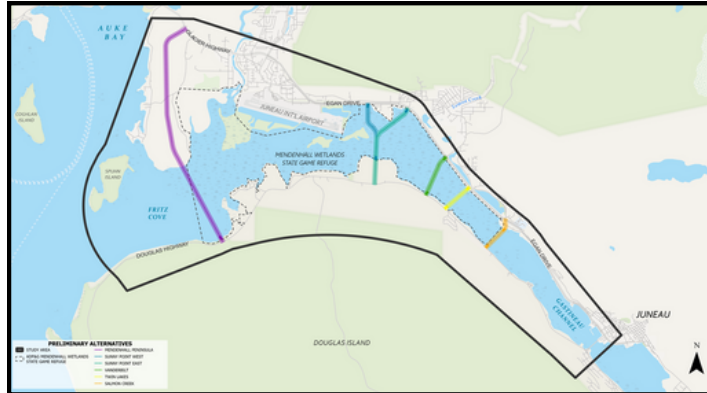
CBJ requested a USACE General Investigation (GI) to determine long-term, permanent mitigation solutions. This multi-year study requires a \$3M for local match, which the Assembly appropriated in Sept 2024. Federal funding (\$4.75M) to support the (GI) was approved in the American Relief Act of Dec 2024. USACE is aiming to commence construction for a mid-term solution as early as the end of 2027. That project will require a yet to be identified amount of local match.

**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, however, the Alaska Congressional Delegation is working with USACE to expedite the process where possible.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ, possibly others depending on location & 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; \$2.4M 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 perform 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. The requested \$3 million will be allocated for a funding gap caused by inflation that was not covered by previous funding sources.

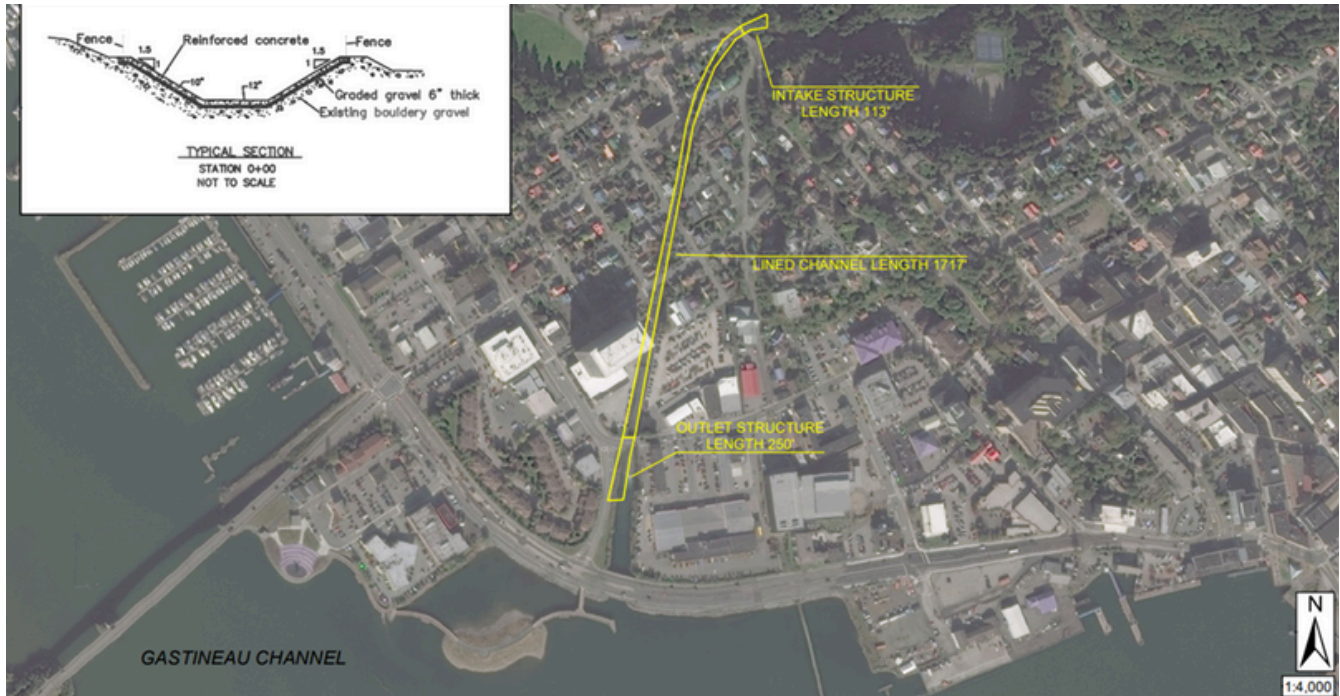
**PUBLIC PROCESS:** Through the PEL process, which was completed in July 2025, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in collaboration with DOWL, conducted numerous stakeholder and public meetings, surveys, and listening sessions to gather input on public sentiment and potential project alternatives. DOT&PF and CBJ are currently working together to award a consultant contract for the National Environmental Policy Act review phase, which will incorporate a comprehensive public engagement process.

**TIMELINE:** NEPA and Design phases are set to commence in fall 2025 and conclude in fall 2027.

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

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

# Gold Creek Flood Control Rehabilitation



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$12-15M**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$16M**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:** Constructed in the 1950's by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Gold Creek Flume (a 2080ft flood control channel) has exceeded the design life for concrete structures of its kind. The structural integrity of the flume is rapidly deteriorating, with significant scouring and erosion, exposed rebar, and evidence of failing channel walls, including the wall adjacent to the Federal Building.

The Gold Creek flume requires a complete rehabilitation of the structure, including a full width structural overlay, reinforcements, and improvements to increase structural resilience and allow for long-term maintenance. Juneau has not experienced the dry and warm conditions required to effectively repair the concrete channel for several years. A concrete dividing wall must be installed to channel the water away from the repairs so that the project may be completed in phases when optimal weather conditions allow.

Without these repairs, the Juneau Federal Building and the surrounding support services are at risk of flooding and bank collapse due to the increased volume and frequency of high-velocity rain events.

**TIMELINE:** Due to the pressing need, CBJ will begin the planning and design work in FY26 with existing funding. Once funding is secured, project implementation could be completed within three years, but is heavily reliant on dry weather.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Flood mitigation, safety, security and resilience of Juneau's downtown core.

# 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: \$5.5M**

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



**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:** The project will prepare roughly three acres of CBJ owned property in downtown Juneau. This acreage includes the parking garage, park, switchback trail, and Transit Center. We anticipate developing 1.4 acres of that area for housing. This project will include removal of hazardous materials and environmental cleanup, demolition of existing structures, 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.

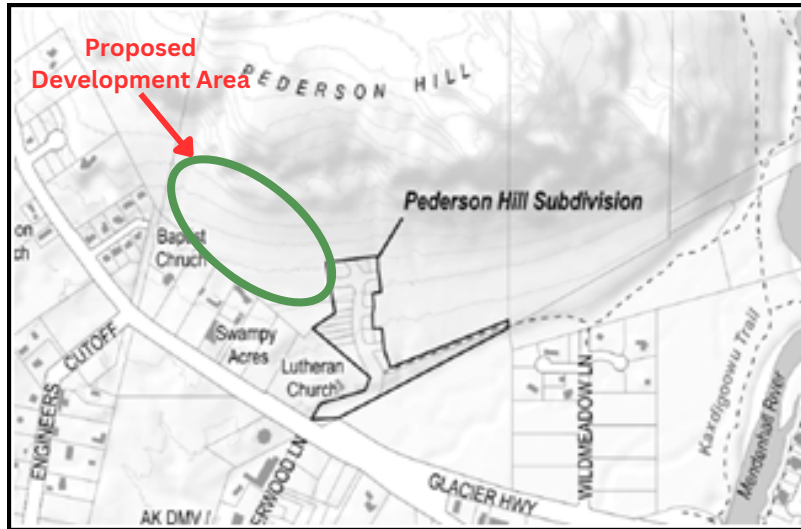
**PUBLIC PROCESS:** Since the third quarter of 2023, the CBJ has held public meetings to encourage community dialogue regarding this project, completed an online community survey, and funded consultants to complete a Telephone Hill Place Guide that provides direction on redevelopment of the property. 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 as this project moves forward.

**TIMELINE:** An inventory of utilities, property and hazards is currently underway. The Telephone Hill Place Guide which provides direction on redevelopment of the property is complete. The property is now partially vacated and CBJ is working to inventory hazardous wastes. Demolition of existing structures is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2026. Request for proposals from redevelopment partners and proposals will likely begin once the hazardous wastes removal and demolition plan is approved.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** Redevelop over 1.4 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. The Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) is actively developing the remainder of Phase 1B and 1C. 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 sold for housing. The Assembly has also expressed interest in providing land at this location 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 processes and public comment to the Assembly during all phases of development. The Assembly will encourage comments from the local workforce, housing providers and stakeholders.

**TIMELINE:** Design and alignment study are underway. A draft alignment is expected in September 2025. Work on a preliminary subdivision plat will begin in spring 2026.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ, USCG, private homeowners and developers could all have opportunities on the 26 acres.

**PROJECT GOAL:** Housing. Increase workforce and market rate housing, partner with the USCG to provide housing for service members, public private partnerships that create housing, large tracks and individual lots for housing.

# Bartlett Emergency Department (ED) Renovation/Expansion



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$2M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$8M (\$4M BRH Reserves, \$4M CDS)**

**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.

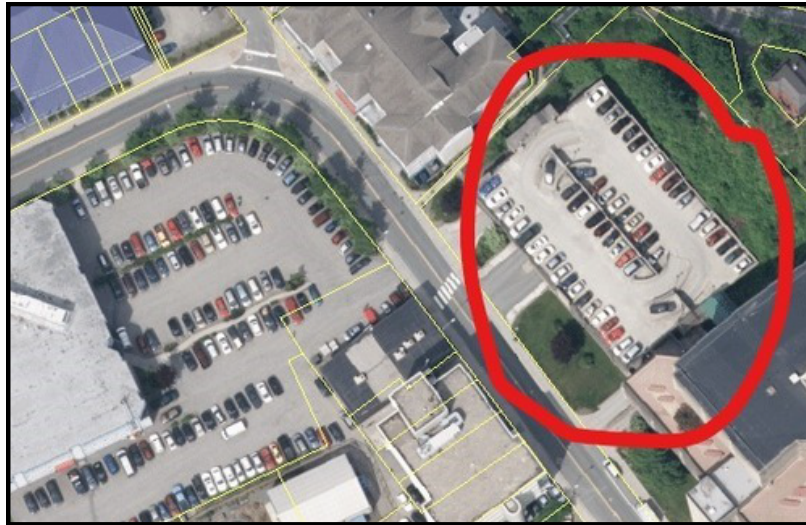
This project is currently in the 65% design phase. A Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract has been awarded to Cornerstone Construction. Bartlett has approximately \$4M set aside for this project, and Senator Murkowski added \$4M as Congressionally Designated Spending in the approved FY24 appropriation 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 and camera monitoring 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 was completed in January 2025. Staff training and procedures have already been implemented as a result of the security assessment. 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: \$2.2M** (CBJ commitment)

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: TBD (\$100M 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 achieved 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 \$600K as Congressionally Designated Spending in the FY25 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-to-four-year planning effort which requires federal funding each year. Senator Murkowski has submitted a \$600K CDS in the FY26 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 & FY2026.

**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.

# Shore Power at Dock 16B



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$20M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$13M Marine Passenger Fees**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$60-70M for two docks.**

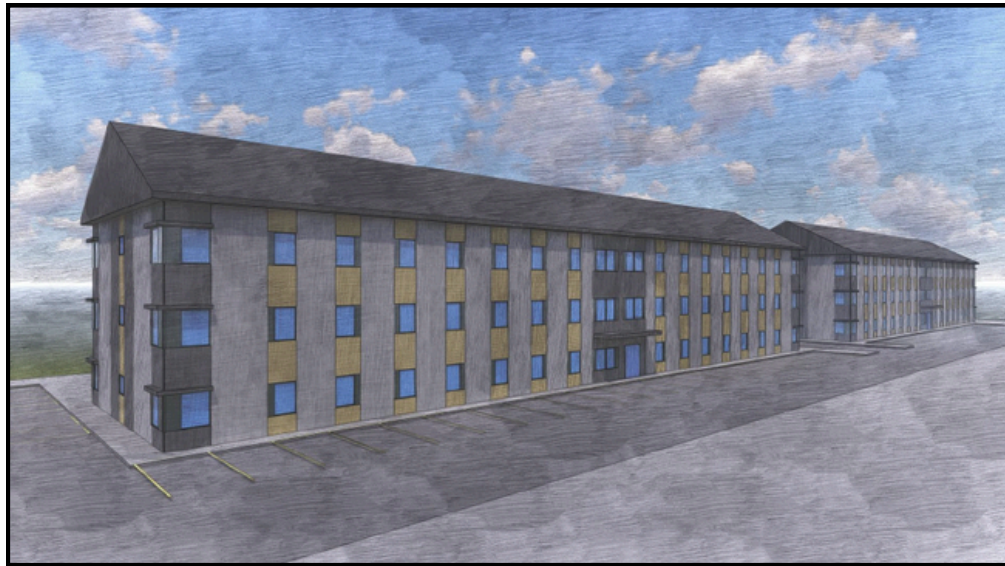
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:** The project would fund construction of the electrical infrastructure (substation, feeder cables, batteries, etc.) and shore power infrastructure (submarine cables, power connection floats, cable positioning devices) at the two CBJ-owned cruise ship docks. The electrical 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. It is unlikely that federal grant funding will be available for this project in the near future. CBJ has entered a MOA with AELP to design this system. AELP has contracted with an electrical engineering company from Pasadena, CA in August 2025.

**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: \$10M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$24.5M**

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

## **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 II only.

The completed Capital Civic Center consists of two phases. The first phase, completed in late 2023, renovated the existing ballrooms and installed new sound and HVAC systems. Phase II creates a stand-alone wing (joined to Centennial Hall by a shared lobby) 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.

The new facility will serve as an expanded center for emergencies, including shelter in the event of a natural disaster. In January 2025 the Assembly agreed to provide up to \$1M to The Partnership to advance the project to 95% design. CBJ entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with The Partnership in June 2025 to establish roles and responsibilities during the design process, as well as to effectively manage CBJ's financial contribution.

**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.

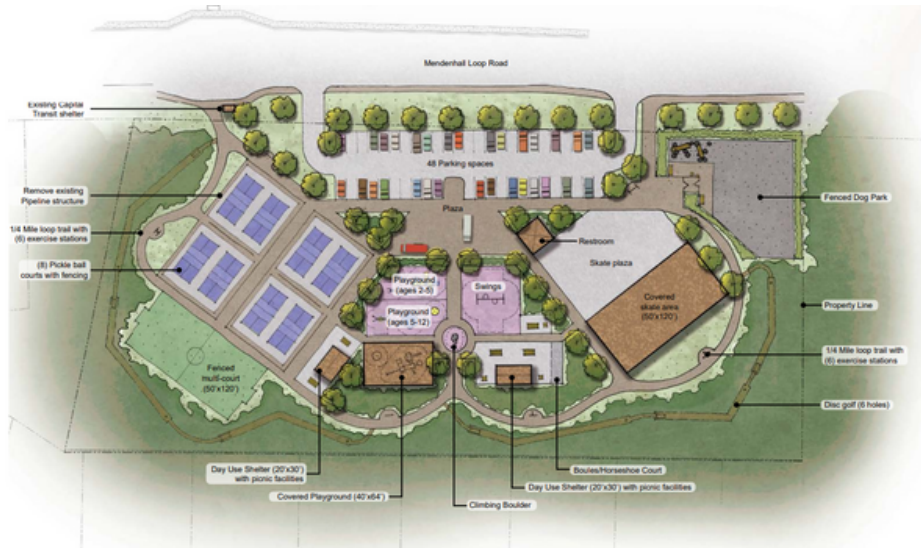
**TIMELINE:** Once funding is secured, 3-3.5 year design and construction timeline.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

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



# Jackie Renninger Park Development & Pipeline Skatepark Improvements



**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$15M**  
**AMOUNT SECURED: \$1.075M**  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$16M**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:** This project will implement the Jackie Renninger Memorial Park Master Plan, completed in early 2025, to expand access to outdoor recreation and open space for one of Juneau’s most underserved and densely populated areas of town. The 4.6-acre site currently includes the Pipeline Skate Park and a small public restroom, but lacks a full neighborhood park. This project will change that by providing safe, convenient access to high-quality amenities, including an upgraded covered skate park and skate plaza, dedicated pickleball courts, Juneau’s first covered playground, day-use shelters, and more—bringing much-needed community resources to the Mendenhall Valley.

**PUBLIC PROCESS:** In 2022, the Assembly appropriated funding to develop a master plan for Jackie Renninger Park, which was completed in early 2025 following multiple public and user group meetings. This process resulted in a conceptual design that is now being advanced into 35% design documents. As part of this phase, the contractor will continue to hold public meetings to gather input and share progress as the designs develop.

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

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN AND OPERATE?** CBJ

**PROJECT GOAL:** To provide the first dedicated community park for the Mendenhall Valley that offers diverse amenities for multiple user groups of all ages in one of Juneau’s most underserved neighborhoods.

# 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 to support the future homeporting of the USCG icebreaker, 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: \$30M**

**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.

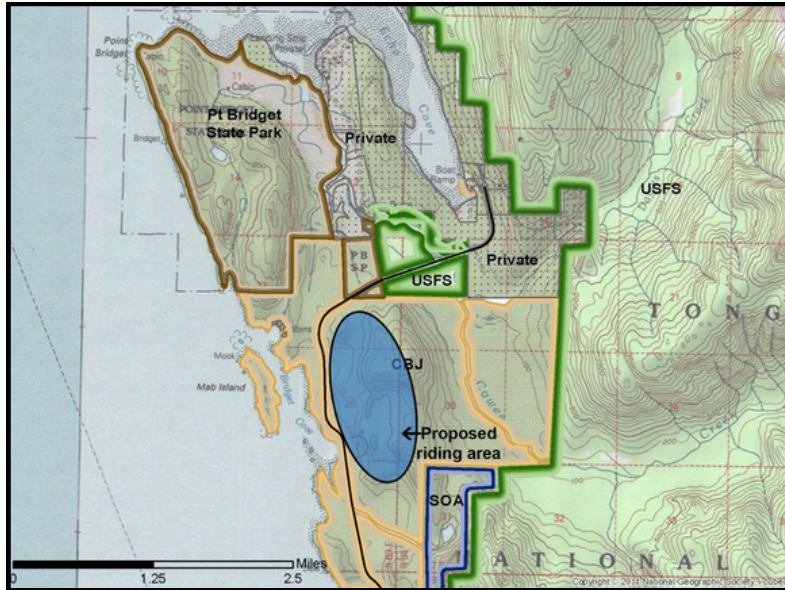
**PUBLIC PROCESS:** Docks and Harbors has solicited public input on the concept.

**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: \$4.75M**

**AMOUNT SECURED: \$1.25M**

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

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & UPDATE:** This project addresses longstanding unmet demand for sustainable off-road vehicle (ORV) recreation by creating a dedicated venue for riding and training opportunities, reducing impacts on sensitive habitats, and minimizing user conflicts. As the second summer of construction wraps up in fall 2025, completed work includes the parking lot and approximately three of the planned five miles of trail that have been cleared and grubbed. By the end of the season, about three-quarters of a mile of trail is expected to be graveled and rideable.

**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. The Planning Commission approved a conditional use permit for the facility in 2023.

**TIMELINE:** Phase one of construction is anticipated to take 3–4 years, with the second summer of work scheduled to wrap up in fall 2025.

**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.

# APPENDIX

## 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 for 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.

