PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
February 4, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.

Members present: Mr. Edwardson, Ms. Triem, Mr. Bryson and Ms. Hale

Staff present: Mr. Vigue, Mr. Smith, Ms. Sowa, Mr. Foster

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved with minor edits.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Valley Transportation Center Funding Transfer

Lori Sowa provided a project update to the committee members. Ms. Sowa stated that the purpose of the new Valley Transit Center (VTC) was to increase transit ridership to downtown and reduce demand for street parking in the downtown core. Ms. Sowa discussed the proposed construction site, transit access points, and parking for transit riders. Ms. Sowa stated that a property appraisal is complete and after the owners complete the subdivision process, CBJ would then be able to purchase the desired property at fair market value. Ms. Sowa stated that the project is funded by a combination of sales tax and FTA grant funds.

Mr. Edwardson asked about the success of applying for additional FTA grants.

Mr. Vigue stated that since the City has already received a grant the odds are very high that a second FTA grant would be approved.

Mr. Bryson asked about access to the VTC in relation to the Alaska Club, if it goes through Alaska Club property. Ms. Sowa stated that the road would not impact Alaska Club property. Mr. Bryson asked how this facility will increase ridership and what impacts are anticipated to the Nugget Mall, the current valley transfer location?
Ms. Sowa stated that the Mendenhall Mall location is closer to the valley population center and that CBJ is considering ridership options (bike lockers, park and ride passes) to promote the incentive to use the transit system by valley residents. Ms. Sowa said that the Nugget Mall would continue to serve as a route stop.

Ms. Triem asked about the CIP funds that would be transferred to the VTC CIP.

Ms. Sowa discussed the list provided in the memo, mentioning that most are left over funds from completed projects.

Mr. Bryson asked about the cost recovery of the transit system.

Mr. Foster stated that it is currently at roughly thirty to forty percent.

Ms. Triem asked for more detail on the Park and Ride option.

Ms. Sowa said that the details are yet to be worked out.

Mr. Edwardson asked about the funding sources for the project.

Ms. Sowa stated that the purchase of the property is planned by using sales tax funds that will serve as the FTA local funding match. The remainder of the project funds is anticipated to be FTA grant funds.

Mr. Edwardson asked what would happen if the grant is not approved.

Mr. Vigue said that the project would then be suspended.

Mr. Bryson motioned to approve recommendation of the transfer of the funds be forwarded to the Assembly.

No objections, motion approved.

B. BRH Pharmacy Cleanroom Appropriation

Mr. Vigue discussed the request to appropriate funds for construction of the Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH) pharmacy renovation project ahead of the availability of funds, July 1, 2019.

Mr. Vigue said that project funds were initially scheduled for FY20 but due to the compliance requirement, BRH and CBJ need to accelerate the process and add construction funds to the request for design funds in FY19. This modified request for a fully funded CIP appropriation would be heard at the March 4, 2019, Assembly meeting.

Mr. Edwardson asked for the source of the funds.

Mr. Vigue stated the full amount of $1,300,000 will come from the BRH fund balance.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Triem moved to recommend the appropriation request to the full Assembly for approval.

No objections, motion approved.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. FY20 Capital Improvement Resolution

Mr. Vigue discussed the draft CIP and project descriptions. Mr. Vigue said that the draft CIP list was being made available for review by committee members so there would be time for committee members to ask questions ahead of full Assembly consideration.

Discussion ensued.

VI. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

A. January 10 , 2018 – January 29, 2019

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next Meeting Scheduled for February 25, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.