



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING AGENDA

October 21, 2025 at 3:00 PM

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1. 2025-08-19 JCOA Meeting Minutes - Draft
 - 2. 2025-09-16 JCOA Meeting Minutes - Draft
 - 3. 2025-10-14 JCOA Meeting Minutes - Draft
- E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
- F. AGENDA TOPICS
 - 4. Main JCOA Projects & Subcommittee Updates
 - i. Housing Subcommittee Updates — Presentation from Jacqueline Pata, President/CEO of Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) on information regarding housing opportunities with THRHA.
 - ii. Recreation & Wellness — Update on Gym Use
 - iii. Age-Friendly Planning — Due in December
 - 5. AARP Update
 - 6. Website, KTOO & Newspaper Updates
- G. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
- H. NEXT MEETING DATE
 - 7. NEXT JCOA MEETING DATES - 3pm via Zoom
 - October 28, 2025 – JCOA Workgroup Meeting - Cancelled*
 - November 11, 2025 - JCOA Workgroup Meeting - Discussion on CBJ Assembly Presentation*
 - November 18, 2025 - JCOA Regular Meeting*

I. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

8. JCOA Input to CBJ on Legislative Priorities

J. ADJOURNMENT

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JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES - DRAFT



August 19, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

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A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL– Chair Craig called the JCOA meeting to order at 3PM via Zoom

Present: Chair Deborah Craig, Secretary Chris Schapp, AARP Liaison and CAT Team Leader Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Barb Murray, and Anne Stepetin.

Absent: Diane Kyser, Jennifer Garrison (family emergency), Kimberly Adkinson (resigned).

Others Present: JCOA Assembly Liaison Maureen Hall, prospective new member Laura Revels.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – agenda approved as presented.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – minutes approved as presented.

1. April 15, 2025, JCOA Meeting Minutes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

E. AGENDA TOPICS

Standing JCOA Agenda Topics - CBJ Update/Main Projects/Subcommittee Updates

1. OTHER INFORMATION

Chair Craig reported Kimberly Atkison has issued her early resignation (term ends 12/25).

Anne Stepetin also resigned from the JCOA as she takes on a new position at T&H focusing on programs serving elders. Anne was present at our meeting to say farewell, thank the Commission and comment on how much she enjoyed being a part of all the wonderful things the JCOA accomplished over the years. She also offered to come back to meetings on occasion to share her knowledge and expertise. She wished us well and we offered a fond goodbye to a long-time member.

Prospective new member Laura Revels has submitted her application to the Assembly to represent CCTHITA on the JCOA. Laura was present, introduced herself and comes with a long history of program development, grant writing and advocacy, and expressed her excitement to be part of the Commission. Committee members present also introduced themselves and welcomed Laura.

Members are also encouraged to listen to the JCOA's KTOO Juneau Afternoon interview from August 7th – click on the following link and then go to the 40-minute mark. Linda Kruger has been a regular contributor with Chair Craig in announcing both JCOA and AARP Activities. JCOA will continue to participate in KTOO's Juneau Afternoon – every month on the first Thursday at 3PM. This is an opportunity to share info and all members are encouraged to send info to Chair Craig and Linda Kruger regarding activities to be announced AND all are welcome to join in the interview monthly!

<https://www.ktoo.org/2025/08/07/kitty-eddys-journey-to-recovery-after-suffering-two-strokes-plus-a-preview-of-opera-alaska-and-events-from-the-juneau-commission-on-aging/>

2. Housing Priority

Chair Craig reminded everyone about next week's **Universal Design Zoom meeting taking place on August 26th at 9:00 AM**. You must register on the link on the JCOA website at the top of the page to get an invite for the zoom webinar. At the event CBJ Planning Commission as well as others will present topics on universal design, senior living and senior affordability for the future. Chair Craig again asked

everyone to spread the word about the event including radio spots on KTOO and Linda Kruger has done an exemplary job reaching out to over 70 participants and putting up posters around town. Carol Ende commented on appreciation for the progress that has been made with the housing priority.

3. **Age-Friendly Community Planning**

Chair Craig gave an update from meeting with Minta Montabo, CBJ Senior Planner for the CBJ Comprehensive Plan - her email response reads:

Thanks for reaching out. I appreciated the information you provided during our last meeting and have shared the Juneau Age Friendly Community Action Plan with the rest of the project management team.

*As we discussed in our meeting, we are still in the initial phase of gathering public input, including formal reports/plans such as yours. We won't start writing anything for several months, but we have started drafting the Guiding Principles, and I'm already seeing areas of alignment, **such as the creation of a Senior Community Center that could support multi-generation interactions**, and ensuring Juneau has "housing for all" that is appropriate to different needs, including seniors.*

I have added my colleague, Forrest Courtney, to this email. Unfortunately, we are fully booked this week preparing for a series of meetings and work sessions next week and will not have capacity for individual meetings.

As we talked about when we last met, you are most welcome to attend the public meeting we are hosting on August 25, related to North and West Douglas issues. The meeting will be focused on transportation/roads, housing/infrastructure, and tourism/recreation in North and West Douglas, so it would be a good venue to offer perspective on age-friendly considerations from your Action Plan, such as senior activities at Eaglecrest or improved/extended public transit to the area.

Chair Craig hopes to be able to present the Age Friendly Community Plan formally to the CBJ Assembly at the next reporting period for the JCOA.

4. **Recreation and Wellness -**

For those not at the last working group meeting, we reiterated the exciting news of Marie Drake, Mount Jumbo Gym and Floyd Dryden opening for senior participation in activities including pickleball open gym yoga walking – this all relies on Parks and Recreation hiring 10 individuals to staff the facilities – JCOA has tried to bump the recruitment on KTOO Juneau Afternoon and outreach to the MAAST Program, AKDOL, CCS and T&H. Lauren Verelli (acting P&R Acting Director) expressed email appreciation for JCOA's assistance with recruitment so that all facilities can be fully staffed and seniors can enjoy the facilities starting this fall. The gyms are anticipated to be open September through April.

Floyd Dryden and Mt. Jumbo Gym are scheduled to open after Labor Day/September.

Marie Drake will hopefully open in early October on Monday Wednesdays and Fridays for pickleball and open Senior gyms on Tuesday and Thursday.

Conversations will continue to facilitate a more robust Senior Community Center. Carol Ende commented on the importance working effectively with the CCS Senior Center at Mountainview and Chris Schapp indicated that CCS is now trying to hire a new CCS Senior Center Manager – when that position is in place, the new Manager could present to the JCOA. The Commission discussed strategies and mechanisms for using these venues that are in close proximity, ADA compliant and offer different space options: Marie Drake (large and conducive to big activities) and the Senior Center (smaller and more conducive to workshops, training, etc).

5. **CBJ Liaison update from Maureen Hall:**

Maureen gave an update on CBJ Assembly issues including the hiring of a new airport manager, flooding aftermath and cleaning help continued and that at last night's Assembly meeting, the disorderly conduct ordinance that was tabled, there is an upcoming bid period for the warming shelter

for this winter and that ranked choice voting was included public testimony. Ms. Hall also reported on the school district, and that all is going well after the third day of school. Chair Craig thanked Ms. Hall for her commitment to seniors and her assistance via the Assembly.

F. At our upcoming Meetings (below) we would like us to review the Age Friendly Plan and Linda Kruger commented that this would be great preparation for the assembly report later this year.

G. NEXT MEETING DATES –

August 26 – Universal Housing Zoom meeting 9am (see link on our website, must register in advance)

September 9 – JCOA Workgroup TBD

September 16 – Next regular JCOA monthly meeting at 3pm

H. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business coming before the commission, meeting adjourned at 4:03pm.

Juneau Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2025 at 3:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER 3:01 pm

B. ROLL CALL – Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, Barb Murray
Absent: DJ Kyser and Chris Schapp, CBJ Assembly Liaison Maureen Hall at SE Conference
Public Member: Laura Revels (not yet official member)

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - approved with updates offered by Chair Craig

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – not attached - tabled until next meeting

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – no public members present

F. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Main JCOA Projects & Subcommittee Updates

A. Housing Subcommittee Updates

i. Deborah played a clip from a talk Meilani Schijvens (Rain Coast Data Housing Assessment) gave at SE Conference. The overall SE populations is declining but the senior populations in increasing. Juneau has added housing units, but the housing shortage continues as single occupancy has increased. Many seniors are living alone with a shortage of appropriate options of places to move. Missing Middle Housing is an issue. Small homes that work for all ages are needed. There is a strong connection between lack of affordable housing and jobs and the growing demographic of seniors.

ii. Follow Up to August 26 Design for Life Meeting – AARP Home Fit Guides will be shared with contractors, developers and others. AARP is focusing on the Missing Middle and may be offering a Missing Middle Workshop and may be doing a study in 2026. Deborah and Linda will participate in the CBJ Housing and Development Forum in early November. Linda, Barb and Carol will meet informally on 9/19 to review and prioritize housing actions listed in the Age-Friendly Plan.

B. Recreation/Wellness Subcommittee Updates — Follow Up with P&R Acting Director - Lauren Verrelli on Floyd Dryden – currently open for pickleball and Marie Drake is scheduled to open in October for pickleball and open gym. Deborah talked with Robert Barr about use of the commercial kitchen and classrooms/meeting rooms for a senior/community center. Deborah reached out to Erin Tolles-Walker about the Senior Center. The current senior center managed by CCS is close to Marie Drake and activities could be coordinated. Deborah mentioned starting a Mahjong Monday's group that could meet at the Senior Center or a space at Marie Drake.

C. Age-Friendly Planning Updates – We will be reviewing the Age-Friendly Plan and developing a report for the Assembly to be presented along with our JCOA Annual Review at the 11/17

Assembly Meeting. All JCOA members are requested to plan to attend. Members also are requested to review the Age-Friendly plan and offer suggestions to for inclusion in the report. It was suggested we continue to pursue Marie Drake as a Community Center and Carol suggested we also develop a Plan B.

2. JCOA Website – Deborah is working with CBJ to maintain the JCOA webpage as the go-to place for senior information. Deb and Linda are also continuing the monthly program on KTOO Juneau Afternoon to combat isolation and share activities for seniors. The next program will be October 2 at 3 pm. A proposed monthly newspaper column has been offered as a sample to the CBJ Manager’s Office for review.

3. Tlingit and Haida Senior Program - Laura is waiting to be confirmed as an official JCOA member. She described her current situation with Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes as a learning phase. She said housing is a big issue and food is also a big concern. Isolation is also concerning, and they are working to develop more activities and opportunities for people to connect with others.

For our next meeting Laura will invite Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority (mission is to connect Southeast Alaskans with sustainable housing opportunities and innovative financial solutions.) President and CEO Jacqueline Pata.

Jennifer reported that the Bridge Program is operating and offering seated tai chi, hydroponic gardening and other activities. Jennifer will reach out to CCS Senior Services to invite them to have someone talk to JCOA about what they are currently offering/planning.

Scheduling for most activities is included on the Capital City Weekly (Juneau Empire) calendar and KTOO and JACC calendars.

Carol asked about what questions we can ask ourselves to help monitor our progress toward a healthier community, and toward meeting our goals for Age-Friendly. Linda will check AARP resources to try to identify questions.

G. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – Maureen Hall, our Assembly Liaison was out of town and not available for the meeting.

H. NEXT MEETING DATES - 3PM VIA ZOOM

9/23 - JCOA Workgroup Meeting - cancelled

10/14 - JCOA Workgroup Meeting

10/21 - JCOA Regular Commission Meeting

I. ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned 4:01 pm.

JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Only

A. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL – Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Barbara Murray, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, Laura Revels, DJ Kyser. Guests: Rhonda Ward and John Brett have applied to join the Commission and will be approved in November.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The agenda was approved without objection.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Rhonda introduced herself and talked about Bartlett’s Patient and Family Advisory Council.

E. AGENDA TOPICS: **JCOA Response - CBJ Request for Input on Legislative Capital Priorities**

JCOA was asked to comment on the Assembly’s list of Legislative Capital Priorities. Chair Craig had drafted a response, and we spent the entire meeting discussing the priorities and our recommendations. Comments must be submitted by October 24. Chair Craig will rework the response, so it represents the outcome of our discussion, and provide members time to respond.

We discussed the Glacial Outburst and ensuring that plans serve seniors and those with limited mobility, the suggestion for inclusion of a walking path/recreation space along Gold Creek, Inclusion of a requirement for Age-Friendly housing with Universal Design components on Telephone Hill, Bartlett ER space for people who need quiet, and privacy not afforded by curtains. AAK’w Village District Parking – Safety for seniors is a priority because of proximity to senior living and activities. Parking is currently limited and handicapped parking is especially needed due to a higher level of need. Lemon Creek Multimodal Path – access for walkers, bikers, commuters. Due to objections from some members this was dropped. Eaglecrest Housing was seen as a lower priority than critical senior affordable, accessible housing broadly known as the Missing Middle. The Capital Civic Center proposal has engaged seniors and resulted in numerous large donations from seniors as well as grants from large foundations and other groups. The facility would provide opportunities for seniors to engage in Arts and Cultural events and volunteer in various capacities providing engagement and interaction- activities that have been shown to be important for longevity and older health. Jackie Renninger Park – emphasize pickleball courts that provide recreation opportunities for seniors. No significant senior benefits were identified with the Waterfront, W. Douglas extension or N. Douglas Boat Ramp or ORV development. The JCOA will not be offering comments on these items.

1. NEXT MEETING DATES

Oct. 21 - JCOA Regular Meeting w/ Guest Speaker Jacqueline Pata, President/CEO of Tlingit & Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA)

Oct. 28 - JCOA Workgroup (cancelled)

Nov. 11 - JCOA Workgroup

Nov. 18 - JCOA Regular Meeting

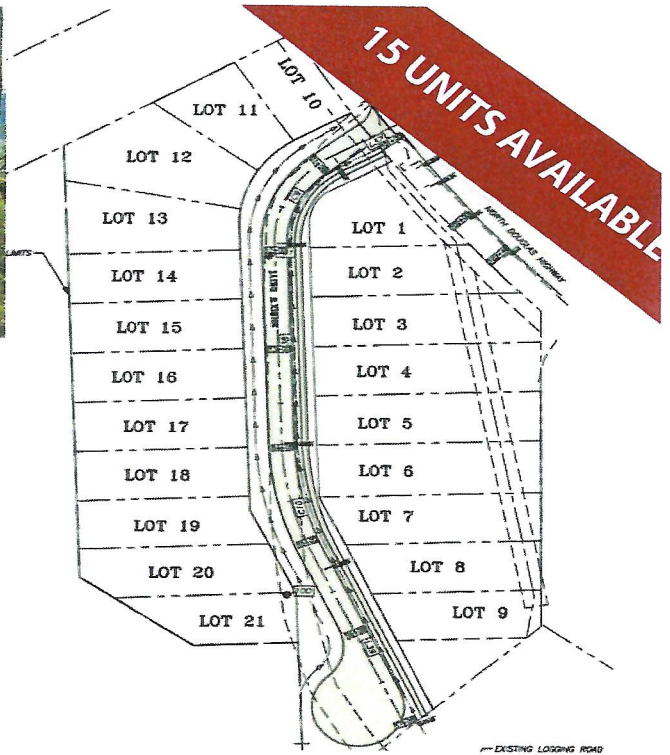
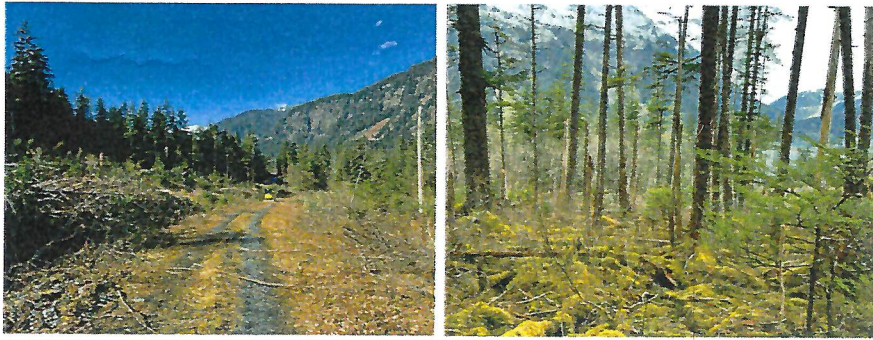
Nov. 25 - JCOA Workgroup (cancelled)

2. ADJOURNMENT 4:06 PM.

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MORTGAGE PROGRAM | APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED IN JUNEAU

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GENERAL TERMS

- Homebuyer must be a resident of Juneau/Douglas
- Enrolled tribal member
- Homebuyer is required to attend three financial literacy/homebuyer/home maintenance classes.
- Income not to exceed 80% MFI - see chart
- Meet program eligibility requirements

Pre-sale allows for choice in the number of bedrooms, layouts, and colors.
Flexible loan terms-tailored to individual needs. Credit builder program included.

JUNEAU INCOME LIMITS

2025 HUD INCOME MFI – JUNEAU

Low-Income Limit (LIL) 80% of Median*							
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\$72,100	\$82,400	\$92,700	\$102,950	\$111,200	\$119,450	\$127,700	\$135,900

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Haa Yakaawu Financial Corporation
Phone: 907-780-3105
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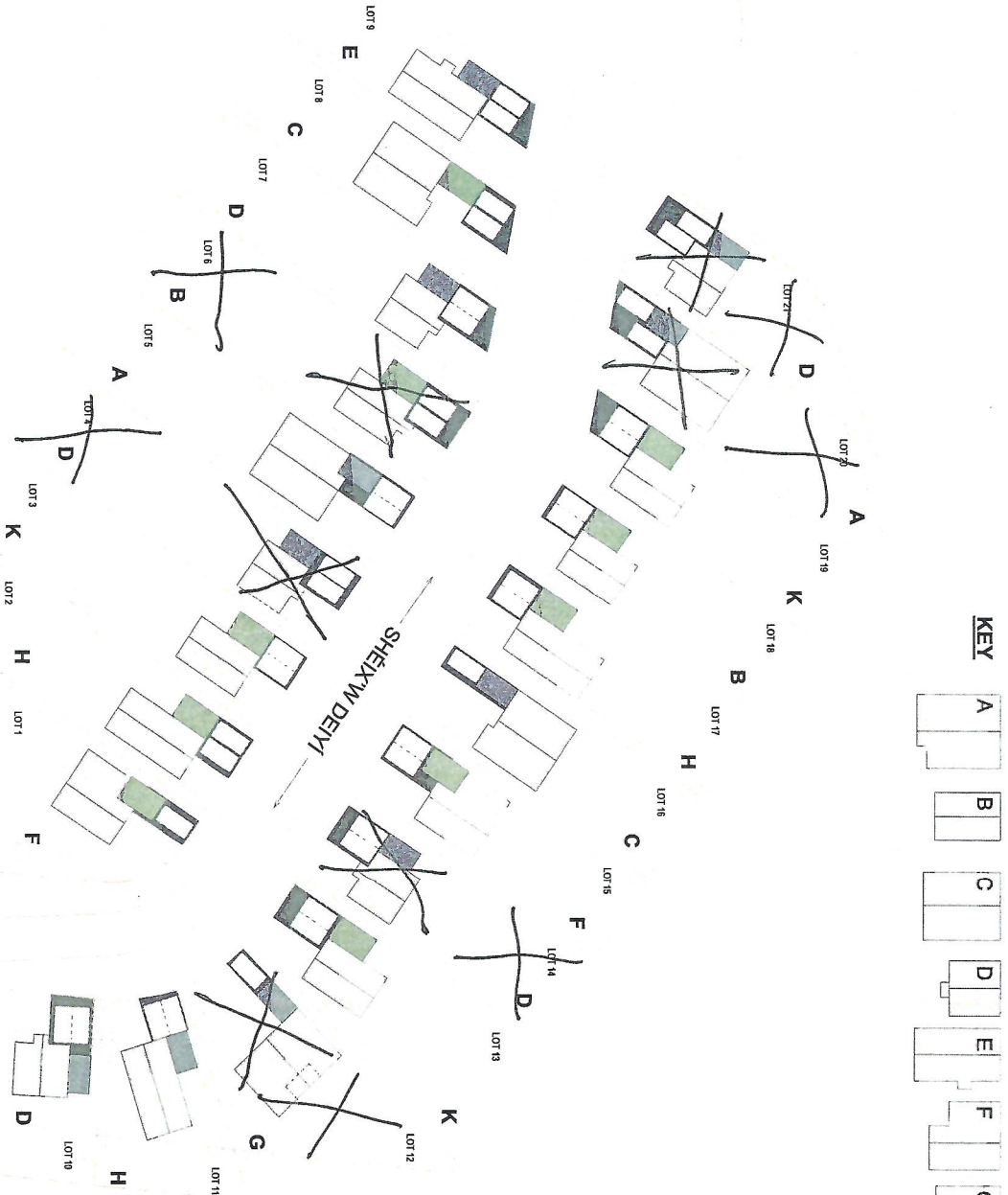
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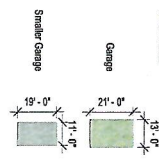
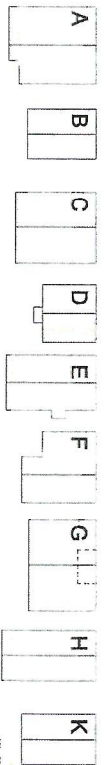
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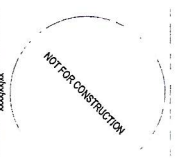


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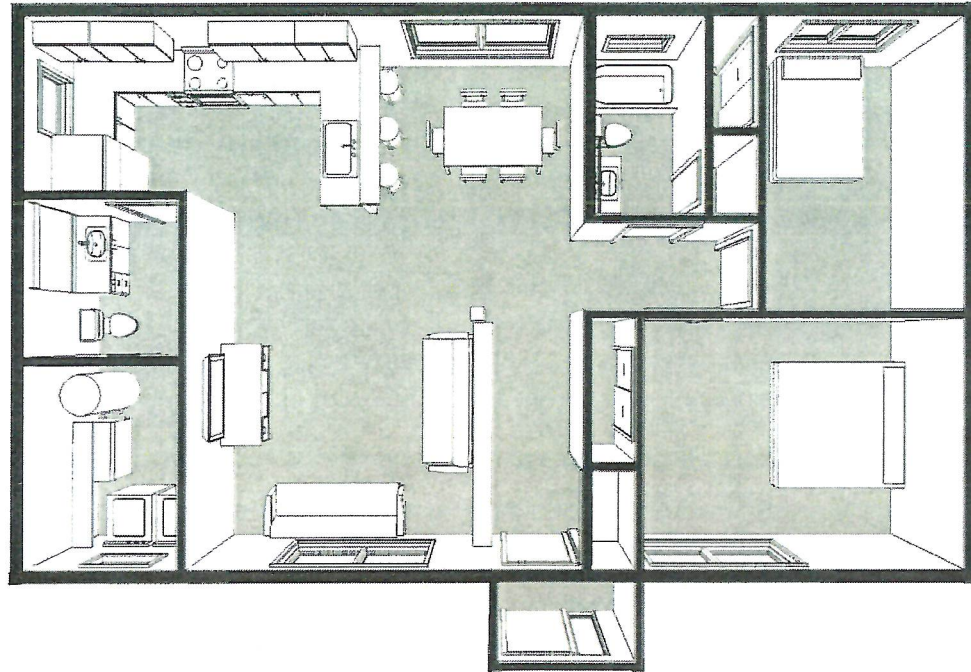
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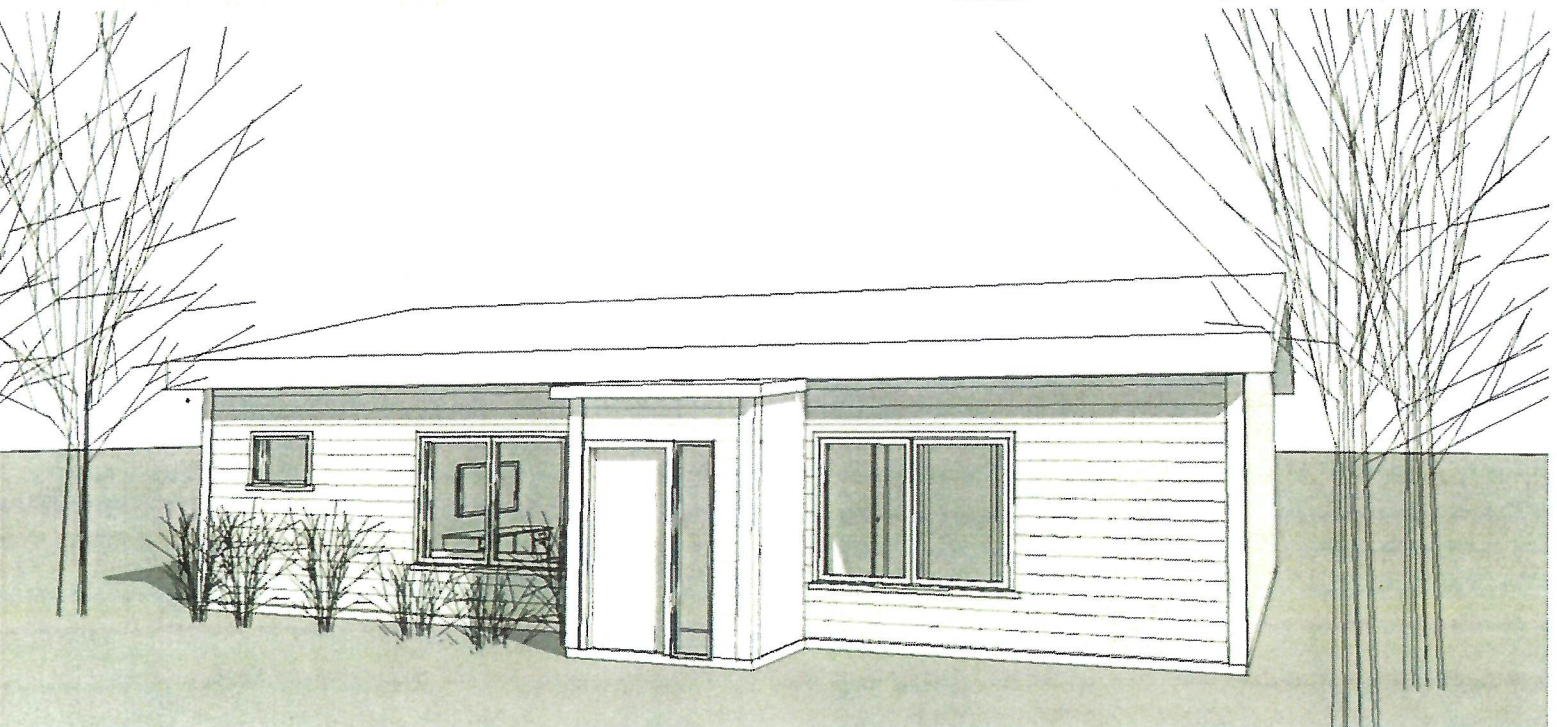
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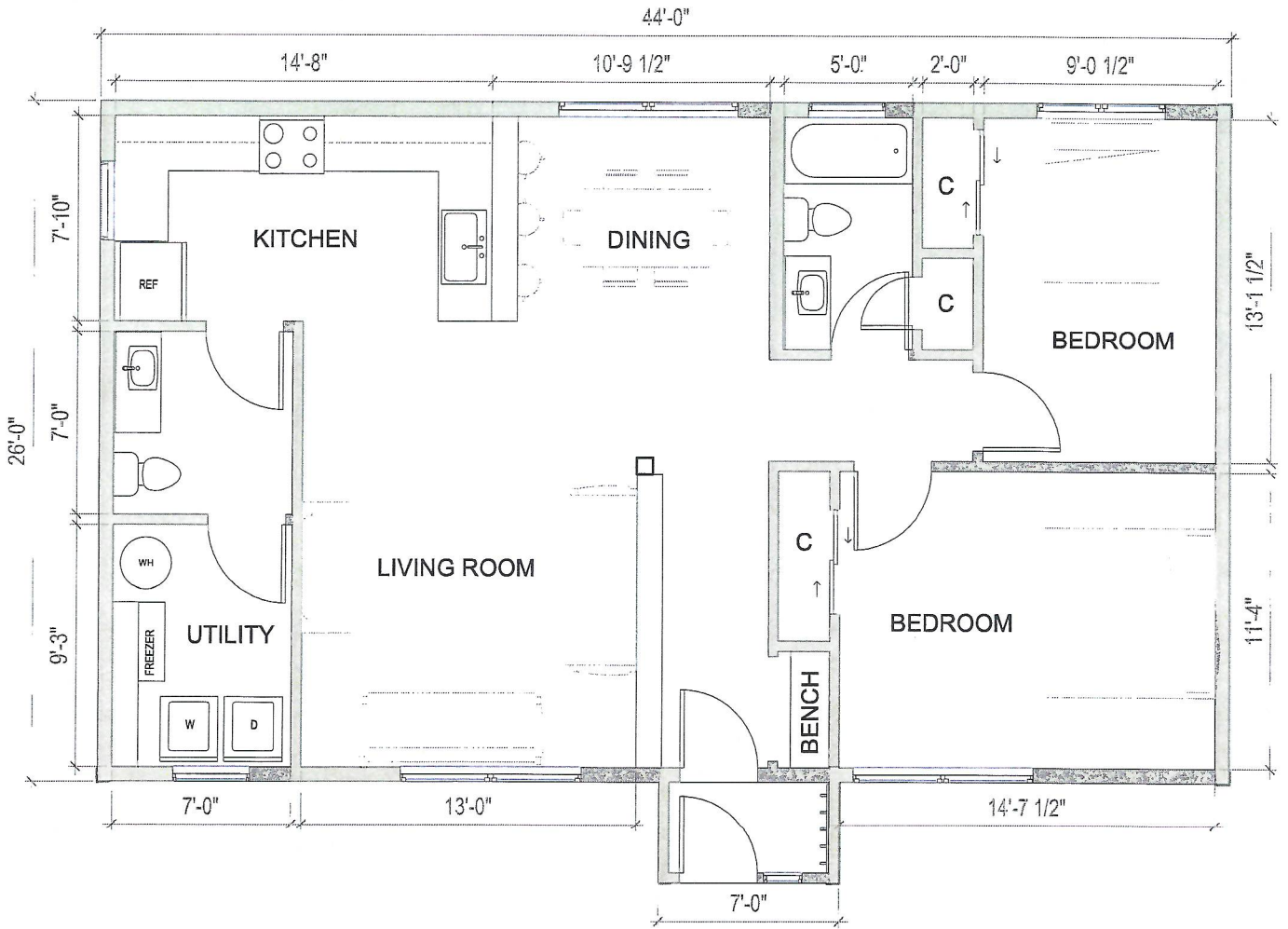


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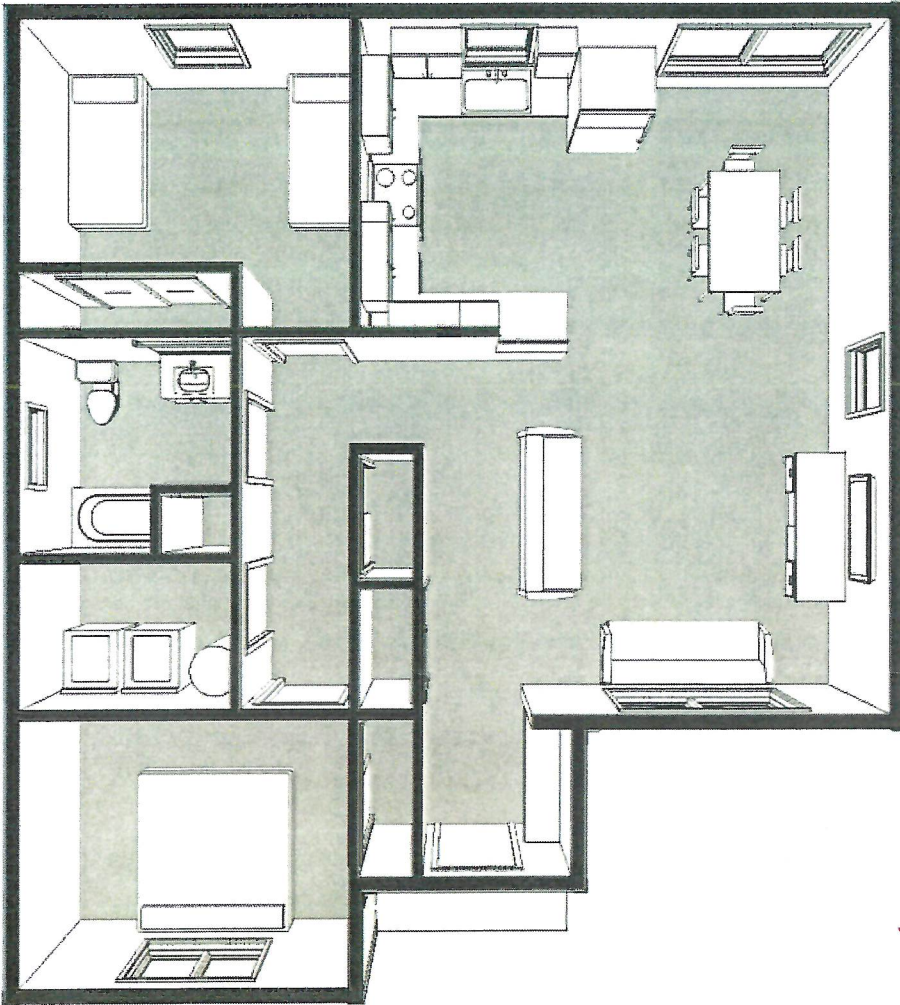
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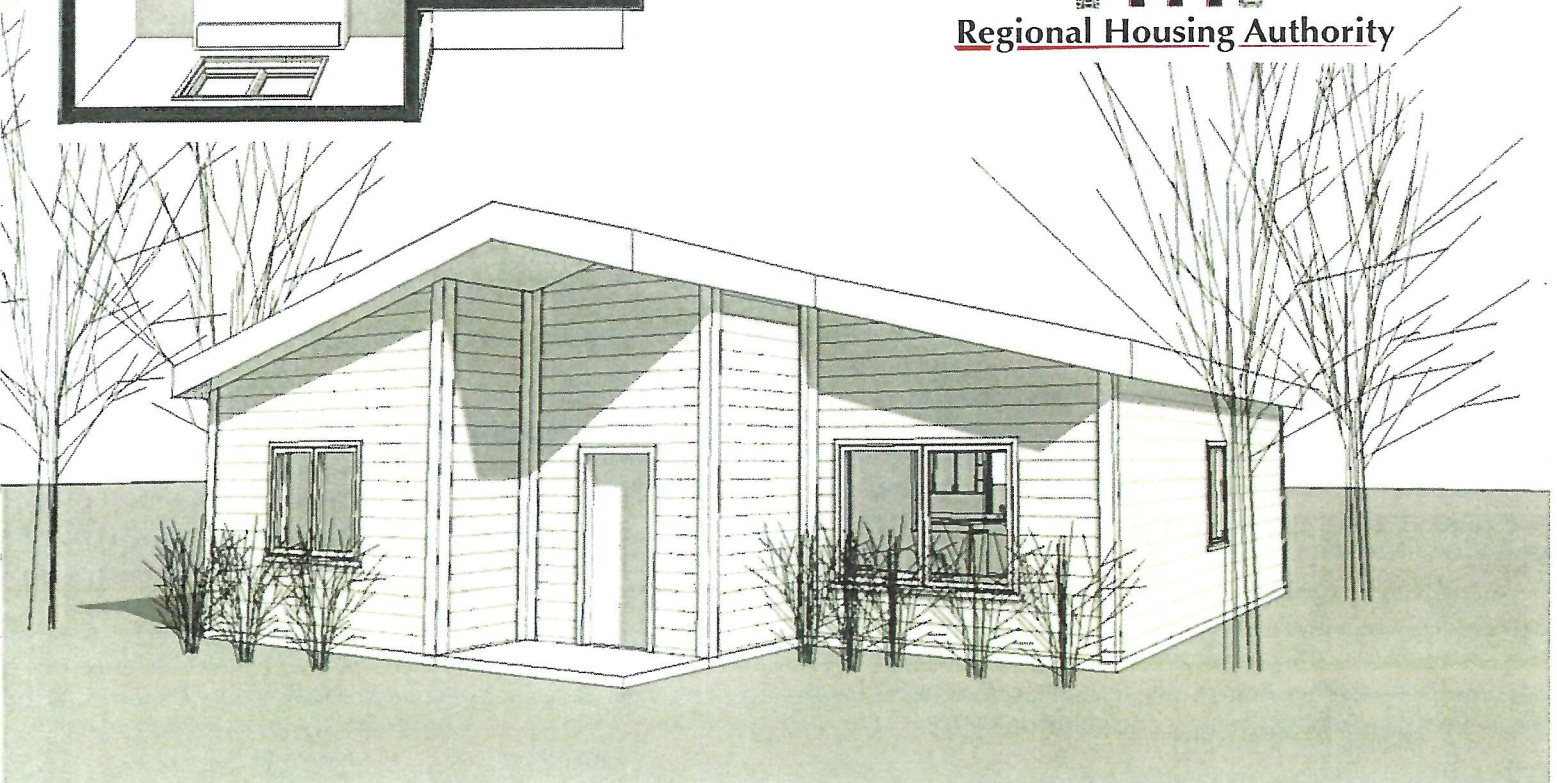
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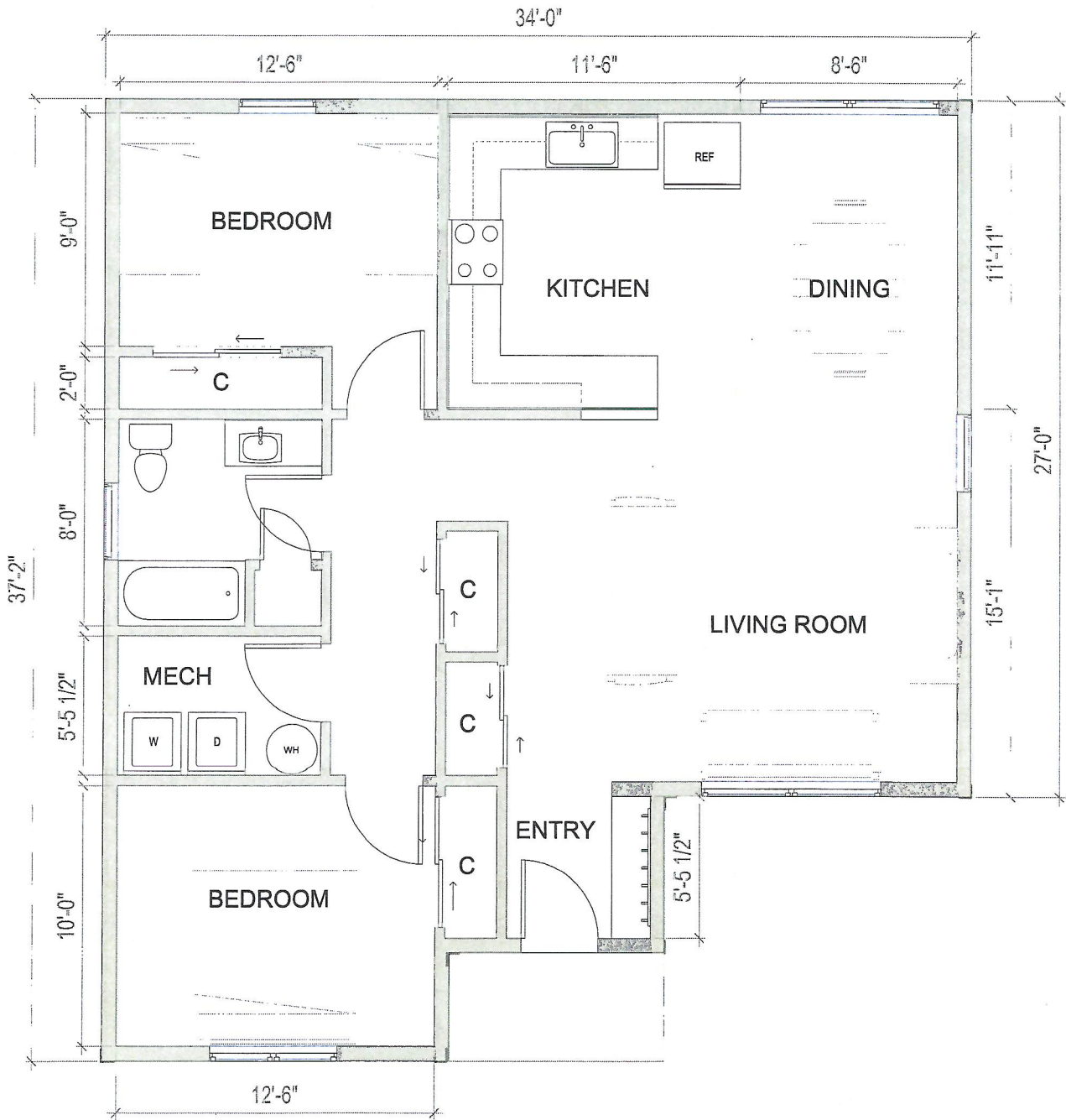


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JUNEAU AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN Progress Report December 2025

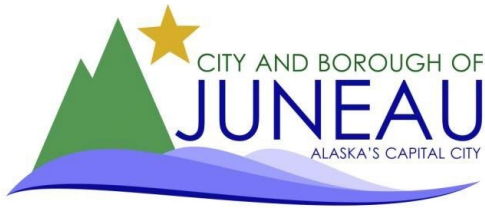
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Juneau joined the Age Friendly Network in late 2023 and we are proud to submit our plan. The plan has been prepared as a joint effort of the Juneau AARP Community Action Team and the Juneau Commission on Aging, who engaged many community partners. This plan will be submitted to the City and Borough of Juneau for consideration during their five-year Comprehensive Planning process that began this year. Our goal is to weave senior/elder considerations into all phases of our community planning processes as we implement this Age Friendly Plan.

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UPDATE THIS LETTER FROM THE MAYOR WITH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ms. Teresa Holt
AARP Alaska State Director
3601 C Street Suite 1420
Anchorage, Alaska, 99503

June 10, 2025

Dear Ms. Holt,

As Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau, I am writing to support the Juneau Commission on Aging and AARP Community Action Team's efforts to implement an Age Friendly Community Plan. The City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) is currently engaged in a community wide Comprehensive Plan, and we welcome these additional efforts to complement and ensure we develop a Comprehensive Plan that is inclusive to all, including our fastest growing age cohort in Alaska: seniors.

Every ten years, the CBJ, in partnership with the Juneau Commission on Aging, completes a Senior Survey to help us better understand our Seniors' status and needs. Our latest Survey, in 2020, affirmed that Seniors are robust, contributing partners in our community but there are several areas in which we could help make our community more Age Friendly. The AARP CAT Team also reached out to the Senior community on multiple occasions to further assess our ongoing needs. These multiple efforts resulted in the attached Plan.

In our effort to be a more livable community, we support efforts to ensure Juneau remains a great place to live for people of all ages. We strive to ensure safe, walkable streets, affordable housing, safe transportation options, access to needed services and opportunities so that residents of all ages can participate in an active, welcoming, supportive and enriching community.

Thank you for the opportunity to join the Age Friendly Network and promote these efforts through the Age Friendly Juneau Community Plan.

Sincerely,

Beth Weldon
Mayor

WELCOME TO JUNEAU

Alaska's capital is a land locked southeast coastal rainforest community located in a unique geographical area surrounded by glaciers, mountains, and tidal waters.

The Tlingit people and their clans were well established and actively trading in Southeast Alaska when European explorers made their first advances into the Gastineau Channel in the 1700s. The A'akw and T'aaiu Kwáan maintained thriving villages in the Juneau, Auke Bay, Douglas and Taku River area for over 750 years.



In the late 1800s rumors of gold findings lured prospectors to the Gastineau Channel and in 1880 and 1881 Juneau and Douglas were founded as townships. Soon Douglas was operating one of the world's largest hard rock gold mines. By the mid-1900s, Juneau was operating three mines and became the capital of the territory. It was also a travel and trading hub in and out of Alaska with regular Canadian Pacific Steamship arrivals and departures. In the 1920s Filipino workers were brought to Juneau to work in the mines, and the canneries and many stayed and married contributing to our community and cultural fabric.



Alaska achieved statehood in 1959 and Juneau became the capital of the 49th state. Today, the City and Borough of Juneau is the second largest (square miles) municipality in the United States and is a vibrant and diverse multicultural city of about 32,000 people. Our Capitol conducts state business and houses the legislature from January-May.

Alaska has always experienced surging economic periods: fur trade, gold, fisheries, military, oil and gas

and now tourism. Over a million summer visitors contribute to the tourism industry and experience our rich wilderness and cultural experiences. Regional and local Native Corporations headquartered in Juneau benefit tribal citizens and share native culture and history. Two productive mines operate outside the city. The University of Alaska Juneau offers advanced education with about 3000 students actively attending classes. Additionally, Juneau has an active parks and recreation program, a robust boating community with four harbors and houses the third largest fishing fleet in Southeast Alaska.

Juneau continues to be home to a diverse community of Alaska Natives, Filipinos, South Pacific Islanders, African Americans, as well as a magnet for young people seeking adventure and has become the home of a high number of active, healthy seniors. Almost 30% of Juneau’s residents are over 55. Juneau’s seniors tend to be homeowners, active in the community and contribute to the community both financially and as volunteers.



The City and Borough of Juneau reinstated the Juneau Assembly appointed Commission on Aging (JCOA) in 2017 to continue the early work of advocating for Seniors within the community and to provide a dedicated website for disseminating senior-specific news:

<https://juneau.org/clerk/boards- committees/jcoa>

The JCOA also provides monthly updates to the community on the local Public Radion Station, KTOO-FM, during the “Juneau Afternoon” Radion Show and offers a monthly column to the local newspaper.

MISSION, VISION AND VALUES



MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to support a community where all people live with dignity and purpose and are able to fulfill their goals and dreams in an inclusive, equitable, age- and ability-friendly Juneau.

VISION: Juneau is a livable vibrant community that is safe and accessible, and supports age- and ability empowering residents, fostering collaboration, and implementing innovative strategies that enhance accessibility, social connection, and quality of life for individuals of all ages and abilities



VALUE STATEMENTS



Inclusion: We value our community's diversity and strive to create a welcoming environment where all residents, regardless of age or ability, can thrive.

Equity: We are committed to addressing systemic disparities and ensuring that resources, opportunities, and programs are accessible to all, particularly marginalized and underserved groups.

Collaboration: We believe in the power of partnerships and work collectively with residents, organizations, and policymakers to create sustainable solutions.



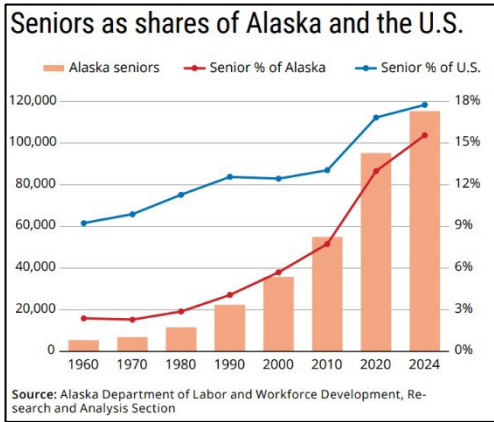
Empowerment: We aim to empower individuals through education, resources, and opportunities, enabling them to lead fulfilling, independent, and connected lives.

Innovation: We embrace creative approaches and adaptive strategies to address the evolving needs of our community.

Sustainability: We prioritize long-term impact and resilience, ensuring the success of age- and ability-friendly initiatives for generations to come.



COMMUNITY PROFILE



The number of Alaskans 65 and older has skyrocketed over the last decade and a half, continuing to rise even as youth and working-age populations have declined. Today, seniors play a bigger role in Alaska than they ever have. Alaska has always been a young state and this shift toward an older population is one of the ways Alaska has begun to look more like the rest of the country. The highest concentration of seniors is in Southeast Alaska and Juneau is the largest Southeast community. Juneau’s Senior population (60+) has steadily grown 39% (3.3% annually) between 2012 and 2021. There are 11,494 seniors 50+ living in Juneau and 3,997 are AARP members.

Juneau Commission on Aging 2020 SENIOR SURVEY FINDINGS

Seniors are healthier and better off than in previous survey years:

- 28.7% of Juneau residents are 55 and older**
- 84% own their own homes and pay taxes
- 80-90% (depending on age) drive their own cars
- 63% volunteer in the community
- 95% over 65 have Medicare Insurance
- 66% over 65 have State of Alaska Retirement
- 40% have Long Term Care Insurance
- 42-46% (depending on age) take continuing education classes (UAS/CS)
- 72 – 84% (depending on age) recreate weekly (walking, hiking, swimming, biking, gyms, skiing)

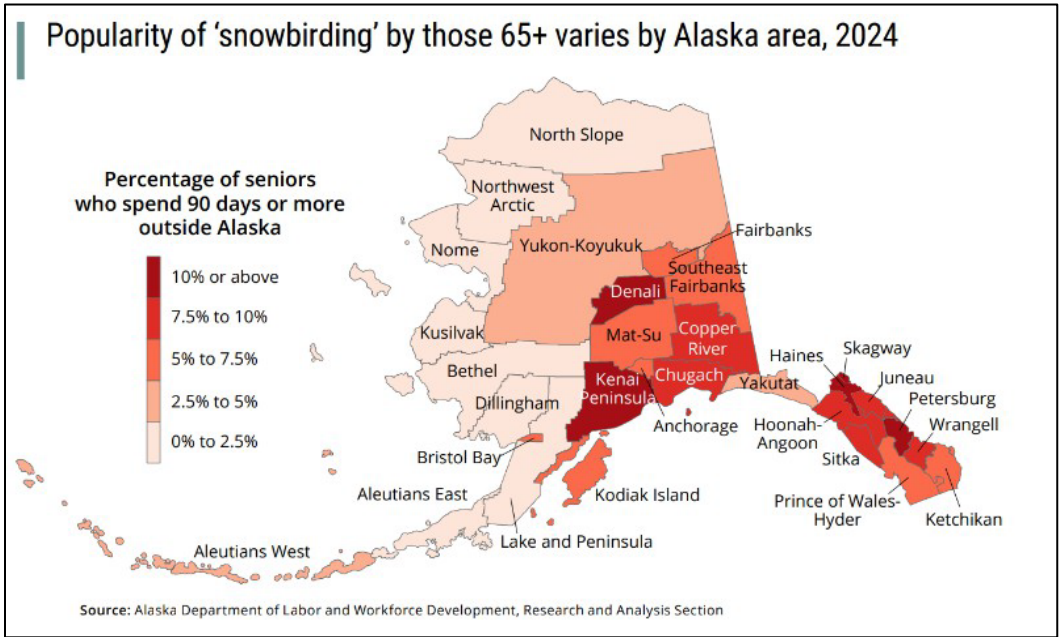


** AKDOL has updated this figure to 30% in 2023

The City and Borough of Juneau facilitates a Senior Survey every decade via the Juneau Commission on Aging. In 2020, the JCOA reached out to a broad swath of the community for the fourth Senior Survey in 40 years and found that seniors are a growing demographic and are doing generally well due to a number of factors.

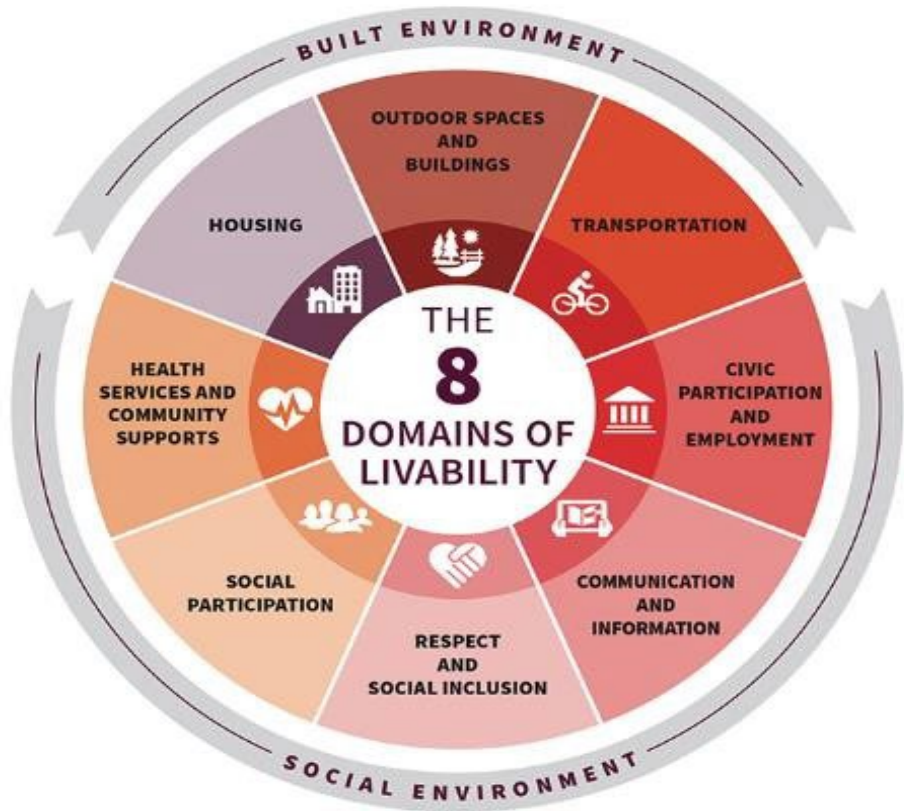
“It’s a common perception that Alaska retirees move south for warmer weather or the services they can’t get in Alaska. The massive growth in the 65-plus population puts to rest the idea that they all flee after retirement — but given Alaska’s 12-year streak of negative net migration, that raises the

question: How much has the larger elder population contributed to the overall outflow? People relocate less as they get older and while seniors have always been a low percentage of movers, they have increasingly influenced net migration numbers in recent years.” (Alaska DOLWD)



Even though outflow continues to increase, the senior population continues to grow in Alaska, particularly in Southeast but senior outflow has “created an undertow to the state’s migration numbers that didn’t exist before, which has baked in a steady net loss.” Southeast Seniors continue to bring significant value to the region, and especially to Juneau,

and are a resource that the Juneau Commission on Aging has focused on ensuring that the community recognizes and works to keep Seniors in community. This will be accomplished by ensuring Age Friendly Community values are recognized and promoted.



What achievements are we most proud of?

DOMAIN: Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

Concept: Availability of safe, public, recreational facilities.

2023: Community members expressed the continuing need for a Community Senior Activity Center with fitness center/gym and meeting spaces for classes and gatherings in a central location; community gardens – Mendenhall Valley Library; group walks and socials; indoor and outdoor walking opportunities (recovery from surgeries, fitness, socializing); complete the Vintage Park Trail to connect to the Brotherhood Bridge Trail; publish a directory of places people with limited mobility can connect with nature/accessible trails; more trails for seniors and mobility impaired people, and more benches on trails; improve rain canopies (2nd and Seward St., by the courthouse on Seward St.), add lights on walking trails near Thunder Mountain Middle School, Vintage Park – Brotherhood Bridge Trail; add indoor senior walking hours at area schools, walking track downstairs around the turf at Dimond Park – a new elevator will eliminate this need in the future.

2025: Community members expressed interest in the Dimond Park Fieldhouse and use of the Marie Drake Gym, safe and accessible public spaces, especially more covered areas (corner of 2nd and Seward St., next to the Court House, etc., more indoor meeting spaces – (community center), more community gardens (near the Valley Library), more indoor and outdoor walking opportunities for all abilities and completion of the Brotherhood Bridge Trail Loop.

DOMAIN: Transportation

Concept: Safe and affordable modes of private and public transportation.

2023 Community members expressed a desire for improved cross walk safety – need more flashing cross walk lights (like at the Egan Drive-- Glacier Ave access to Juneau Seawalk); bus stop needed near Global Credit Union and Petro One gas station; more weatherproof bus shelters; transportation for events such as the Juneau Symphony, Perseverance Theatre, etc.; improve Capital AKcess (Care-A-Van) and bus service for seniors, including past DeHarts and Lena Loop; easier access to obtain a senior pass; Senior Days with bus service to pools, libraries, grocery stores, Bartlett, etc.; Improve sidewalks and crossings, especially around Riverview Senior Living, Trillium Landing and Vintage Park; and help with snow removal on sidewalks and driveways.

2025 Community members expressed interest in: safe and accessible public spaces, especially more covered areas, many crosswalks need flashing lights (like the Egan to Seawalk crossing) – at Four Points Hotel, Cordova and Douglas Highway and others, bus stop is needed near the Global Credit Union and Petro One gas station across from Fred Meyers and transportation to events.

DOMAIN: Housing

Concept: Availability of home modification programs for aging in place, as well as range of Age-Friendly housing options.

2023: Community members expressed a desire for: Affordable, first floor senior units; update code to include universal design features; small scale affordable co-housing, tiny homes, cottages, or apartments for seniors, including the unhoused (Riverview is “too expensive for many” and Fireweed Place and Trillium Landing are “too industrial.”); lower property taxes, grandfather in lower tax rates, or have a ceiling for seniors; home modifications are needed – SAIL has done home evaluations for senior safety features; home modification stipends are desired.

2025 Community members emphasized the continuing need for affordable, accessible senior housing.

DOMAIN: Social participation

Concept: Access to leisure and cultural activities, including opportunities for older residents to socialize and engage with their peers as well as with younger people.

2023: Community members expressed a desire for: Community Senior Activity Center with movie nights, music nights, game nights, daytime events for seniors who don’t drive at night, card game clubs, senior lunches, transportation to events and book clubs; geocaching, movies for grown-ups, share your love and talents campaign, partner with senior living facilities for events, art classes, music events; JACC hosted senior events; senior movies at Goldtown Theater; tiny homes or cottages that would promote social engagement; AARP driver’s safety and other classes; scheduled activities at public libraries; arts and craft classes, AARP events, community gatherings and celebrations, and counseling services.

2025 Community members expressed interest in: an Office of Aging within CBJ, a Community Senior Activity Center with art classes, exercise, movie nights, card and game nights, music nights and events during the day for seniors who don’t drive at night, free senior lunch programs, book clubs, group walks, multicultural events and celebrations, geocaching for seniors, movies for grownups, share your love and talents campaign, publish (print and online) a directory of places people with mobility challenges can experience nature.

DOMAIN: Respect and Inclusion

Concept: Programs that promote ethnic and cultural diversity, as well as multigenerational interaction and dialogue.

Community members expressed a desire for: An Office of Aging within CBJ to promote and advance senior programs, activities, priorities across CBJ departments and an updated webpage with schedules and news for seniors; Community Senior Activity Center open to all (multigenerational) with regular schedule of activities; flowers for homebound residents, like meals on wheels; safe and accessible public spaces for walking and gathering; multi-cultural events and celebrations (Festival of Holi in March, Sons of Norway, Filipino holidays, etc.); Social events; Age-Friendly Days; work across community groups; support prison-release programs to support re-entry.

DOMAIN: Communication and Information

Concept: Access to communications technology and other resources so older residents can connect with their community, friends and family.

Community members expressed a desire for: Juneau Seniors Facebook Page; semi-annual senior expo; online senior events calendar, also posted around town; fliers for concerts and other events posted at senior living facilities; share information on seniors' contributions to the community; Age-Friendly Juneau webpage; write articles for Senior Voice and AARP publications; an Emergency Directory.

2025 Community members expressed interest in: Facebook posts for seniors, semi-annual expo highlighting senior oriented information, monthly fliers for concerts, plays, other events (online calendar).

DOMAIN: Community and Health Services

Concept: Access to home-based care services, health clinics and programs that promote wellness and active aging.

2023 Community members expressed a desire for: Community Senior Activity Center; group workshops and information sessions; geriatric care (encourage Bartlett to recruit a gerontologist, rheumatologist, cardiologist, gastroenterologist, and neurologist); Meals-on Wheels and congregate meals at Senior activity centers; encourage CAN and nursing programs at UAS; Friends of Seniors – help with small projects like changing smoke alarm batteries, etc.; support Bartlett Home Health and Hospice; develop a directory of Medicare/Medicaid providers; and promote wellness talks and activities (libraries, Bartlett, and senior housing).

2025 Community members expressed interest in: group informational sessions and workshops on health-related topics; flowers for the homebound (like Meals on Wheels).

DOMAIN: Work and Civic Engagement

Concept: Paid work and volunteer activities for older residents and opportunities to engage in formulation of policies relevant to their lives.

2023 Community members expressed a desire for: Community Senior Activity Center, financial and home assistance (car maintenance, banking, bill paying, household chores, senior helper, etc.), share information on the Department of Labor "Return to Work Programs" and directory of volunteer opportunities. A matchup service to connect seniors who need assistance with others willing to provide assistance (Friends of Seniors).

What are you most proud of? Summary of at last three of communities key achievements.

How You Got Here?

- How was AF process structured and organized
- Detail leadership team and how it evolved
- ID orgs and stakeholders
- Explain how residents engaged
- Describe methods used to implement

What did Age Friendly Accomplish This Year?

The following matrices provide input on each of the Eight Domains of Livability. We are focusing on Housing, Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, and Respect and Social Inclusion as our highest priorities.

The Juneau Commission on Aging and the AARP Juneau Community Action Team welcome everyone in the community to join with us as we move these priority action items forward. Becoming an Age-Friendly Community provides an opportunity and a responsibility for each of us to do what we can to promote and move forward with the ideas described in the following pages.

What you Learned?

- Challenges
- Benefits
- Successful practices
- Opportunities to leverage
- Outreach to diverse partners

What are next steps?

- How will you build upon accomplishments
- Share new opportunities to tackle
- Have your mission vision and values evolved
- Describe future aspirations

Housing Action Plan Matrix

Vision for this Domain: Assure adequate and affordable housing for all CBJ residents

Objectives/ Actions	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support		Potential barriers or resistance	Outputs	Outcomes – Impact	
			Available	Needed			Short- and Medium-Term	Long-Term
Information packet to CBJ planning staff: AARP HomeFit Guide JCOA-Building Age Friendly Housing in Juneau	Chair Craig Linda Kruger JCOA and AARP CAT	July 2026	Resources developed CBJ Planning Dept Local Builders	Packets made for distribution	Resistance to current practices	Regulation changes	Awareness: Community Assy Planning Comm Realtors Developers Support development of the CBJ Comp Plan	Improved building design and regulations in support of universal age friendly housing
AARP HomeFit Guide distributed to Public	Linda Kruger AARP CAT	July 2026 ongoing	Contact AARP	Need to order additional materials	None	Community Awareness	Community awareness Information for development of CBJ Comprehensive Plan	Support for universal design and age friendly home environs
Develop team of Lifelong Housing Certificate Reviewers Using HomeFit Guide	CBJ JCOA Experienced community members to be trained as reviewers CBJ Office of Aging	April 2026	Affordable Housing Fund Tax Abatement Other loan and grant programs	Experienced Community members to be trained Oversite of the project	Think differently about home design Resources CBJ support	Low, no cost- and cost- effective measures to ensure most homes are accessible for all ages and mobility needs	Certificate holders assess homes to ensure they are free of common barriers to mobility for everyone from toddlers to seniors	Juneau will develop a Lifelong Housing Certificate training program

Explore code/ regulations that could encourage universal, age friendly housing	AARP funded grant, CBJ Assembly, CBJ Planning Commission, Realtors, Designers, Builders, Community	June 2026	Explore current regulations to identify those that can be more age friendly	Collaboration to review and modify regulations	Potential cost Resistance to change	Housing is safe and convenient for everyone of all ages	Collaborative meetings between community, builders, designers and CBJ on regulation changes	Improved senior-friendly housing
Coordinate current 911 support system to support seniors living at home Check Alert One availability	CCS Fire Department Police	April 2026	911 system currently in place	Develop protocol and support for individuals who have mobility issues in their home, frequent users of 911	Cost coordination	With CCS the team identify and assist individuals who call 911 due to in home fall	Identify individuals in need of home modifications to keep them safe from falls	People of all ages can live in their homes safe from falls

Who is responsible for maintaining and updating information: Office of Aging Coordinator in concert with AARP and JCOA
Frequency of Meetings: Standing JCOA Monthly Committee Meeting

Buildings and Outdoor Spaces Action Plan Matrix

Vision for this Domain: Create availability for those over 50 to engage socially, physically and to obtain information.

Objectives/Actions	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support		Potential barriers or resistance	Outputs	Outcomes – Impact	
			Available	Needed			Short- and Medium-Term	Long-Term
Promote development of a Senior Community Center (proposed use of Marie Drake Gym/complex)	CBJ, JCOA, AARP and interested community orgs	FY 2025 - ongoing	CBJ Marie Drake Complex via Parks and Recs	Support to use space – Juneau Empire, KTOO	Support and funding	A Senior Center open for year-round use	Determine availability of space for 2026	Open and usable space
Ensure outreach regarding Outdoor and Indoor Space Availability	JCOA, AARP, CBJ PCR	FY25 Ongoing	CBJ PCR Web and JCOA Web senior specific activities	More resources JCOA Website	Funding	Websites	More opportunity for Senior use of available resources	More Senior use of available resources
Support Thunder Mt Bike Park	CBJ	Trial Mix	Trail Mix	Community support	None	Under Thunder Bike trail	Bike Trail	Bike Trail
Support Pickle Ball Court at Jackie Renninger Park	JCOA, AARP, CBJ PCR	FY25 Ongoing	CBJ PCR, Pickleball Community	Outreach and community understanding of need	Funding	Pickleball Opportunities	More opportunities for Senior use of available resources	More Senior use of available resources
Disc Golf capacity at Sandy Beach	JCOA, AARP, CBJ PCR	FY25 Ongoing	CBJ PCR, Disc Golf Community	Outreach and community understanding of need	Funding	Disc Golf Opportunities	More opportunities for Senior use of available resources	More Senior use of available resources
Indoor Walking Track Availability	National Guard/ UAS Rec Center, Sr Community Center	FY25 Ongoing	Natl Guard and UAS	Natl Guard and UAS	Public Awareness	Additional indoor/ fitness rec opportunities	More opportunities for Senior use of available resources	More Senior use of available resources

Who is responsible for maintaining and updating information: Office of Aging, AARP and JCOA

Frequency of Meetings: Monthly JCOA Meetings Ongoing Agenda Item

Social Participation and Inclusion Action Plan Matrix

Vision for this Domain: Improve Opportunities for and Actual Community Engagement

Objectives/Actions	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support		Potential barriers or resistance	Outputs	Outcomes – Impact	
			Available	Needed			Short, Medium-Term	Long-Term
Increase opportunities for senior engagement and awareness of opportunities	CBJ Office of Aging, JCOA and AARP Juneau	2027	Juneau Public Libraries, Juneau Parks and Recreation, UAS, Community Schools, Cooperative Extension	Community Support Creative ideas	Creativity, facilities	Age Friendly activities	Increased information about senior activities and new offerings	Increased participation in senior activities
Host more senior events – music events, art classes, senior movies, book clubs, walks, arts and crafts classes	CBJ Parks C Recreation, UAS, Community Schools, Cooperative Extension, Juneau Public Libraries, Bartlett Hospital	2025-ongoing	Existing programs, New Programs, Community Members, AARP, UAS/UAF	Community Support and engagement	Competition for time, facilities	Reduction in mortality related to social determinants of health; reduction in isolation	Focused efforts to improve social determinants of health and provide more opportunities for seniors	Reduction in preventable/avoidable mortality and isolation
Coordinate efforts to establish a Community Senior Activity Center <i>See Outdoor Space & Buildings</i>	CBJ Office of Aging, JCOA, AARP Juneau, CBJ, others	2025-ongoing	Enthusiastic support	A physical space and funding	Funding, lack of available space	A location to have movie nights, daytime events, social lunches, music events, classes, physical activities like yoga and Tai Chi	Increased socially engaged, more active seniors	Improved mental and physical health

Reach out to Tlingit and Haida, the Filipino Community and others	CBJ Office of Aging, JCOA, AARP Juneau Riverview Senior Living, Juneau Pioneer Home, others	2025-ongoing	Interest	Interest	Lack of interest, already overcommitted	More inclusive events	More diverse offerings and participants	Greater variety of programming
Partner with senior living facilities and agencies for events and classes		2025-ongoing	Interest in working together with all providers in Juneau	Time and attention, ideas	Funding, ideas for collaboration	More offerings reaching more people in varied locations	Increased activity	Increased services and participation
Establish a Senior Legacy Project	UAS, AARP, JCOA, others	2025-ongoing	Framework and interest	Time, coordination and interest	Fear of the unknown or of working with others	Increased understanding across generations	Increased socializing	Improved mental health, reduced isolation
Increase courses for Seniors at UAS, Coop Extension and Comm Schools	Office of Aging, JCOA, AARP Juneau, UAS, Coop Extension	2025-ongoing	Interest and support for programs	Funding	Funding	Oppty for engagement, social activity and learning	Mental Health Brain health, social cohesion	Improved mental health, reduced isolation

Who is responsible for maintaining and updating information: Office of Aging, AARP and JCOA

Frequency of Meetings: Monthly JCOA Meetings Standing Agenda Item

Transportation Action Plan Matrix

Vision for this Domain: Promote safe and affordable transportation

Objectives/Actions	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support		Potential barriers or resistance	Outputs	Outcomes – Impact	
			Available	Needed			Short- and Medium-Term	Long-Term
Encourage public transportation use	City and Borough of Juneau	ongoing	AARP, federal and state funding	Publicity of available options	Reluctance or lack of knowledge	Increased use of services	More seniors ride buses AKcess	Better services and increased ridership
Additional bus stops and improved facilities	City and Borough	ongoing	Federal, state and local funding	Community engagement	Lack of understanding of what is needed	Improved service	Weatherproof bus stop shelters	Routes convenient to services for seniors
Vintage Park Trail Improvements	Southeast Alaska Land Trust, Trail Mix, local businesses and residents	2026	Community support, willing partners	Funding for purchase of land and trail renovation and development	Funding, permitting, river course changing	2 miles of improved trail	Transfer of land to SEALT and work with Trail Mix to improve the trail	Loop trail is used by all-ages to access local facilities and for recreation
Improve sidewalks, crossings, parking, etc at Vintage Park	Alaska Dept of Trans and CBJ	2025-26	Funding is available, planning is underway	Community Support	River flooding, changing course	Improved traffic flow, parking, pedestrian crossings and sidewalks	Increased, safe pedestrian use of area	Increased pedestrian use of the area and safety for all users
Improved crossings throughout the City and Borough	CBJ and DOT-PF	ongoing	DOT and CBJ have highway/road funds for improvements	Community support to help identify needs	Continued funding	Safe streets	Safe pedestrian and car access	Safe pedestrian and car access

Who is responsible for maintaining and updating information: Office of Aging, AARP and JCOA

Frequency of Meetings: Monthly JCOA Meeting Standing Agenda Item

Health Services and Community Supports Action Plan Matrix

Vision for this Domain: Improve Community Health Opportunities for those over 50

Objectives/Actions	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support		Potential barriers or resistance	Outputs	Outcomes – Impact	
			Available	Needed			Short- and Medium-Term	Long-Term
Establish CBJ Office of Aging with a Coordinator to represent and serve Seniors in Juneau	JCOA and AARP	FY27	CBJ, JCF	Community Support	Funding for office and Coordinator	Oversee advocacy for Seniors and Activities of the Office of Aging	Improved Senior Services and activities	Improved Senior Services and activities
Work toward Age-Friendly status for Bartlett Hospital	Rhonda Ward	2027	Bartlett Board and Staff	Community Support	Time to process	Age Friendly recognition and implementation of processes	Improved senior services and care	Improved Senior Services and care
Reduce preventable/avoidable mortality Measured via State Statistics	CBJ Office of Aging, BRH, SEARHC, ACOA, Local Medical Providers	2028	Bartlett Staff and Community Members	Community Support and engagement	Competition for time	Reduction in mortality related to social determinants of health and lack of community preparedness	Focused efforts: improve awareness of and actions toward improving social determinants of health and community preparedness	Reduction in preventable/avoidable mortality
Provide resources and classes through partnerships	Bartlett Hospital Staff, UAS, AARP, CCS, SEARHC, ACOA, others	2025-ongoing	Bartlett Hospital Staff, AARP Volunteers,	Community support and participation	Lack of imagination for what could be	Educational programs	Improved knowledge and individual and community action	Improved community health and well-being

Encourage recreational, social programs – indoor and outdoor opportunities	CBJ Office of Aging, JCOA, Bartlett Hospital, Juneau Parks and Recreation, AARP, UAS, CCS, SAIL, SEAHRC and others	2025-ongoing	Staff at Bartlett Hospital, Juneau Parks and Rec, AARP, UAS, Juneau Public Libraries, others	Community engagement and dedicated funding	Shortage of creative ideas, lack of adequate facilities and community engagement	Increased cultural and recreational opportunities and programs	Increased participation by older adults	Improved health and longevity
Identify community health risks	CBJ Office of Aging, Bartlett Hospital, JCOA, UAS, AARP, CBJ, CCS, SAIL	2025-ongoing	Bartlett Hospital, AARP, Alaska Public Health, Community Groups	Community Engagement	Lack of understanding, knowledge and commitment	Listing of health risks	Efforts to address risks	Reduced Risk
Fall prevention/ Better Bones and Balance Classes	UAF, community instructors, SEARHC	2025-ongoing	BRH, SEARHC, UAF Cooperative Extension, Juneau Parks and Recreation, community instructors	Community Engagement	Lack of knowledge, interest and funding	Community classes	Reduced injuries from falls	Reduced injuries from falls
Advocate for Home Health Care Workforce enhancements (See previous efforts re SREC)	CBJ Office of Aging, JCOA, Bartlett Hospital, UAS, AARP, AKDOLWD, CCS, SAIL	2025 - ongoing	Systems to support in place	Funding for Recruitment, training and placement of Home Health Providers and Wage Supp	\$2.5Million grant in place (SREC) but not being used for this purpose	“Boots on the ground” – Home health Care providers to ensure elders stay at home as long as possible	Seniors are able to stay at home as long as possible – more cost effective than institution and more desired by elders	Seniors are able to stay at home as long as possible – more cost effective than institution and more desired by elders

Who is responsible for maintaining and updating information: Office of Aging in concert with AARP and JCOA

Frequency of Meetings: Monthly Meetings

Communication and Information Action Plan Matrix

Vision for this Domain: Improve Communication and Information for and about those over 50

“Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.” -Maya Angelou

Objectives/ Actions	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support		Potential barriers or resistance	Outputs	Outcomes – Impact	
			Available	Needed			Short- and Medium-Term	Long-Term
Improve communication of senior events and services	CBJ Office of Aging, JCOA and AARP Juneau	2025-ongoing	Juneau Empire, JCOA Web, KTOO, and other radio stations, postering	Community Support and funding for the Office of Aging	Time to administer efforts	Distribution of information on a regular basis, senior WEBPAGE	Improved access to senior information	Improve access to info important to Seniors resulting in increased engagement
Expand partnerships with organizations and businesses serving seniors	CBJ Office of Aging, JCOA, AARP Juneau	2025-ongoing	Existing groups	Collaboration plans, outreach to define possibilities	Competition for time, lack of understanding of benefits	Focused efforts to improve awareness of information important to seniors	Improved access to senior information and understanding of senior needs	Improved Info/outreach of important info for Seniors and understanding of senior needs
Expand understanding what seniors ad the community	CBJ Office of Aging, JCOA and AARP Juneau	2025-ongoing	JCOA CAARP and other resources	Attention to getting materials out into the community	Competition for funding and time to collect and organize info	Materials to describe benefits seniors contribute	Increased understanding of the benefits seniors bring to the community	Increased appreciation of benefits seniors bring to the community
Provide classes for seniors	UAS, BRH Juneau Parks and Rec, Juneau Public Libraries, others	2025-ongoing	AARP classes, Senior Planet, UAS curriculum, Cooperative Extension	Understanding of what information is needed/helpful and funding for programs	Time, commitment and funding	Increased understanding, actionable information	Better educated seniors, improved brain health and empowered seniors	Better educated seniors, improved brain health and empowered seniors

Who is responsible for maintaining and updating information: Office of Aging in concert with AARP and JCOA

Frequency of Meetings: Monthly Meetings

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 - a. Juneau Assembly**
 - b. Juneau City Manager's Office**
 - c. Bartlett Regional Hospital**
- 2. Catholic Community Services – Senior Services Southeast**
- 3. South East Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC)**
- 4. University of Alaska Southeast**
- 5. Local Community Organizations (KTOO, Rotary, etc.)**

Senior Moments – October 2025

Aging is so cool, everyone is doing it! By 2030, 1 in 5 people in the US will be 65 and older. By 2034, people over 65 will outnumber children age 17 and younger. In Juneau, people over 55 currently represent 30% of our population and growing. Seniors bring countless benefits to our community and are working to ensure we age gracefully, continue to contribute and can stay in the wonderful community we love.

The Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA) is appointed by the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Assembly to ensure our senior voices are heard. The CBJ has facilitated a Senior Survey via the JCOA every decade for the last 40 years, providing a snapshot of how seniors are faring in Juneau.

The 2020 Senior Survey highlighted the many contributions Senior's make to the community: 84% of seniors own their homes and pay taxes, 63% volunteer in the community, an average of almost 80% recreate weekly to stay healthy and active and many are providing priceless help to family members as child care and elder care providers. In Juneau, many have great health and long-term care insurance, as well as 95% having Medicare.

Many communities across the US have recognized the value of retaining seniors by ensuring housing is age friendly and economical, transportation is accessible, and healthy recreation is available - can you say Pickleball?

The World Health Organization devised an "Age Friendly Community" planning mechanism, that was adopted by AARP and this planning tool has spread across our nation as a mechanism to assess "livability". The City and Borough of Juneau applied and was accepted into the AARP Age Friendly Community Network in 2022.

Last year, the JCOA in partnership with the AARP Juneau Community Action Team (CAT) wrote Juneau's Age Friendly Community Plan and submitted it to CBJ's Comprehensive Planning department to ensure senior representation in the planning process. Our plan prioritized Age Friendly Housing and Community Wellness and Recreational opportunities for people of all ages.

Age Friendly Housing includes many elements that are not only senior friendly but family friendly. Encouraging residential contractors to include elements such as low thresholds, minimal steps, wider doorways, handholds, levered door handles and larger bathrooms helps seniors, kids and people experiencing a disability navigate their homes safely.

Additionally, a recent Juneau Housing Assessment indicates the cause of Juneau's continued housing crisis has changed - Juneau has increased the number of housing units available but the rise of single occupancy households also increased. Many seniors are living alone with few options for downsizing. The JCOA is promoting a new focus on what AARP calls the "Missing Middle" – housing that is age friendly, efficient, affordable and available to people of all ages.

Age Friendly Community Wellness and Recreation is another JCOA priority to keep people healthy and safe in their homes. Research clearly supports that the majority of seniors want to live out their lives in their own homes. In reality, some may not be able to do that easily and this emphasizes the importance of alternative living options but there are many ways to ensure seniors can stay in their home of choice by being healthy, strong, active and social.

JCOA has proactively worked with partners across the community to ensure affordable options are available for seniors to stay healthy, such as promoting the use of both the Floyd Dryden and Marie Drake gyms for senior friendly activities. We have also partnered with AARP, Bartlett Regional Hospital, Juneau Library and SEARHC to bring age friendly activities to our community.

We urge everyone who is aging to listen to KTOO Juneau Afternoon for our regular senior updates on the First Thursday of the month and check out our website for regular updates: <https://juneau.org/clerk/boards-committees/jcoa>. Here's to good health and wellbeing as we age!

Juneau Commission on Aging is a nine member, CBJ Assembly appointed organization whose mandate is to advise the CBJ Assembly on actions and policies that improve the quality of life for Juneau's seniors. Our mission is to provide proactive, coordinated, culturally sensitive and holistic strategies to support Juneau Seniors' unique needs as we age in the community we love and call home.

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From: Juneau Commission on Aging, Chair Deborah Craig, Commissioners: Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, Barb Murray, Laura Revels, Diane Kyser. Community members awaiting appointment: Rhonda Ward and John Brett.
Re: FY2027 Legislative CBJ Capital Priorities
Date: October 21, 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the FY 27 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities document. Our intent is to keep our comments concise and succinct.

COMMENTS: GLACIAL OUTBURTS FLOOD RESPONSE MITIGATION AND PREPAREDNESS

Please ensure a disaster plan is in place to serve seniors and other community members who may experience limited mobility or other medical or physical needs in the event of any natural or unnatural disaster.

COMMENTS: GOLD CREEK REHAB PROJECT – The area from the Federal Building to the waterfront (and possibly farther up) could be adapted to accommodate public use and recreation, similar to other communities with waterways that have maximized the benefit with river walks. Providing access for walking and sitting by the creek by developing a trail or trails (on both sides) and picnic tables fits with the Age-Friendly Plans effort to increase outdoor facilities and opportunities.

COMMENTS: TELEPHONE HILL REDEVELOPMENT

If the CBJ's goal is to redevelop over 1.4 acres of high-density zoned property in the center of downtown Juneau for the highest use, including housing, it is recommended that a portion of that housing be allocated for age-friendly senior housing with a minimum of universal housing design elements such as elevators, low or no thresholds, wide doors to accommodate walkers or wheelchairs, and large bathrooms to accommodate limited mobility.

COMMENTS: PEDERSON HILL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

As this is CBJ property, it is highly recommended that a portion of that housing be allocated for affordable, age-friendly senior housing with a minimum of universal housing design elements such as elevators, low or no thresholds, wide doors to accommodate walkers or wheelchairs, and large bathrooms to accommodate limited mobility.

COMMENTS: BARTLETT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT - The Bartlett Emergency Department serves a large number of local residents as well as visitors. Improvements specific to the needs of elders and others experiencing cognitive issues and other age-related issues, as well as other efficiencies to the ER would be money well invested.

COMMENTS: AAK'W VILLAGE DISTRICT PARKING – Due to proximity to seniors living and using the surrounding structures, we support ensuring the safety of all users of this area and it is recommended that additional handicapped parking is needed due to a higher level of need.

COMMENTS: EAGLECREST EMPLOYEE AND TOURISM WORKFORCE HOUSING

It is recommended that prior to providing housing for a temporary workforce, the CBJ focus on housing for year-round, long term, tax paying citizens that is affordable, age friendly and serves the entire community. Rain Coast Data has provided ample documentation in the most recent housing assessment that the “missing middle” - housing that serves middle income workers and seniors wishing to downsize in our community would serve the highest and greatest need.

COMMENTS: CAPITAL CIVIC CENTER

The Juneau Commission on Aging advocates for consideration of all Age-Friendly Social Participation and Civic Engagement that provides increased opportunities for seniors to volunteer and participate in the arts and cultural events. Efforts to fund the CCC have brought together a wide swath of the community in partnerships and collaboration as many private donors and supporters are older residents who have provided significant funding for the project via donations or acquired through grants.

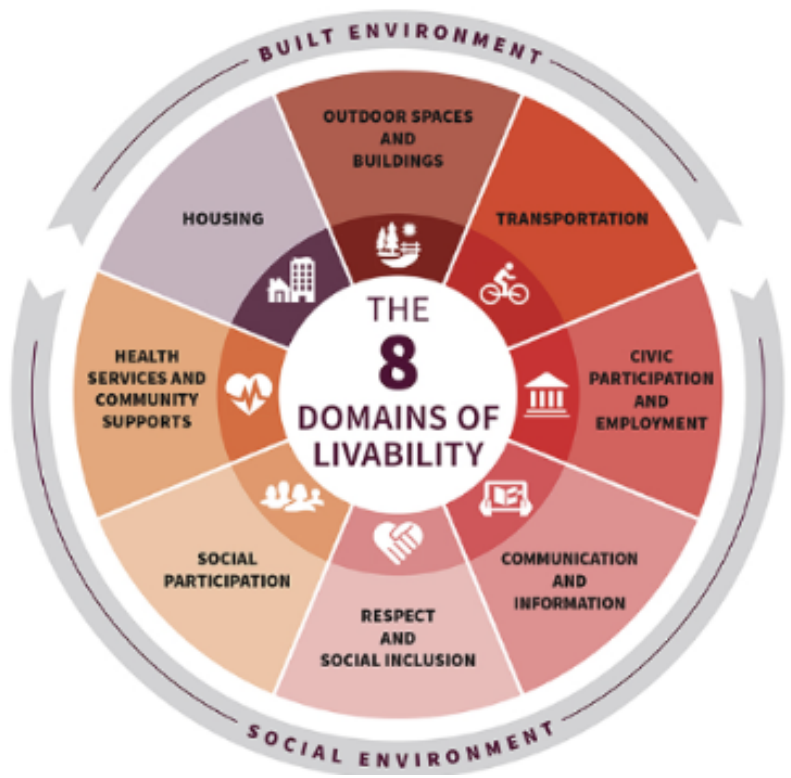
The Juneau Commission on Aging also supports the use of CBJ owned property at the Marie Drake Complex for use as a Senior Community Center, working in collaboration with non-profit organizations city wide to provide more opportunities for recreation, wellness and socialization for seniors in a centralized location serving North and South Douglas, Lemon and Salmon Creek and the downtown corridor. This space is already ADA compliant and available for use.

COMMENTS: JACKIE RENNINGER PROPOSAL

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CONCLUSION: Seniors represent the fastest growing demographic in Juneau and many are excited to stay in the community with our families and friends. Juneau joined the AARP Age Friendly Network in 2023 with a vision of Juneau as a livable vibrant community that is safe and accessible, and supports and empowers residents, fostering collaboration, and implementing innovative strategies that enhance accessibility, social connection, and quality of life for individuals of all ages and abilities. Also please note the Age Friendly Community Plan submitted previously with regard to serving Juneau’s seniors.

We enthusiastically support Juneau’s planning efforts for a vibrant healthy community for people of all ages.



FY2027

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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.

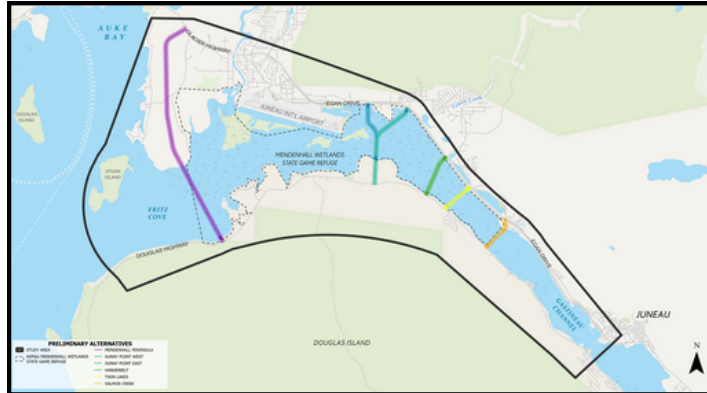
TIMELINE: CBJ and our tribal and community partners are pursuing all available and applicable flood fighting and flood mitigation measures for implementation as soon as possible. This includes the project to update inundation mapping. Permanent solutions could require up to 7-10 years, however, the Alaska 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.

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.

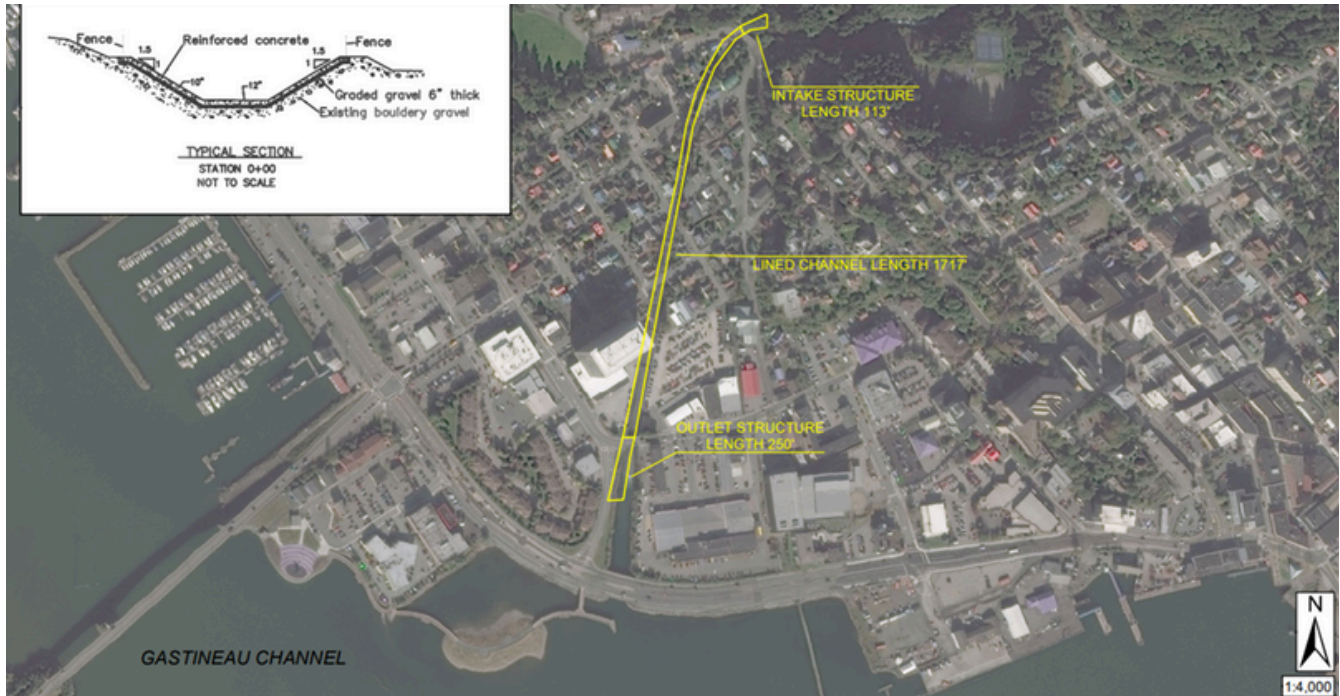
PUBLIC PROCESS: Through the PEL process, which was completed in July 2025, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in collaboration with DOWL, conducted numerous stakeholder and public meetings, surveys, and listening sessions to gather input on public sentiment and potential 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.

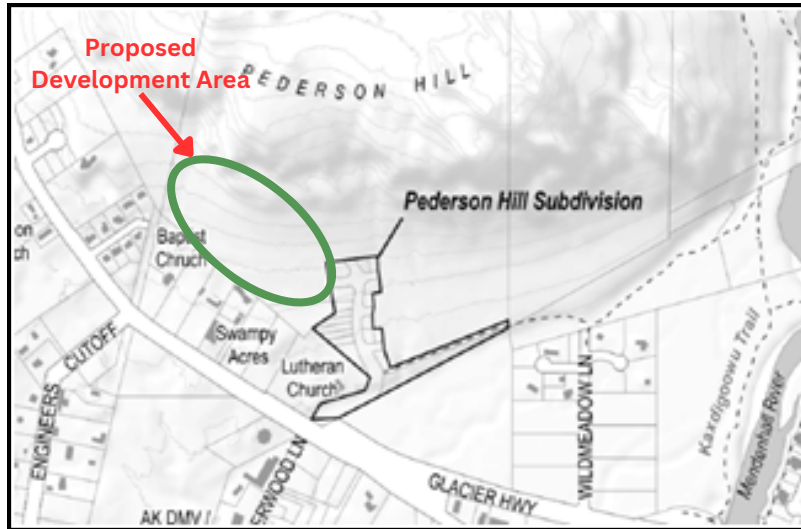
PUBLIC PROCESS: Since the third quarter of 2023, the CBJ has held public meetings to encourage community dialogue regarding this project, completed an online community survey, and funded consultants to complete a Telephone Hill Place Guide that provides direction on redevelopment of the property. The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

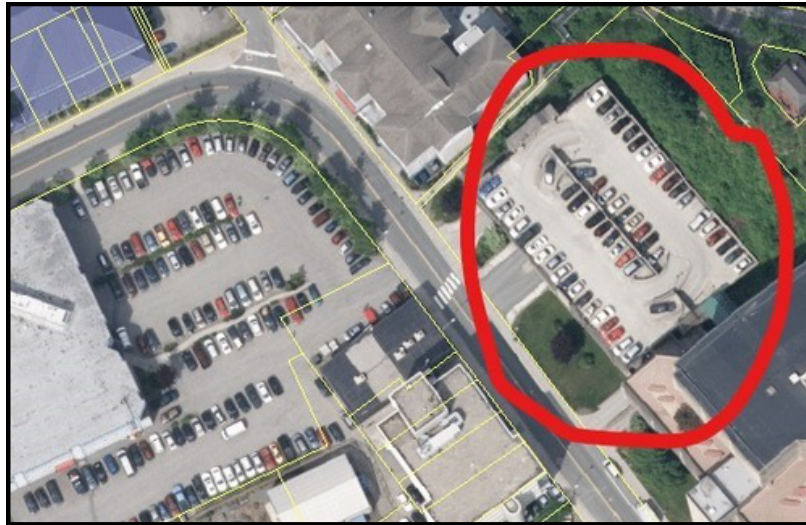
This project is currently in the 65% design phase. A Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract has been awarded to Cornerstone Construction. Bartlett has approximately \$4M set aside for this project, and Senator Murkowski added \$4M as Congressionally Designated Spending in the approved FY24 appropriation 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.

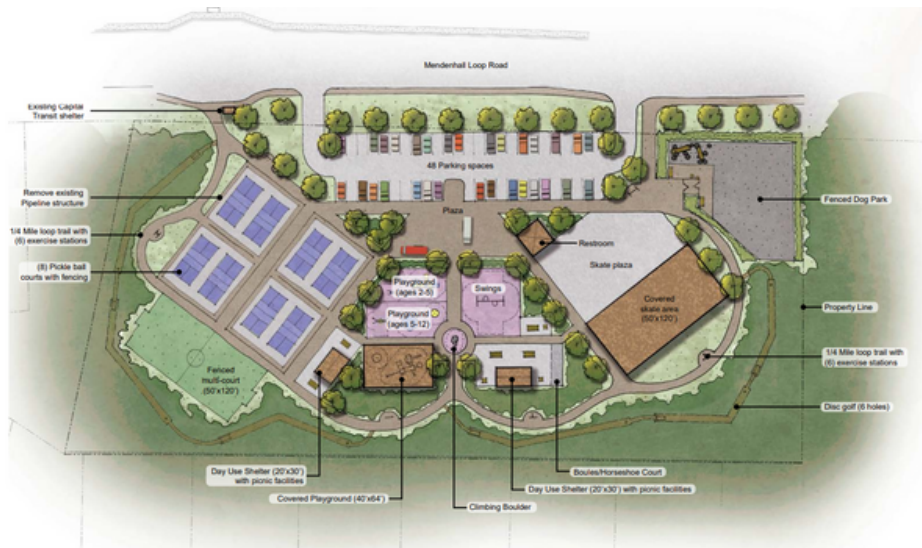
TIMELINE: Once funding is secured, 3-3.5 year design and construction timeline.

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.

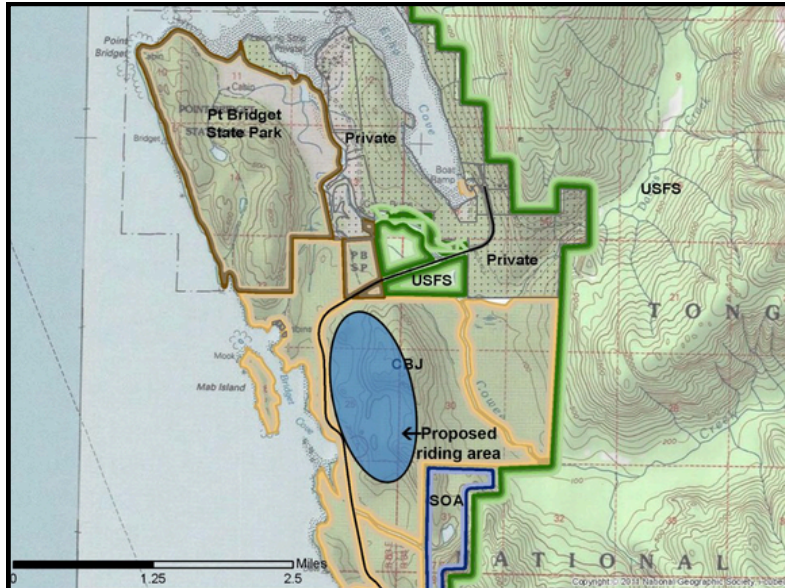
PUBLIC PROCESS: Docks and Harbors has solicited public input on the concept.

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

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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.

