



CITY MANAGER REPORT

Reporting Period: June 6 – August 21, 2020

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Date: August 22, 2020

COVID-19

Implementation of Emergency Ordinance 20-95 and 96

City Council passed Emergency Ordinance 20-95 on June 14 and Emergency Ordinance 20-96 on July 31, 2020. City staff worked on informing the community and travelers to the island of the new requirements in these ordinances.

Alyssa and Monique have been collecting the COVID-19 Travel Forms and arranging housing for returning travelers.

We have formed a review team consisting of members of the Saint Paul Island Unified Command to review Community/Workforce Protection Plans that the City receives. We have developed a checklist for the review process and so far this has helped facilitate the review and correspondence with companies and ensure that plans address protecting the public.

Education and Outreach

Members of the Unified Command along with the web and graphic design staff with Agnew Beck have been busy with working on:

- Saint Paul Island COVID-19 Response Page. See: <https://covid19.stpaulak.com/>.
- Special COVID-19 Edition of the BeringS which was distributed house to house.
- Wear a Mask and Wash Your Hands posters (*see attached*). These will be posted in public locations.
- Welcome to Saint Paul Island Airline Rack Card (*see attached*). These will be provided to the airlines to place in the seat backs of the aircraft that fly to the island.

We will continue regular updates on KUHB and NIXLE. Additionally, we will be working on a quarterly BeringS to distribute house to house.

CARES Grant Relief Funding

City Command Staff have been working on purchasing and completing tasks for spending the CARES grant funding. *See the attached CARES Project Status Overview* for the status on the various projects and tasks.



FEMA Reimbursement Funding

Stephanie and I have been working with FEMA and State of Alaska representatives to apply for reimbursement funding from FEMA for response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be focusing reimbursement for the following projects and tasks from July 2020 moving forward:

- Wages and Fringe for additional janitorial staff
- Cleaning supplies and PPE
- All costs related to community education and outreach regarding the pandemic
- All legal and consulting costs related to development of pandemic protective measures
- Utility costs for the City owned quarantine units
- Administrative costs associated with managing and reporting on the FEMA funds

These funds will be available to the City as long as there is a disaster in place, meaning as long as the pandemic is still happening. We are working on trying to set up projects and tasks for reimbursement to cover ongoing pandemic related costs for after the CARES funding needs to be spent, which is December 30, 2020.

Saint Paul Island Unified Command

Unified Command meetings have been scheduled biweekly and now will be on Monday's from 10 am to noon in the Rec Hall and via Zoom. The UC has been working on an Incident Action Plan to prepare for when we do get our first coronavirus case. The next meeting will be developing community risk and mitigation measures and further define community reentry strategies.

Air Transportation

Two proposals were submitted to the USDOT EAS docket. ACE Air Cargo submitted, and proposal and FLOAT Shuttle submitted a letter.

On August 6, 2020, the Ataqan Akun Executive Planning Committee met to review the proposal and discuss options. We agreed in general that the members of AAEPSC were not supportive of ACE's proposal and that we should wait and see what happens with FLOAT.

I requested Mark Hickey to begin working on a letter in response to the proposals received (*see attached*). This letter has been circulated to the members of AAEPSC to review.

On August 10, 2020, representatives of the AAEPSC met with USDOT staff regarding the request for proposals (RFP) and informed them ACE's proposal did not meet the requirements of the RFP and that we would like more time to respond to FLOAT when they actually get up and running.

On August 19, 2020 ACE submitted a letter of objection to FLOAT's letter.

On August 21, 2020 FLOAT responded to ACE's letter.

The US Department of Transportation Essential Air Service at St. Paul Island, Alaska docket with all the documents can be found at: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=DOT-OST-2019-0038>.

Through all the changes with our airline service and working to attract other carriers, I would with Mark Hickey along with Ray Melovidov to evaluate the US Department of Transportation T-100 data for Saint Paul Island from 2015 to 2019. *The attached document shows passenger and cargo trends for this period.*

Fisheries

North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC)

The next NPFMC will be held on September 28 – October 16, 2020 via web conference. Mateo is planning to attend the sessions.

Bristol Bay Red King Crab Season (BBRKC)

The quota for Bristol Bay Red King Crab has not been set yet. Discussion regarding processing northern region quota in the southern region have occurred. Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association has met and talked with Trident regarding processing the northern region quota on Saint Paul Island. CBSFA and Trident are in favor of processing the quota here. I spoke with Dean Fasnaught the other day regarding processing plans. He stated the Trident is currently looking at bringing a floating process in to process. Evaluation of the options and keeping the community safe from the virus are ongoing.

APUN Fuel Spill

We are currently waiting to hear from Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to review the soil sampling report and provide further guidance.

Oil Discharge Prevention& Contingency Plan and Facility Response Plan

This year the City needed to renew its Oil Discharge Prevention& Contingency Plan and Facility Response Plan. Jim Berry was the previous consultant that prepared these plans and updates to the plans previously, but he has retired. I contacted Integrity Environmental to prepare the new plan and submit to the State. The draft plan was submitted to ADEC on July 22, 2020 and is under review. The draft plan can be found at: <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AlgncP91spOAhPwAFzpP54V382ZIBA?e=Dnp3vL>.

Awards/Grants/Donations/Opportunities/Agreements/Contracts

Attached is a list of grants and contracts that City has applied, received, been award or not awarded for 2019 and 2020. For the past two years the City has applied **\$9,077,856** in grants and contracts. The City was awarded **\$2,550,556** in grants and contracts during the past two year and we are waiting to for an additional **\$3,235,366** in awards.

We will be evaluating applying for the State of Alaska Community Development Block Grant to upgrade remaining water service lines in the community.

I am currently negotiating the contract with Current River to perform work at the power plant. Due to COVID-19 no onsite work will be performed this year. We will focus on design work and plan to have onsite work begin in Spring of 2021.

List of Accomplishment and Project in Progress from August 2016 to August 2020

Over the last four years under the leadership of the City Council, City Administration and City Staff, guided by the City Code of Ordinances, Capital Improvement Plan, and Strategic Plan we accomplished or are in the process of accomplishing the following:

Administration

- √ Update to City Personnel Policies
- √ Updated City Website
- √ Created City Facebook Page
- √ Implementation and use of NIXLE public alert system
- √ Performance Reviews
- √ Hiring of grant writer
- √ Personnel Trainings
- √ Standardized Employment Agreements
- √ Standardized Professional Service Contracts and have in place
- √ Updated Capital Improvement Plan and process
- √ Development and implementation of Strategic Plan
- √ Communication and outreach plan
- √ Overdue IT infrastructure upgrade
- √ Transition of managed IT services NorthStar Networking to LMJ
- √ Passageways Onboard for council meetings
- √ Updated library agreement
- √ Hired new City Clerk
- √ Transition from Ron Baird City's general legal counsel to Ashburn and Mason due to Ron retiring
- √ Essential Air Service awarded to Ravn
- √ Continued participation in NPFMC
- √ Lobbying efforts in DC
- √ Lobbyist in Juneau and lobbying efforts in Juneau
- √ Serving on Alaska Public Entity Insurance Board
- √ Revised Sales tax ordinance
- √ Put City Code of Ordinance online
- √ Approve remote seller sales tax ordinance
- √ Forgiveness of \$5.2 million for harbor debt
- √ Approval of Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule
- √ Update to Capital Improvement Plan – *UP COMING*
- √ Update to Strategic Plan – *UP COMING*

Finance

- √ Purchase of 3 CDs at \$500,000 each
- √ Filled vacant Finance Director position
- √ 4 years of successful financial audits
- √ Transition from BDO to Aldrich Advisors for our annual audits
- √ Updated credit card machine and WEX card machine
- √ Set up and implementation MuniRevs for tax registration and collection

- ✓ Updated equipment and vehicle rates
- ✓ Set up and implementation of PayNW timekeeping system
- ✓ Evaluating purchasing, fuel ticket and refuse work order processes – *IN PROGRESS*
- ✓ Training of new finance department staff – *IN PROGRESS*

Public Safety

- ✓ Filled vacant Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety Position
- ✓ All police officer positions filled
- ✓ Hire of native police officers and/or have experience working in native communities
- ✓ SOA grant for emergency sirens
- ✓ Jail Agreement with Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island
- ✓ Police Officer Cross Commission Agreement with Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island
- ✓ Public Safety Memorandum of Understanding with Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island
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- ✓ Emergency radio system base station replacement
- ✓ Hired Emergency Management/Services Coordinator
- ✓ Major upgrade to Records Management System
- ✓ Completion of Emergency Trauma Technician training
- ✓ Completion NASAR SARTECH I and II training
- ✓ Completion of State of Alaska Law Enforcement Recertification Academy
- ✓ Criminal Justice Information Systems Agreement with State Department of Public Safety – *PENDING*
- ✓ Datamaster supervisor training – *PENDING*
- ✓ Emergency dispatcher “Total Response Call Handling” – *PENDING*
- ✓ Additional emergency radios and upgrades – *IN PROGRESS*
- ✓ Replacement of emergency radio back up battery system – *IN PROGRESS*
- ✓ City hall backup generator – *IN PROGRESS*
- ✓ Update to Department policies and procedures – *IN PROGRESS*

Public Works Administration

- ✓ Filled vacant Public Works Director position
- ✓ Set up and implementation of Dude Solutions Asset Essentials for facilities and utility maintenance tracking

Maintenance and Operations Division

- ✓ New LED streetlights with funding from Alaska Energy Authority
- ✓ Completion of Polovina Turnpike Extension in with partnership with Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island
- ✓ Securing caretaker contract for USCG station
- ✓ Installation of traffic and tsunami signs
- ✓ New roof, siding, windows, doors, lighting, heating for Civic Center with funding from CBSFA and Rasmuson
- ✓ Replacement of jail flooring
- ✓ Renovations on Houses 25 and 163B – *IN PROGRESS*

Motor Pool Division

- √ Filled vacant mechanic position
- √ Upgraded interior lighting with efficient LED fixtures
- √ Repair of in floor heating system
- √ Set up and implementation of AUTOSist for tracking maintenance and repairs on vehicles and equipment

Bulk Fuel Utility

- √ Blasting and coating of Fuel Tanks and Fuel Headers
- √ Renewal of Terminating Agreement with Petro Star
- √ Passed ADEC inspection of tank farm
- √ Replacement of pickup truck
- √ Spill response equipment investments
- √ Completion of Bulk Fuel Operator training
- √ Renewal of Oil Discharge Prevention & Contingency Plan and Facility Response Plan – *IN PROGRESS*
- √ Forgiveness of CEIP loan – *IN PROGRESS*
- √ Truck rack piping/metering upgrades – *UP COMING*
- √ Gas Station automation – *UP COMING*

Electric Utility

- √ Completion of installation of genset Unit #2
- √ Completion Title V air quality permit renewal
- √ Completion of ADEC power plant inspection
- √ Completion of power plant source testing
- √ Replacement of electrical transformers
- √ Completion of Power Plant Operator training
- √ Replacement of electrical transformers – *IN PROGRESS*
- √ Replacement of switch gear for Units 2-6 – *UP COMING*
- √ Power plant fuel system replacement – *UP COMING*
- √ Power plant exhaust system replacement – *UP COMING*
- √ Power plant cooling system replacement – *UP COMING*
- √ New genset installations for Units 3-4 – *UP COMING*
- √ Replacement of airport feeder line – *UP COMING*
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Water Utility

- √ Replacement of water tank liner
- √ Replacement of pickup truck
- √ Completion of rate study
- √ Maintenance and repair to water well buildings – *IN PROGRESS*
- √ Water tank liner repairs – *UP COMING*

Sewer Utility

- √ Completion of rate study
- √ Cost of service study– *IN PROGRESS*
- √ Sewer lift station replacement – *UP COMING*

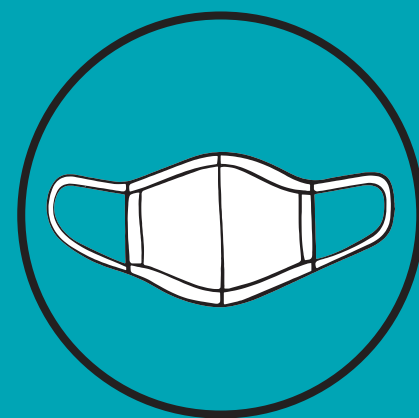
Refuse Utility

- √ Purchase of new refuse truck after previous truck caught fire
- √ Purchase of new hook lift truck for drop boxes
- √ Successful renewal of ADEC Class 3 landfill permit
- √ Recycling agreement with Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island
- √ Purchase of new recycling drop boxes
- √ Purchase of new refuse drop boxes
- √ Completion of Rural Landfill Operator training
- √ Rate study – *IN PROGRESS*
- √ Set up of balers for recycling – *IN PROGRESS*
- √ Purchase of new refuse 3-yard dumpsters – *IN PROGRESS*
- √ Purchase of new residential refuse carts – *IN PROGRESS*
- √ Reconstruction of burn box – *IN PROGRESS*
- √ Landfill cleanup and organization – *IN PROGRESS*
- √ Landfill fencing repairs – *IN PROGRESS*



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wear a breath catcher



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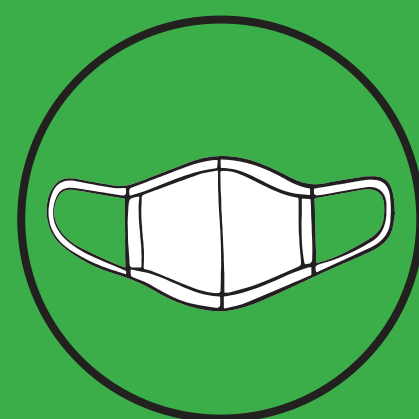
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CHAKIN CHXUGADA
wash your hands



Welcome to Saint Paul Island. We are a COVID-free community and want to keep it that way. We ask for your cooperation.
Qaġaalakux!

Thank you for traveling to Saint Paul Island to provide essential services and support to our community. **Welcome home** to residents and family.

PROTECTING YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Please remember:

- **Quarantine:** NO social interactions and non-work-related visiting are allowed while under mandatory self-quarantine (14 days).
- **Distancing:** When in public and groups, please use face coverings; remain at least 6 feet apart and practice hand washing to protect yourself and others.
- **Face Covering:** Please wear a cloth facing covering when out in public and at work. Avoid touching your face, mouth, and nose. Plan carefully to obtain bulk food and essential supplies for personal needs without interacting with the public.
- **Sanitize:** Please use disinfectant wipes or spray to wipe down commonly used areas (e.g., steering wheels, door handles) and use hand sanitizer. Be responsible if you will be sharing the same mode of transportation with others - physical distance as much as feasibly possible.

IF YOU BECOME ILL

If you should experience symptoms of illness (including fever combined with cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of smell and taste, or nasal congestion) immediately notify the clinic:

907-729-5035 or **907-546-4202** after hours.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS



Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Practice physical distancing. When in public, keep a minimum of six feet away from others at all times.



Please wear a face covering while in public.



Disinfect high touch surfaces. Follow instructions on the label to ensure effective and safe use.


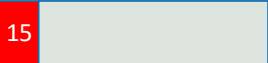
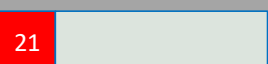
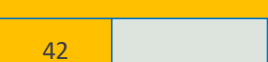


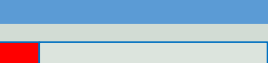
Failure to comply with the City of Saint Paul mandates could result in fines and prosecution under Alaska Statutes.



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City of Saint Paul CARES Status Overview			Project Start Date	March 1, 2020
Project Description/ Scope Statement Funding for City reimburse itself, or to pay necessary expenses incurred, as a result of the public health emergency stemming from the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)			Project End Date	December 30, 2020
Project	Start Date	End Date	% Complete	
Personnel	3/1/20	12/30/20	60 	
Online Trainings	6/15/20	12/30/20	15 	
City Facility Upgrades	6/15/20	12/30/20	21 	
City Utility Upgrades	6/15/20	12/30/20	42 	
Communications, Audio & Visual, Computer Equipment	6/15/20	12/30/20	77 	
Deeping Cleaning Equipment and Supplies	6/15/20	12/30/20	79 	
Emergency Operations Plan Development	6/15/20	12/30/20	15 	

CARES - Personnel

Task	Assigned To	Start Date	End Date	% Complete
City Personnel Working on COVID-19	Varies Employees Assigned	3/1/20	12/30/20	<div><div></div></div>
COVID Leave (FFCRA)	All Employees Employee for More Than 100 Days	3/1/20	12/30/20	<div><div></div></div>
Hazard Pay	All Employees	4/13/20	12/30/20	<div><div></div></div>

CARES – Online Trainings

Task	Assigned To	Start Date	End Date	% Complete
First Aid/CPR	Alyssa	6/15/20	10/31/20	<div><div></div></div>
8-Hour HAZWOPER	Alyssa	6/15/20	10/31/20	<div><div></div></div>
10-Hour OSHA	Alyssa	6/15/20	10/31/20	<div><div></div></div>
Online Emergency Dispatcher Training	Jo Lynn	6/15/20	10/31/20	<div><div></div></div>

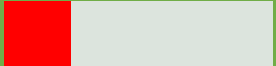






CARES – City Facility Upgrades

Task	Assigned To	Start Date	End Date	% Complete
Touchless Fixture Upgrade	Anthony/FM Crew	6/15/20	11/30/20	<div><div></div></div>
City Hall Window Replacement	Anthony/FM Crew	6/15/20	11/30/20	<div><div></div></div>
Office Space Air Purifiers	Ed/Alyssa	6/15/20	11/30/20	<div><div></div></div>
City Hall Flooring Replacement	Anthony/FM Crew	6/15/20	11/30/20	<div><div></div></div>
Quarantine Units Flooring Replacement	Anthony/FM Crew	6/15/20	11/30/20	<div><div></div></div>
Laundry Facility at Motor Pool	Ed//Jeff/FM Crew	6/15/20	9/30/20	<div><div></div></div>
Upgrade Surfaces in Jail Facilities	Anthony/FM Crew	6/15/20	10/31/20	<div><div></div></div>
Separate Jail Area for Positive Cases (<i>Evaluating</i>)	Ed/Chief	6/15/20	12/30/20	<div><div></div></div>

CARES – City Utility Upgrades

Task	Assigned To	Start Date	End Date	% Complete
Cart Tipper Parts for Refuse Truck	Ed	6/15/20	9/30/20	<div><div></div></div>
Residential Refuse Carts	Ed/Phil	6/15/20	10/31/20	<div><div></div></div>
Electric Meter Read and Prepay System (<i>Evaluating</i>)	Jeff	6/15/20	11/30/20	<div><div></div></div>

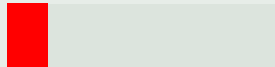
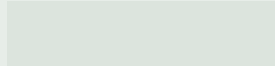
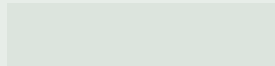
CARES – Communications, Audio & Visual, Computer Equipment

Task	Assigned To	Start Date	End Date	% Complete
New Office Phone System	Phil/LMJ	6/15/20	11/30/20	
Internet Bandwidth Upgrade	Phil	6/15/20	7/31/20	
Zoom and Global Meet	Monique/Phil	6/15/20	6/30/20	
A/V Systems for City Council Chambers and Rec Hall	Phil	6/15/20	8/31/20	
Laptops for Key Staff to Work from Home	Phil	6/15/20	7/30/20	
WiFi Antenna for Key Staff to Access City Network from Home	Richard/Phil/LMJ	6/15/20	11/30/20	
Emergency Radios for Public Safety and EOC	Ryan	6/15/20	11/30/20	

CARES – Deep Cleaning Equipment and Supplies

Task	Assigned To	Start Date	End Date	% Complete
Deeping Cleaning Equipment and Supplies		6/15/20	12/30/20	<div><div></div></div>
Disinfecting Foggers	Phil	6/15/20	Text Here	<div><div></div></div>
HEPA Backpack Vacuums	Phil/Alyssa	6/15/20	Text Here	<div><div></div></div>
Hard Surface Floor Steamers	Phil/Alyssa	6/15/20	Text Here	<div><div></div></div>
Encapsulating Carpet Cleaners	Phil/Alyssa	6/15/20	Text Here	<div><div></div></div>
Industrial Washer/Dryers	Ed	6/15/20		<div><div></div></div>
Van for Cleaning Crew	Phil	6/15/20		<div><div></div></div>

CARES – Emergency Operations Plan Development

Task	Assigned To	Start Date	End Date	% Complete
Prepare EOP	Beym and Kozak Consulting	6/15/20	12/30/20	
Review EOP	Phil, Chief, Kaitlan, Unified Command	9/30/20	12/30/20	
Approve EOP	City Council	11/30/20	12/30/20	



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August __, 2020

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RE: Essential Air Service at Saint Paul Island, Alaska; Docket DOT-OST-2019-0038

Dear Mr. Paluvai:

The City of Saint Paul (CSP), working together with the main community organizations, the Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island (ACSPI - local Tribe), the Tanadgusix Corporation (TDX - local ANCSA Village Corporation), and the Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (CBSFA - local Community Development Quota Group), have reviewed the two submissions from air carriers interested in providing Essential Air Service (EAS) at Saint Paul Island (SPI). We respectfully offer the following comments for your review and consideration.

I. Background

The community of SPI remains engaged in the process relating to provision of EAS since August 2017. This effort included monitoring and direct involvement during the earlier EAS process begun in August 2017, and the bankruptcy proceedings for Peninsula Airways, Inc. (PenAir) to ensure provision of essential air service at SPI. Our engagement continued since initiation of scheduled service by Ravn Air Group (Ravn) and the selection of Ravn on October 2, 2019 to provide EAS at SPI through September 30, 2021.

Ravn's decision to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on April 5, 2020 triggered the decision by your office to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new EAS contract period. The community of SPI requested this action and appreciates the ongoing willingness of your office to consider options to ensure provision of essential air service at SPI. The combination of Ravn's bankruptcy and the unprecedented nationwide impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are creating considerable uncertainty about both the short-term and longer term provision of reliable, safe and affordable aviation services for our community.

II. Community of SPI views the pre-pandemic level of air service of at least three weekly round trips to Anchorage using Bombardier Dash 8 series 100 aircraft or similar-sized aircraft, or larger aircraft, as the minimum requirement for provision of essential air services.

The Order Requesting Proposals (RFP) issued on June 29, 2020 explicitly recognizes the following specific requirements to provide EAS at SPI.

“The Department expects proposals that are commensurate with St. Paul’s current level of air Service. For St. Paul, that is at least three weekly round trips to Anchorage using Bombardier Dash 8 series 100 aircraft or similar-sized aircraft, or large aircraft.”¹

The community of SPI submitted extensive comments and analysis over the last four years regarding the level of aviation services needed and historical traffic data for SPI. For additional information please refer to the enclosed letters dated August 29, 2017 and November 10, 2017 re: docket DOT-OST-2017-0110, and a letter dated June 6, 2019 re: docket OST-2019-0038.

III. Community of SPI appreciates the ongoing efforts by Alaska Central Express, Inc. (ACE) to provide aviation services to SPI both during the pandemic and before and ACE’s interest to receive an EAS contract pursuant to its proposal dated August 3, 2020. However, the community finds the proposed service of three weekly round trips using a Beechcraft 1900C “combi” aircraft is inadequate on a long-term basis and nonresponsive in meeting the specific EAS requirements.

Over the years ACE has provided important and necessary aviation services for SPI. This is particularly the case for movement of mail and air freight. These services have continued during the current challenges posed by Ravn’s bankruptcy and the COVID pandemic. The community greatly appreciates ACE’s continued commitment to provide services at SPI.

The community of SPI also appreciates ACE’s willingness to provide services in the future if awarded an EAS subsidy pursuant to ACE’s proposal dated August 3, 2020. Unfortunately, provision of passenger services with the Beechcraft 1900C “combi” aircraft is inadequate as a long-term solution and does not satisfy the specific requirements in the current RFP. Nor does the proposal satisfy the level of service requirements for SPI as established for the EAS program going back to 1976-1978 and continued through the years to present day.

The problems are with both the type of aircraft and amount of service proposed. The following is a brief summary of the community’s concerns with ACE’s proposal.

- The Beechcraft 1900C “combi” aircraft is too small to service SPI which is nearly 800 air miles west of Anchorage, with nearly half of this distance over open water. The aircraft’s size is significantly constrained in terms of the number of passengers and accompanying luggage capacity.

¹ See page 3, Order Requesting Proposals, U.S. Department of Transportation, June 29, 2020

- Load capacity of what ACE proposes is significantly below what is needed to accommodate historical traffic levels. This concern is true whether ACE uses the nine-passenger configuration (as proposed) three times per week or makes changes to increase the number of seats and weekly trips.
- The Beechcraft 1900C operates with no onboard lavatory for a one-way flight that can last 3.5 hours (or longer if an emergency or weather requires a flight to return to its origin or to divert to an airport on the mainland). It is a smaller aircraft with few amenities compared to the service provided by Ravn. Many residents of Saint Paul Island are elderly. Flying under such conditions is quite uncomfortable and stressful.

These concerns are discussed in much greater detail in Section V of the community of SPI's letter dated November 10, 2017 under docket DOT-OST-2017-0110.

IV. SPI Community Recommendations

Based on a review of the RFP submissions and an analysis of current conditions affecting provision of aviation services at SPI, the community offers the following recommendations.

- Suspend the current EAS solicitation and defer making a decision pursuant to the Order Requesting Proposals dated June 29, 2020 until a determination is made regarding whether FLOAT Alaska, LLC (acting as Corvus) is granted authority by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to resume service to Saint Paul Island and begins to operate an acceptable, safe and reliable level of aviation services under the existing EAS contract awarded to Corvus.
- Rescind the current RFP and terminate the carrier selection case if FLOAT Alaska LLC (FLOAT) is granted FAA approval to resume service to SPI and an acceptable level of service under the existing EAS contract is provided in a reliable and safe manner for a period of at least ninety (90) days.
- If FLOAT fails to resume service to SPI within a reasonable period of time, then conduct additional discussions with the community prior to restarting the current EAS process or making a final determination. Evolving market conditions may allow for consideration of new interest to provide aviation services suggesting a need to re-open the opportunity to submit proposals.
- If it becomes necessary to consider making an award to ACE, any such award should be for a period not longer than the remaining term of the current EAS contract which expires on September 30, 2021.
- If it becomes necessary to make an award to ACE, increasing the weekly service frequency beyond the proposed three weekly round trips to Anchorage will likely be needed given historical traffic levels. This suggestion depends on how quickly the community return to pre-pandemic activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The City has consulted with the other local community organizations that have signed this letter below. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacob Mercurief
Mayor

Signatures of community partners in this matter:

Amos Philemonoff, President
Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island

Phillip Lestenkof, President
Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association

Christopher Mandregan, Jr., Chairman & Acting CEO
Tanadgusix Corporation

Enclosures

cc. Saint Paul City Council
Tribal Council of St. Paul
CBSFA Board
TDX Corporation Board
Governor Dunleavy
Lt. Governor Meyer
Lyman Hoffman, Alaska State Senator
Bryce Edgmon, Alaska House Speaker
DOT/PF Commissioner MacKinnon
DOT/PF Deputy Commissioner Binder
Congressman Young
Senator Murkowski
Senator Sullivan
Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager, City of Saint Paul
Patrick Baker, Executive Director, Pribilof Islands Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island
Chris Arnim and Dean Fasnacht, Trident Seafoods

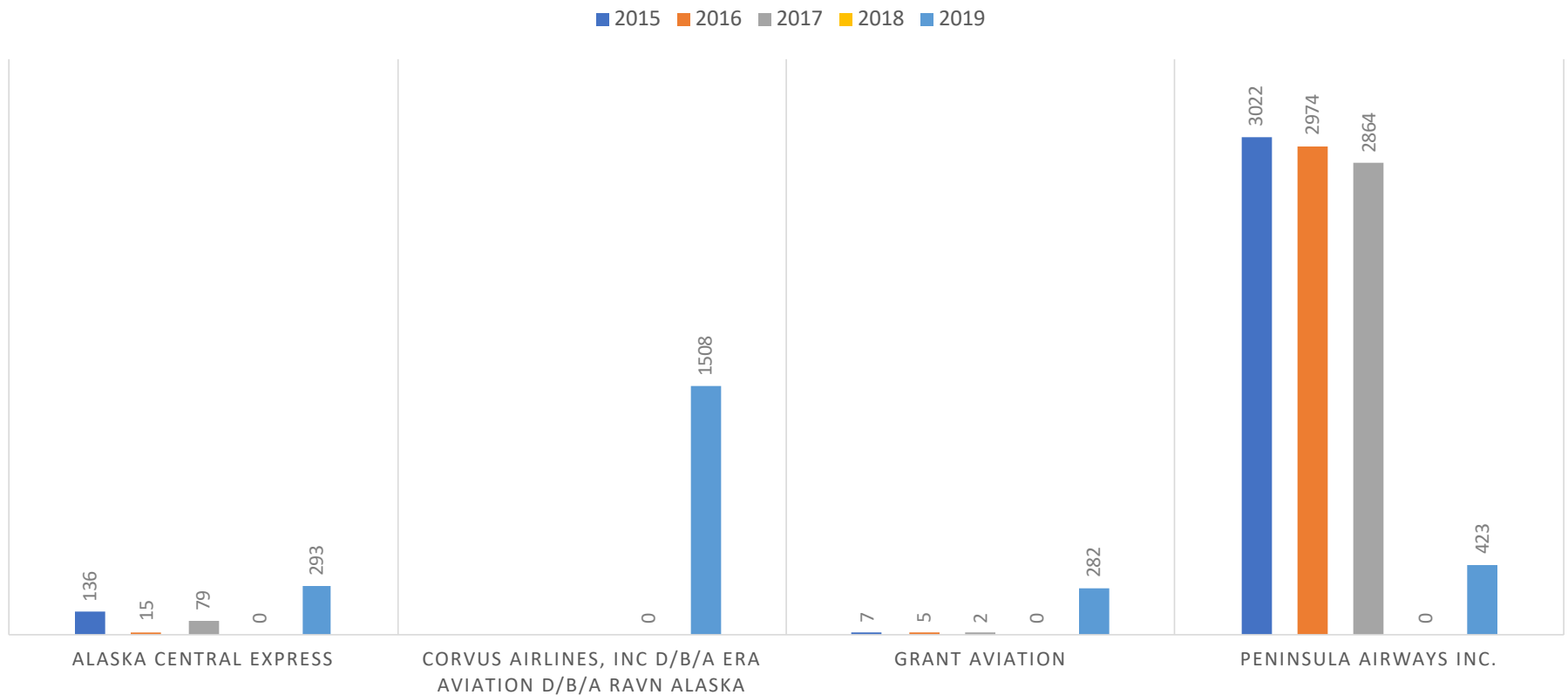
Saint Paul Island, Alaska

Passenger, Freight and Mail Data from 2015-2019

Introduction

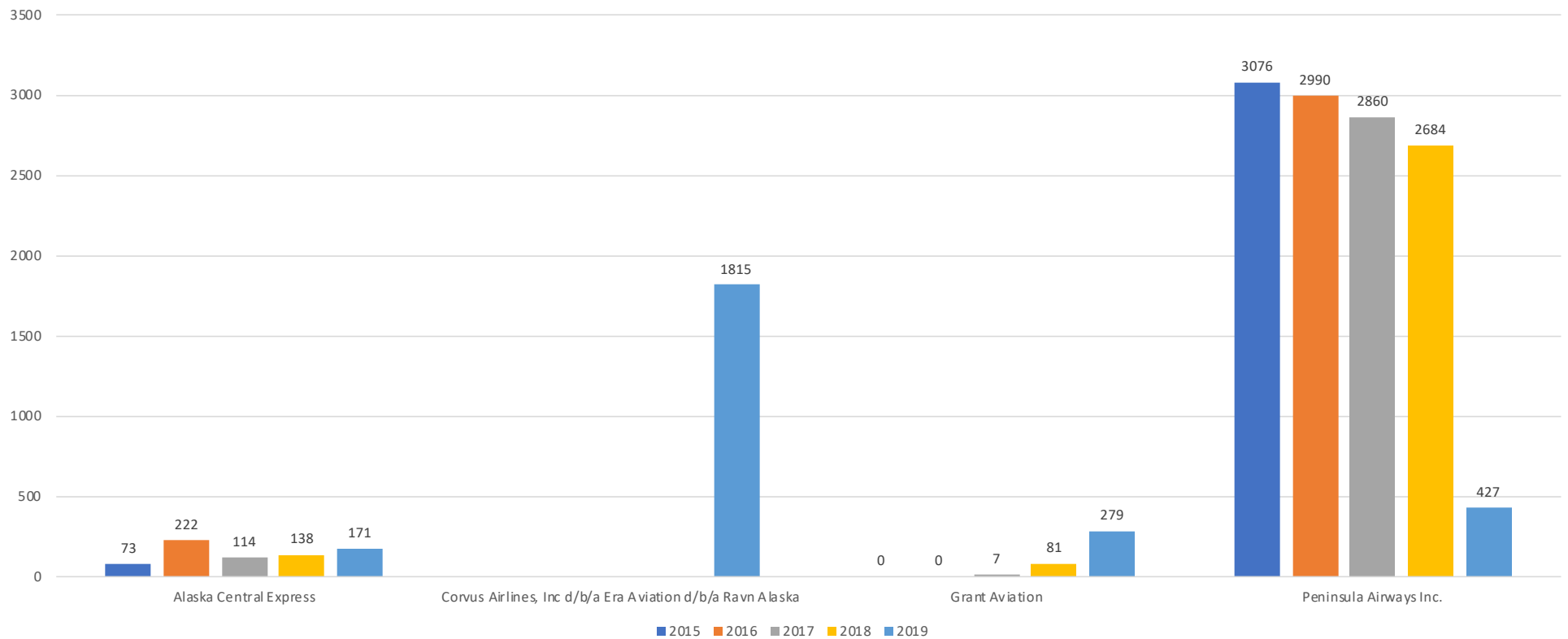
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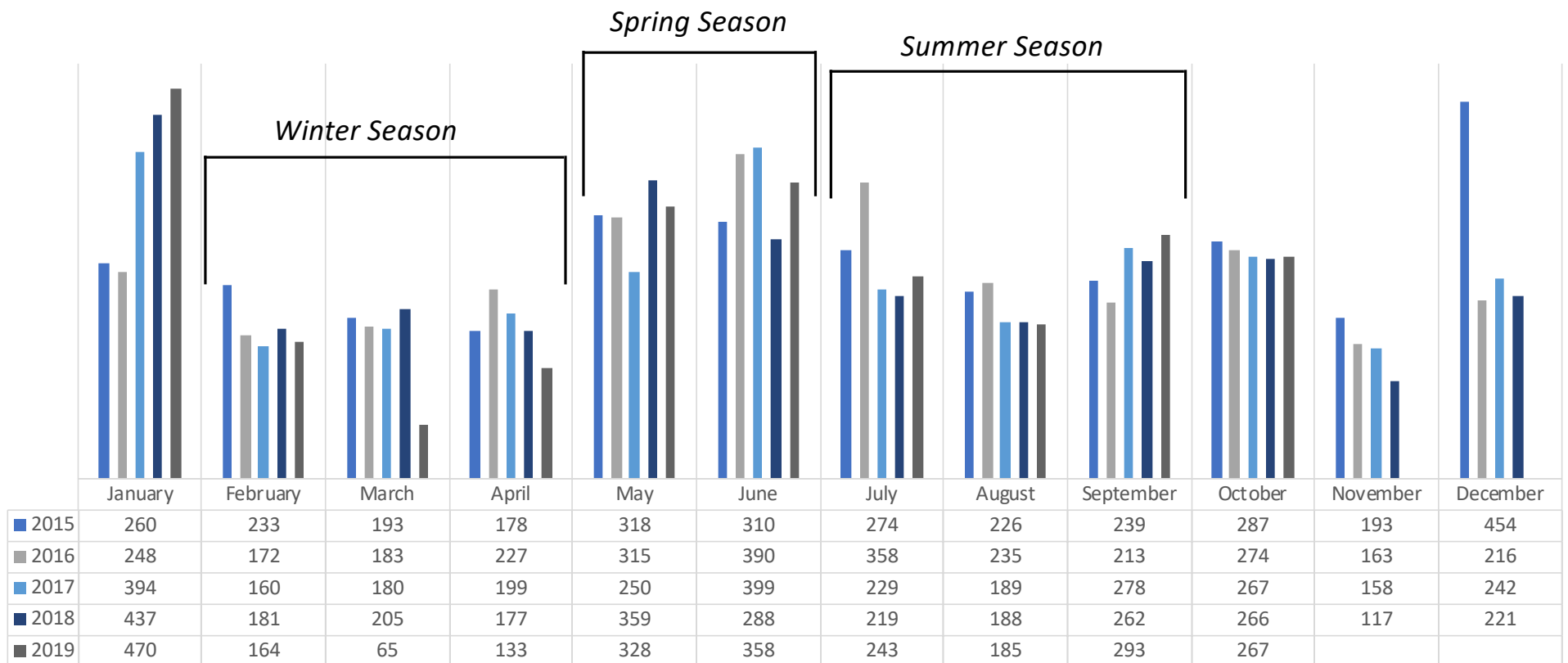
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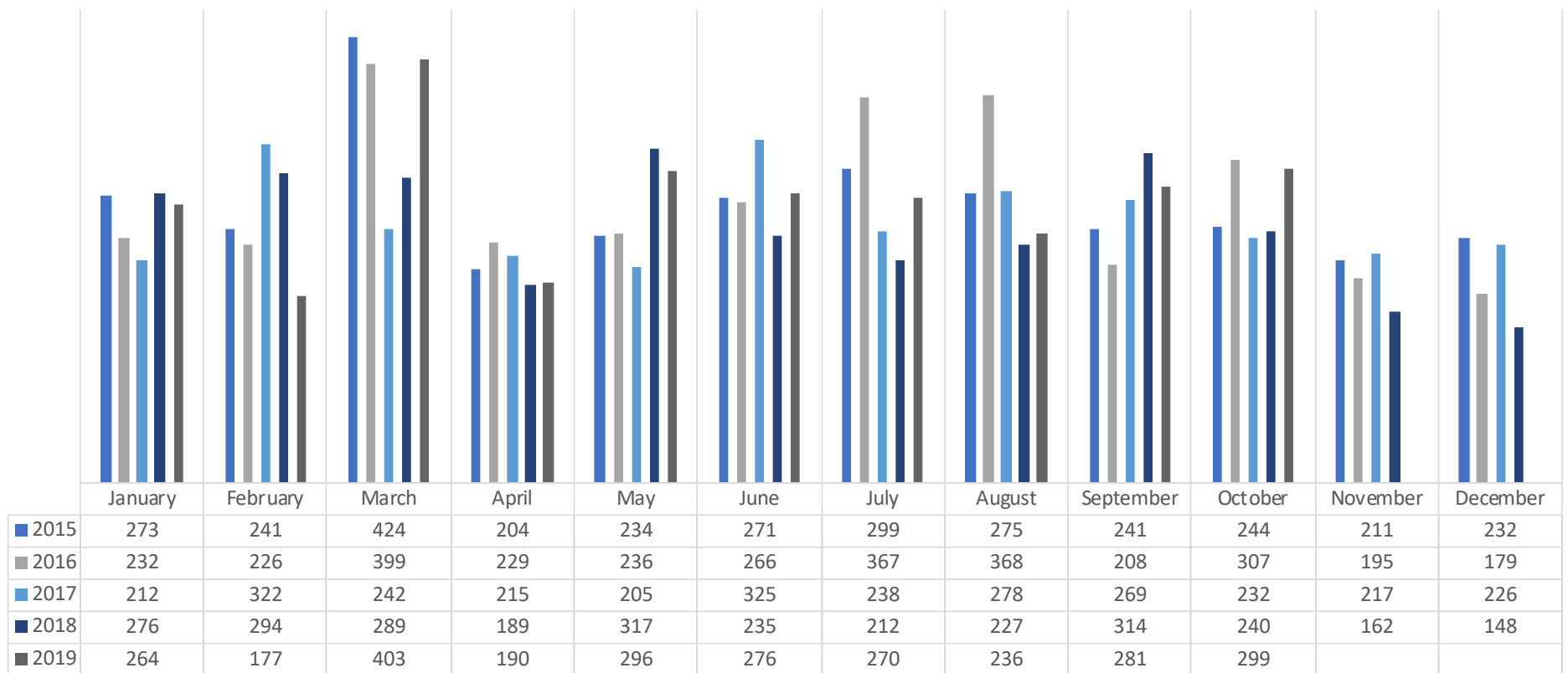
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Destination – Saint Paul Island



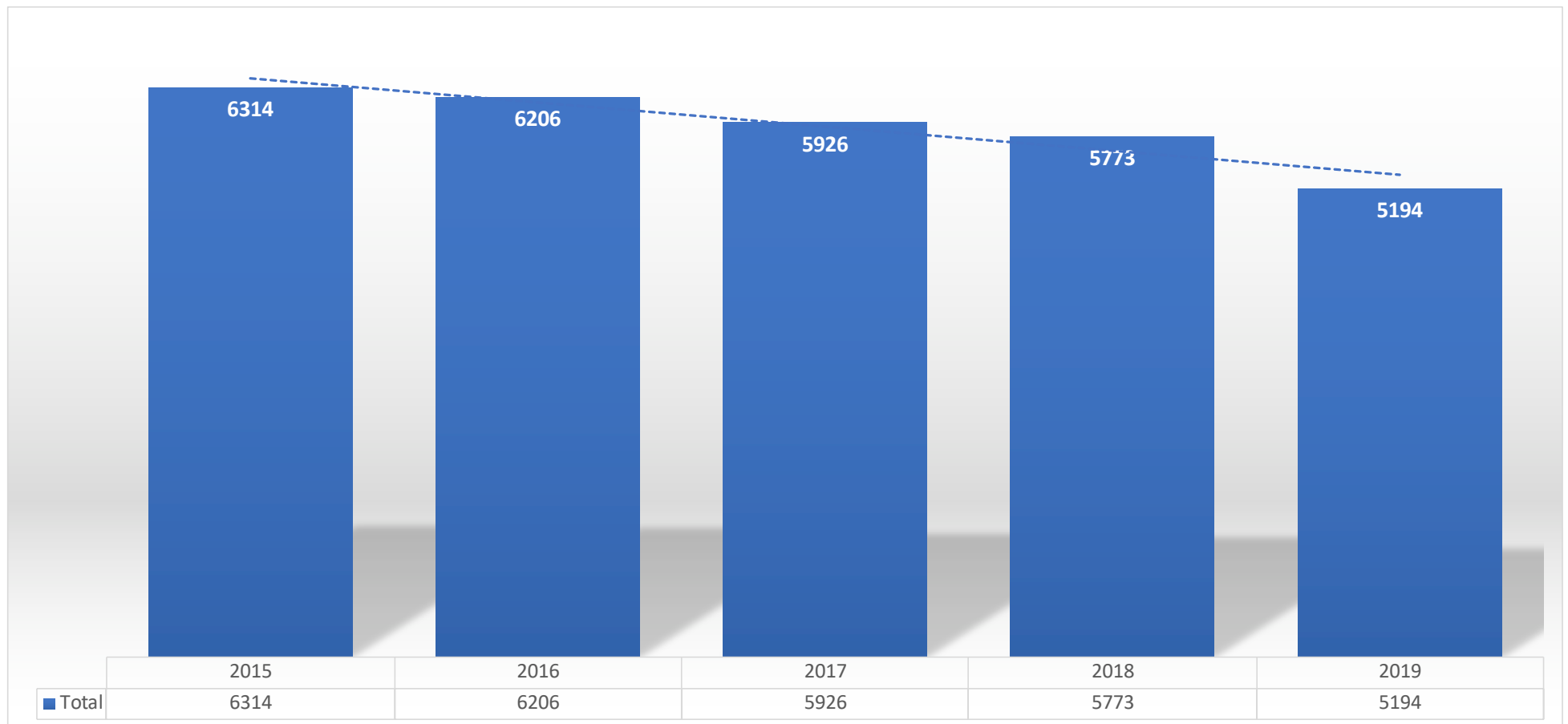
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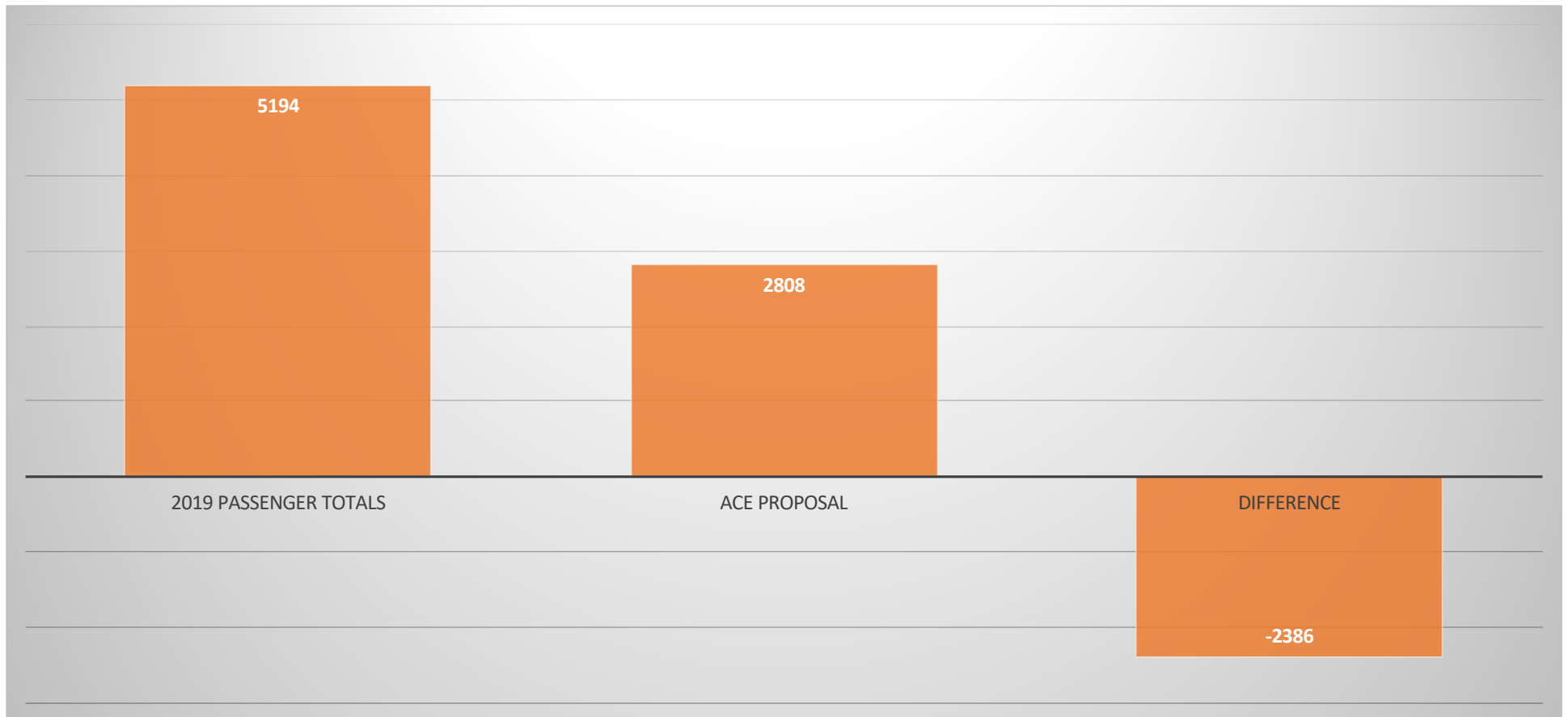


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Saint Paul Island

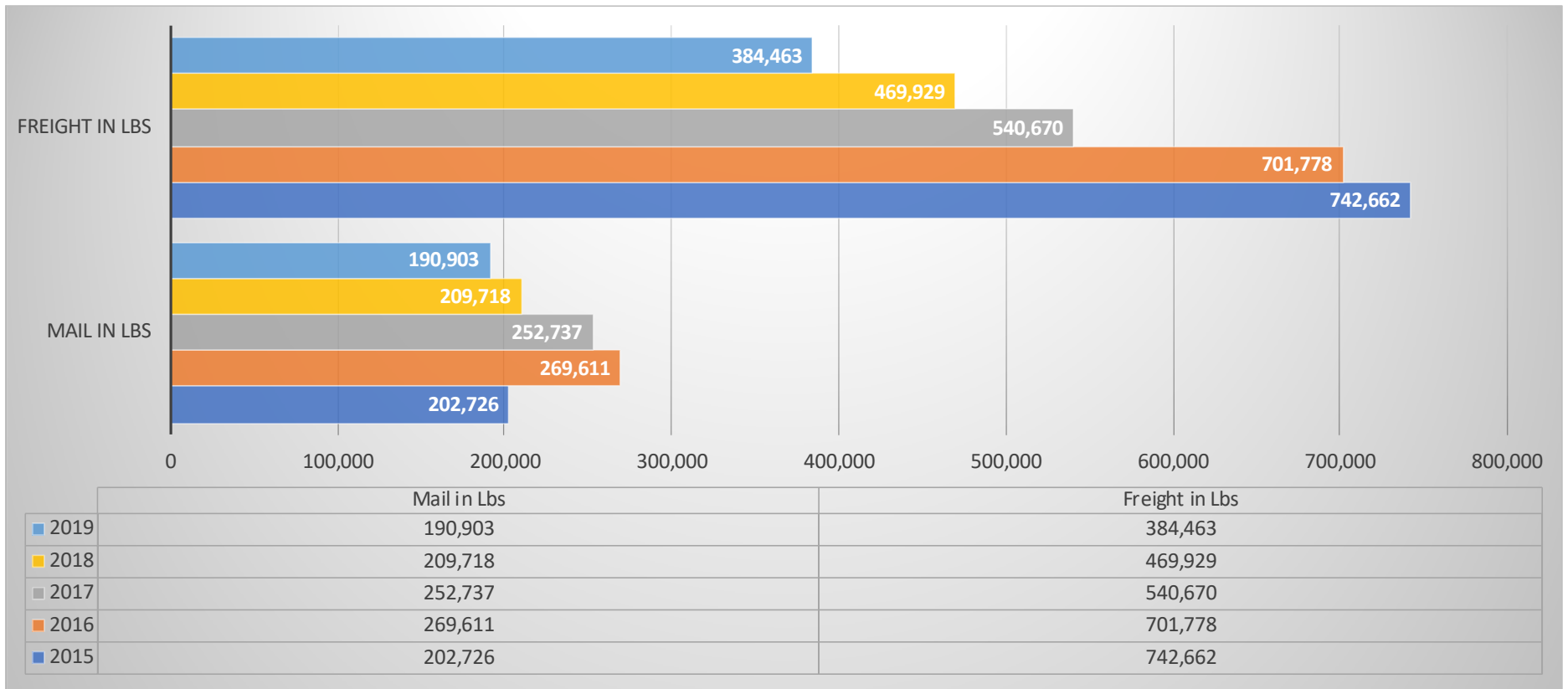


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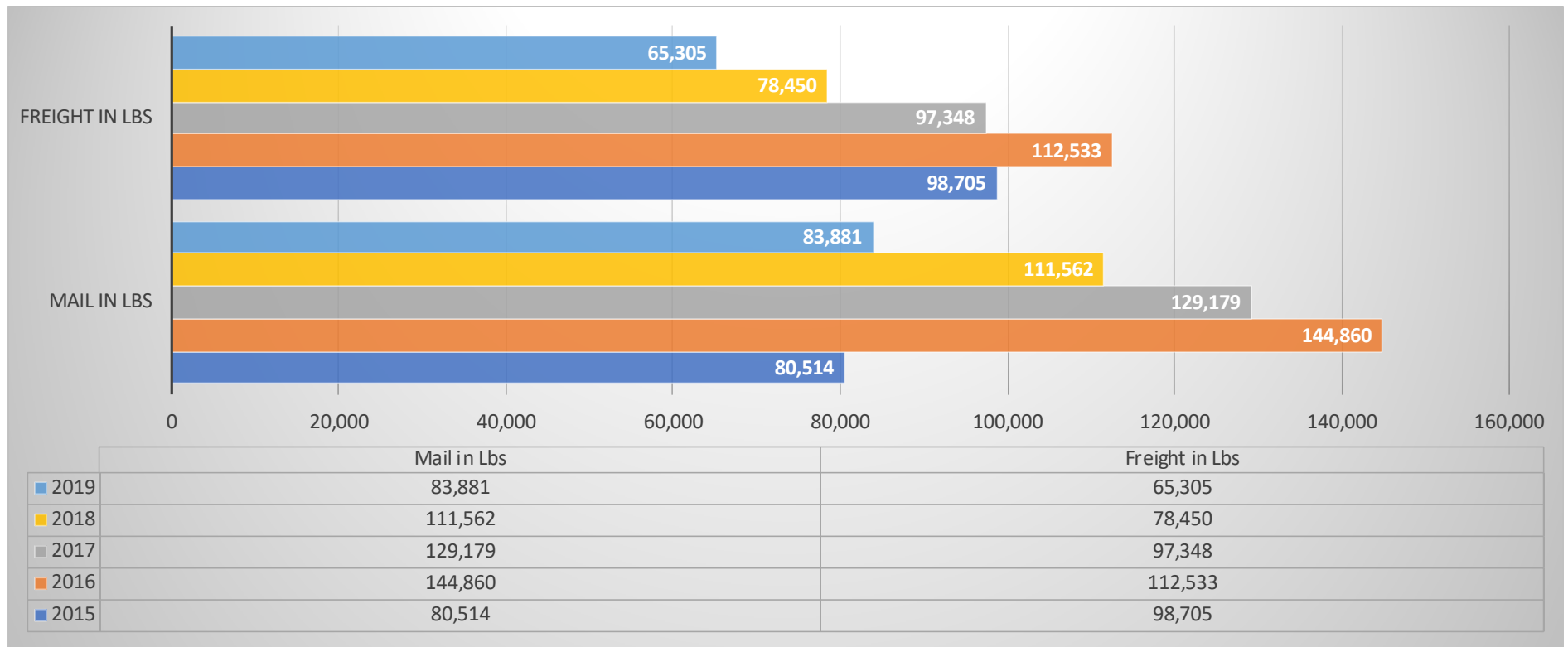
Total Freight and Mail in Pounds from 2015-2019

Destination – Saint Paul Island



Total Freight and Mail in Pounds from 2015-2019

Origin – Saint Paul Island



Passenger Data Patterns and Trends

- Decline in passenger over last 5 years.
- Clear "peak" seasonal trends on destination data, surrounding crab and tour seasons.

Freight and Mail Patterns and Trends

- Clear difference in inbound and outbound freight and mail.
- Increase in inbound freight of past 5 years.

City of Saint Paul
Grant Tracking Summary

Year	Agency	Name of Grant Program	Purpose	Requested Amount	Amount Awarded	Waiting to Be Awarded	In Kind/Match	Status
2019	American Seafoods	Community Grants	Purchase of lift assist stretcher for EMS	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	Awarded
2019	Alaska Energy Authority	VEEP Grant	New LED Street Lights	\$ 29,706	\$ 29,706	\$ -	\$ 38,212	Awarded
2019	Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association		Purchase of lift assist stretcher for EMS	\$ 11,822	\$ 11,822	\$ -	City will install	Awarded
2019	Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association		Purchase of new SCBA units for fire department	\$ 32,190	\$ 32,190	\$ -	\$ -	Awarded
2019	Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association		Purchase of LED lights for fire engine	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	\$ -	City will install	Awarded
2019	Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association		Purchase of hydraulic pump for extraction tools for fire department	\$ 11,400	\$ 11,400	\$ -	\$ -	Awarded
2019	Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association		MP Strageties work on halibut issues	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	Awarded
2019	Economic Development Administration	Technical Assistance	Development of Feasibility Study and Business Plan for Harbor Improvements and Expansion	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ 120,000	\$ 107,922	Waiting for Legal Review to Sign Off
2019	State of Alaska	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	Purchase and installation of emergency community sirens	\$ 88,750	\$ -	\$ 88,750	\$ -	Waiting for Award Documents
2019	State of Alaska	Community Transportation Program	Construction and realignment of new Harbor Road	\$ 1,900,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171,570	Not Awarded
2019	US Coast Guard		Caretaker Services at USCG Aviation Support Facility Saint Paul Island	\$ 46,936	\$ 46,936	\$ -	\$ -	Awarded
2020	Alaska Community Foundation		Purchase of PPE to respond to COVID-19	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Not Awarded

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2020	Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association		Purchase of LED lights for church	\$ 4,725	\$ 4,725	\$ -	City will install	Awarded
2020	Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association		Travel cost for Simeon to attend NPFMC	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ -	\$ -	Awarded
2020	Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association		MP Strageties work on halibut issues	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	Awarded
2020	State of Alaska	Homeland Security Program	Preparation of Emergency Operations Plan	\$ 146,662	\$ -	\$ 146,662	\$ -	Waiting
2020	State of Alaska	Village Safe Water	Wastewater Lift Stations Replacement	\$ 1,872,200	\$ -	\$ 1,872,200	\$ -	Waiting for Award Documents
2020	State of Alaska	Division of Community and Regional Affairs	State of Alaska COVID-19 Community Distribution	\$ 1,300,269	\$ 1,300,269	\$ -	\$ -	Awarded
2020	US Department of Agriculture	High Energy Cost Grant	Power System Improvements Project	\$ 2,997,599	\$ 807,969	\$ 807,696	\$ 327,444	Waiting for Award Documents
2020	Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island		Colonel Foulke Road Construction Drawing Set	\$ 7,875	\$ -	\$ 7,875	\$ -	Waiting
2020	Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island		Colonel Foulke Road Field Survey and Staking	\$ 15,683	\$ -	\$ 15,683	\$ -	Waiting
2020	Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island		St. Paul Community Ballfield Civil Design	\$ 19,500	\$ -	\$ 19,500	\$ -	Waiting
2020	Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island		New Tribal Duplex Utilities	\$ 132,000	\$ -	\$ 132,000	\$ -	Waiting
2020	Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island		City Hall Generator Project Oversight	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	Waiting

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2020	American Seafoods	Community Grants	Purchase of AED for School	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	Awarded
2020	US Coast Guard		Caretaker Services at USCG Aviation Support Facility Saint Paul Island	\$ 48,339	\$ 48,339	\$ -	\$ -	Awarded
2020	Federal Emergency Management Agency	COVID-19 Reimbursement Assistances	Funds to reimburse the City and its response to the pandemic	\$ 131,000	\$ 131,000	\$ -	\$ -	Reimbursement
Total				\$ 9,077,856	\$ 2,550,556	\$ 3,235,366	\$ 645,148	