

- Executed the contract with HDR to review our CIP and other projects and make recommendations for prioritizing and providing direction for funding sources. Thanks to the Council for supporting this endeavor.
 - Spent last week attending both the Infrastructure Development Symposium and on Friday the Alaska Grant Symposium with key federal and state departments and agencies represented. Most of the sessions I attended during the Infrastructure Symposium were for Transportation needs. Here is the link to the agenda with additional links to the presentations, in case anyone is interested:
[Alaska Infrastructure Development Symposium - Alaska Federal Funding \(akfederalfunding.org\)](https://www.akfederalfunding.org)
Transportation planning initiatives were discussed. Among them was to create Regional Planning Organizations which in theory should bring planning efforts closer to the communities served by ADOT&PF. RPO's help guide transportation planning decisions throughout the state, working within their local communities to fine-tune transportation planning to meet the needs of local stakeholders. Participants in the RPO Pilot Program will advocate for transportation issues they deem important in their region, help draft long range transportation plans, establish a formal channel of communication with DOT&PF, and ensure the public remains engaged throughout the process. It appears that SE Conference will be taking the lead on this process for SE communities. I mention this because we can have a seat at the table once the RPO is established. *I was thinking a council member may wish to represent Gustavus once the RPO is formed.*
 - Senator Murkowski addressed the attendees at the Symposium with updates on the BIL and other legislation she has sponsored and funding she has secured. I was able to talk with her briefly and thank her directly for our inclusion of 3 million dollars for the DRC in the FY24 CDS appropriations package. I mentioned that since we did not get the SWIFR Grant for the compost facility through the EPA, I submitted a CDS application for that project for FY25, and hope they would treat it as part two of our landfill improvements.
 - Airport Law Enforcement/TSA issue – Three individuals have been identified who could be hired to travel over each day to satisfy TSA requirements. A funding source has been identified for this season. The hurdle now is mostly overcoming an issue which is driven by the State of Alaska compensation rules and bargaining unit factors. The Southcoast director and his deputy director are working with DPS on this at the moment. Another hurdle to jump over before all is finalized.
 - Continued to inform mayor, GVA and various business members on borough petition information, LBC related legislation and other lands issues, including lands committee organization. I received some information from Jed Smith – LBC staffer regarding PILT being population driven, but we do not have anything in writing yet. DCCED is still trying to find out more information on Forest Receipts but having difficulty obtaining an explanation.
 - DHSEM requested that we provide some additional closeout items for the FEMA projects, which we have hopefully now tracked down. I would love to be done with that project!
 - Had meetings with the mayor and each city department to review budgets for FY25. As you are probably aware, we've had to make some cuts for next fiscal year. We simply do not have the anticipated federal revenues that we had in the last 3 years. Among other items, we were hoping to add funds to our roads budget and get some up-to-date telecommunications for EMS and dispatch. We may need to ask for that in a separate NCO.
 - Reviewed Old P.O. remodel status and will be meeting with Kenn Magowan to go over remaining tasks to get the building ready to open as a bike shop. There is a small amount of funds remaining in the project. The electrical conversion was expensive. We will need to add some funds to complete the project.
 - Council Questions?
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