



## CITY MANAGER REPORT

**Reporting Period:** March 6 to April 13, 2021

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### **COVID-19**

#### **Vaccine**

Our community's current vaccine numbers are:

- 176 Residents Fully Vaccinated
- 30 Residents with 1 Dose
- 154 Nonresident Seafood Workers with 1 Dose

This equates to 47.6% of all residents that are fully vaccinated. We are trying to achieve 80%. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines may be receiving authorization from FDA in June or July for ages 12 on up. This is the same vaccine that adults have been receiving. The Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island is coordinating an incentive raffle to encourage people to get vaccinated.

### **DHSS funding for freezer**

### **LOBBYING EFFORTS IN JUNEAU**

*Attached* is Mark Hickey's legislative report 21-06.

### **APEI BOARD MEETING**

On March 26, 2021, I participated in the Alaska Public Entity Insurance (APEI) board meeting via Zoom. APEI is the City's insurance carrier. For the next fiscal year which runs July to June the City is expecting insurance premiums to increase on average about 9%. This is a significant difference in the increase last fiscal year which was around 25%. The City can also expect a higher premium credit this year compared to last year.



### **ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE**

On April 6, 2021 the US Department of Transportation issued an Order (*see attached*), requesting proposals from air carriers interested in providing Essential Air Service at Saint Paul Island, Alaska for a new contract period beginning October 1, 2021. Proposals are due no later than April 26, 2021. I spoke briefly with Rob McKinney the President of Ravn, he stated they will be submitting a proposal. On April 13, 2021 a group made up of City, Tribal Government, CBSFA and TDX met to discuss options. This group will meet again once the EAS proposals are submitted to review any proposals and prepare a joint comment letter.

### **SAINT PAUL HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS/EXPANSION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

R&M Consultants has been working on the study and design concept for the harbor. The next Harbor Improvements Planning Team meeting will be held on April 23, 2021 to review the updated concepts for improvements and expansion of the Saint Paul Harbor (*see attached*). **This design is still in the planning stages and should not be considered final at this point in time.**

The US Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for Maritime Administrations's Port Infrastructure Development Program. We plan to work with R&M and our grant writer to prepare a proposal to fund some portion of projects that will be identified in the feasibility study. Proposals are due on July 30, 2021.

### **COMMUNITY PARK PLANNING**

On April 2, 2021 I met with Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island staff, TDX and Polarconsult staff to review a final preliminary design of a community park located on the ballfield area (*see attached*). Many changes were made to this preliminary design and will be reviewed a few more times. **This design is still in the planning stages and should not be considered final at this point in time.** The design is at a point that Polarconsult can now determine quantities of fill needed for the design.

### **SEWER LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT**

The City received a Notice of Intent to Award letter on July 28, 2020 from ADEC Village Safe Water (VSW) and did not receive the notice of grant agreement until November 24, 2020. The ADEC informed the City early on that they would be managing the grant and to date no work has been performed on the grant. On April 2, 2021, I sent a letter to Young Ha the Program Manager for the VSW Program requesting that the City take over management of the grant from ADEC (*see attached*). We are waiting to hear from ADEC in Juneau what the process will be to manage the grant ourselves.

### **EMERGENCY SIRENS**

The City received approval from Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to purchase the Federal Signal sirens that we originally specified in the grant proposal and that are in the grant agreement. The emergency sirens order has been placed. We do not have a timeframe of when the sirens will be shipped and installed. We currently working with Federal Signal to identify the FCC radio frequency that the sirens will operate on and what digital messaging will be programmed. The emergency sirens will be a Federal Signal Modulator High Powered Omni Speaker (*see attached specs sheet*).

### **AMERICAN SEAFOODS GRANT**

With help from Phyllis Swetzof, the City applied for an American Seafoods grant for playground equipment. Due to the school reroofing project the current playground will not be able to be used while the construction is going on. The City owns a lot north of the 4-plexes that is dedicated as park land. The plan is to use the grant funds to purchase what new playground equipment we can and salvage what exiting playground equipment we can to move to the other location so that kids have something to play on this summer. Simeon has volunteers to level out the lot and prepare the site for playground equipment. *Attached* is a draft plan.

### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**

The City may receive approximately \$100,000 from the American Rescue Plan funding. The guidance for how this funding can be spent will not be out until May. *Attached* is a presentation on the ARP that was made to the Alaska House Finance Committee. I will review the presentation with council during the verbal portion of my report.

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT #21-06

## FY 2022 Budget and American Rescue Plan Update

- The House Finance Committee has completed all budget work by its subcommittees and listened to three days of public testimony. Action on amendments and final passage is planned for the upcoming week, to be followed by House floor consideration during the week of April 19. The Senate will finish its work once the House version is completed and transmitted to the Senate.
- A critical issue is to allocate the \$1 billion coming directly to the state under the federal [American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) Act](#). Guidance from the United States Treasury on how funds can be used is expected by around May 10. If that schedule is kept, the legislature will have less than 2 weeks before the May 19 required adjournment to make budget decisions on the use of these funds.
- **Another concern is [the possible of loss of ARP funding for K-12 and the University of Alaska due to recent budget reductions to the university](#).** Under ARP, school districts expect to receive [more than \\$358 million for Alaska elementary and secondary schools](#). As a condition of receiving these funds, states must demonstrate “maintenance of effort” at the state level compared to pre-pandemic spending during the FY 2017-2019 period. **One option under review is for the Department of Education and Early Development to request a waiver from the federal government.**
- Another development is the recent introduction of *House Bill No. 169* by the House Finance Committee. **This bill separates all funding in FY 2022 for K-12 (including pupil transportation). The intent is to approve this portion of the budget early with the hope to avoid layoff notices which are required by law to be sent out by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May each year.** Leadership in both bodies have mentioned there may be support for this action.

## COVID Disaster Declaration Extension

- Since its passage in the House, the [disaster declaration extension legislation \(HB 76\)](#) received three hearings in the Senate Finance Committee, including invited and public testimony. Even though the bill continues to receive statewide support from health and social service organizations, health care facilities, and nonprofits, **Health and Social Services Commissioner Adam Crum maintains that the pandemic can instead be adequately addressed with a more limited bill, coupled with using other authorities to support the state’s response.**
- **Several members of the Senate Finance Committee expressed their concern over the potential loss of benefits if HB 76 (or similar legislation) does not pass, including the federally-funded “enhanced” Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).** Without a declaration in place, Alaska is likely to lose approximately \$8 million in aid each month. An estimated 34,000 households in Alaska are depending on the SNAP emergency allotment per month.
- **HB 76 was scheduled for additional hearings in Senate Finance, but these hearings were canceled without explanation.** The bill is now scheduled for attention by the Senate Finance Committee on April 12. A more detailed report on the bill hearings can be found [here](#).
- [Senate Bill No. 24](#), Senator David Wilson’s (*R-Wasilla*) bill allowing virtual meetings for corporations, was signed into law by Governor Dunleavy on March 31, with a retroactive effective date of March 11, 2020.

## Legislature Passes Cruise Ship Resolution

- On March 31, the House passed *Senate Joint Resolution No. 9 (SJR 9)*, sponsored by Senator Jessie Kiehl (*D-Juneau*), **urging Congress to exempt cruise ships from certain provisions of the Passenger Vessel Services Act to bypass Canada ports and allow for sailings in Alaska this summer.** The Senate concurred in the changes to this measure on April 7.
- With bipartisan support by the Alaska Legislature, the bill will be sent to the White House, Alaska Congressional Delegation, and other members of Congress. However, even with help from Alaska's Congressional Delegation, and a possible exemption, **the industry will still need to comply with CDC guidance issued by public health authorities, a hurdle that may not be achievable, especially for smaller communities, in time for the 2021 season.**

## Other Capitol News

- **Work continues in both bodies on legislation to replace the AMHS Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) with an AMHS Operations Board.** The House version (*HB63*) proposed by House Speaker Rep. Louise Stutes (*R-Kodiak*) has been heard twice by the House State Affairs Committee, which is its last committee of referral. The Senate Transportation Committee has heard the governor's proposal (*SB103*) three times. SB 103 has no other committee referrals. The principal difference between the bills is (1) the size of the board (nine in *HB 63* versus 11 in *SB 103*); and (2) whether the governor appoints all members (*SB103*), versus having the Senate and House presiding officers (*HB63*) appoint a portion of the public members. Hearings are scheduled for these bills in both bodies during the upcoming week.
- **The Senate Education Committee is nearing completion of its six-week effort to craft a comprehensive pre-K or early education program, coupled with new early intervention reading and virtual education programs.** *Senate Bill No. 111* by the Senate Education Committee incorporate elements from the "Alaska Reads Act" proposal presented last year by Governor Dunleavy and Senator Tom Begich (*D-Anchorage*). The latest version also includes elements of *Senate Bill No. 42* by Senator Shelley Hughes (*R-Wasilla*), primarily related to implementation of a virtual education consortium. A new Committee Substitute for SB 111 is expected early next week with [these changes](#).
- **The House is now working on legislation for the state to formally recognize tribes.** *House Bill No. 123* by Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky (*D-Bethel*) passed the House Tribal Affairs Committee this week and is scheduled for its first hearing in the State Affairs Committee on April 17. While [the bill](#) is considered mostly symbolic, **it is viewed as an important step to have the state on the same footing with its 229 tribes that has existed with the federal government since passage of the "Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act" in 1975.**
- **On March 29, Department of Administration Commissioner Kelly Tshibaka resigned from her position, citing plans to run in 2022 for the Alaska U.S. Senate seat currently held by Senator Lisa Murkowski.** Until Tshibaka's position is permanently filled, Governor Dunleavy appointed Amanda Holland to serve as acting commissioner.
- In an in-person announcement from the Kenai Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, **Governor Dunleavy named James Cockrell as Commissioner of Public Safety.** Cockrell, a retired Alaska State Trooper Colonel, has decades of law enforcement experience, including director of the Alaska Wildlife Troopers and head of the Alaska State Troopers.

## Summary of State Legislation



Ernie on the job!

Below is a list of legislative measures of interest, divided into six main topics: fiscal measures, general municipal issues, education measures, fishery & resource issues, energy matters, and election & voting issues. House measures are described first, followed by Senate measures. Companion bills (measures in both bodies) are listed together, with priority given to bills sponsored by majority members. More information about these measures can be found at [Alaska Municipal League Legislative Tracker](#) or [Alaska State Legislature](#). Check out what your legislators are doing. **New bills are in BLUE, change in status in RED, and passed bills in GREEN.**

### Fiscal Measures

Measure	Summary	Status
HJR 1 by Kreiss-Tomkins HJR 10 by Tuck SJR 1 by Wielechowski	Proposes a constitutional amendment to guarantee Permanent Fund dividends using a Percent of Market Value (POMV) method.	HJR 1 scheduled H W&M 4/13; HJR 10 pending House Judiciary SJR 1 heard/held S JUD 4/7, 4/9; scheduled 4/14
HB 9 by Hannan	Reimposes a state income tax and related changes. Exempts Permanent Fund dividends from proposed tax.	Pending State Affairs
HB 37 by Wool	Proposes an 80/20 distribution of Permanent Fund (PF) earnings between general fund and dividends. Reimposes a state income tax.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
HB 46 by Thompson	Establishes a state lottery and provides for participation in multi-state lotteries.	Withdrawn by sponsor
HB 57 by Josephson	Clarifies the mechanics and language of the budget reserve fund payback provision in the Constitution and which funds are subject to the "reverse sweep."	Passed Judiciary 4/5; referred Finance
HB 141 by Spohnholz	Amends statutory spending limit by using average of past 3 fiscal years. Excludes school bond debt reimbursement payments and disaster spending.	Pending House Ways & Means
HB 165 by Kreiss-Tomkins	Proposes a special appropriation of \$4.35 billion from the Earnings Reserve Account to the PF corpus.	Referred House W&M; scheduled W&M 4/13
SJR 5 by governor HJR 6 by governor	Proposes a constitutional amendment that creates a new appropriations limit or spending cap.	SJR 5 pending Senate JUD HJR 6 pending House W&M
SJR 6 by governor HJR 7 by governor	Proposes a constitutional amendment to enshrine the PF dividend in the Constitution. Requires subsequent vote by electorate to change the dividend formula.	SJR 6 pending Senate JUD HJR 7 pending House STA
SJR 7 by governor HJR 8 by governor	Proposes a constitutional amendment requiring a vote of the people to establish a new state tax. Requires legislative ratification of a new tax created by initiative.	SJR 7 pending Senate JUD HJR 8 pending House STA
SB 13 by Begich	Proposes additional tax on oil and gas taxable property that may be appropriated to the Alaska capital income fund, municipalities for real property tax revenue lost, or the Alaska higher education investment fund.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>SB 49 by governor HB 69 by governor</b>	FY 2021 Operating Budget: Provides flat funding for K-12, but no increase to counter COVID enrollment impacts. School debt reimbursement funded at 50%. Proposes nearly \$300 million in budget reductions.	SB 49 pending Senate FIN HB 69 heard public testimony 4/8 thru 4/10; scheduled 4/12 to 4/16
<b>SB 52 by governor HB 72 by governor</b>	Appropriates \$2 billion from the Permanent Fund ERA for payment of a full dividend in 2022.	SB 52 pending Senate FIN HB 72 referred House FIN
<b>SB 53 by governor HB 73 by governor</b>	Sets new PF dividend formula at 50% of 5% POMV distribution. Includes advisory vote on proposal.	SB 53 pending Senate JUD HB 73 pending House STA
<b>SB 100 by Begich</b>	Proposes a 5 percent state income tax based on the federal tax rate for resident & nonresident workers.	Pending State Affairs

### *General Municipal Issues*

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>HJR 2 by Claman</b>	Proposes constitutional amendment to limit regular legislative sessions to ninety days.	Pending Judiciary
<b>HB 1 by Rauscher</b>	Proposes special audit of CARES Act funds for the community assistance program and grants to municipalities and communities.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
<b>HB 17 by Josephson</b>	Expands duties of State Commission for Human Rights with new provisions prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Applies to political subdivisions.	Pending State Affairs
<b>HB 31 by Ortiz</b>	Allows the state to observe daylight saving time throughout a calendar year. This change can only take effect if the US Congress amends federal law.	Pending State Affairs
<b>HB 55 by Josephson</b>	Allows firefighters and peace officers to join a defined benefit retirement plan. Establishes medical benefits eligibility requirements and payment for past service.	Scheduled State Affairs 4/13
<b>HB 63 by Stutes</b>	Repeals MTAB and establishes the nine-member Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board to provide planning and general advice regarding AMHS operations. 2 public members appointed by each respective presiding officer.	Heard and held State Affairs 3/30, 4/6; scheduled 4/15
<b>HB 113/SB 93 by governor</b>	Establishes an all-payer health claims database (APCD) collecting health care claims data from a variety of health care payers, including insurers and providers.	HB 113 pending House L&C SB 93 scheduled Senate HSS 4/13
<b>HB 123 by Zulkosky SB 108 by Olson</b>	Enacts state law formally acknowledging federally recognized tribes in Alaska.	HB 123 passed H TRB 4/5; scheduled House STA 4/17 SB 108 pending Senate State Affairs
<b>HB 127 by LeBon</b>	Prohibits the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority from assisting the University of Alaska (UA) to fund heating or energy projects, while increasing maximum bonding amounts for other UA or regional health entity projects.	Heard & held CRA 4/8; scheduled 4/15

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>HB 134 by governor SB 103 by governor</b>	Replaces AMHS Marine Transportation Advisory Board with an 11-member AMHS Operation and Planning Board, with public members appointed by the governor.	HB 134 pending House TRA SB 103 heard & held S TRA 3/30, 4/8; scheduled 4/15
<b>HB 167 by McCabe</b>	Prohibits municipalities from levying a sales & use taxes on the sale or exchange of "specie" (gold or silver coins).	Referred CRA, State Affairs and Finance
<b>SJR 12 by Wielechowski</b>	Resolution urging Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset of the Social Security Act.	Referred State Affairs and Finance
<b>SB 6 by Kawasaki</b>	Allows employers to adopt a retirement incentive program (RIP) for both TRS and PERS members of a defined benefit plan.	Heard and held Senate L&C 4/7
<b>SB 9 by Micciche</b>	Omnibus bill relating to the manufacture, distribution, bartering, licensing, possession and the sale of alcoholic beverages in Alaska. Provides that only the ABC Board may issue, renew, transfer, relocate, suspend or revoke a license under Title 4.	Heard & held Judiciary 3/29, 4/7; scheduled 4/12
<b>SB 15 by Costello</b>	Creates fine of up to \$1,000 for any elected or appointed official who knowingly violates the Open Meetings Act.	Heard & held Judiciary 3/31; scheduled 4/12
<b>SB 26 by Wilson</b>	Repeals the certificate of need (CON) program for health care facilities.	Passed Health & Social Services 4/8; referred L&C
<b>SB 37 by Kiehl</b>	Allows teachers and other public employees a choice between a defined benefit pension versus the current defined contribution 401(k) plan.	Pending Labor & Commerce
<b>SB 41 by Hughes</b>	Omnibus health insurance reform bill titled "Alaska Health Care Consumer's Right to Shop Act." Includes provision to preempt municipalities from regulating disclosure and reporting of health care information.	Pending Labor & Commerce
<b>SB 46 by Gray- Jackson</b>	Makes municipal police officers subject to police standards, establishes central registry of officers with denied or revoked certificates, amends training of village public safety officers to require disability training, and requires the reporting of use-of-force by an officer.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
<b>SB 54 by governor</b>	Authorizes the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to issue bonds to finance water and sewer projects and matching funds for federal highway and aviation projects.	Pending Finance
<b>SB 55 by governor HB 75 by governor</b>	Requires state to pay full amount of normal and past service cost for all actively employed, defined contribution state PERS employees.	SB 55 scheduled Senate Finance 4/14 HB 75 pending House L&C
<b>SB 56 by governor HB 76 by governor</b>	Extends COVID-19 public health emergency disaster declaration through September 2021. House CS moves extension back to September 30, 2021.	SB 56 pending Senate FIN HB 76 scheduled but not heard Senate FIN 4/6; scheduled 4/12
<b>SB 74 by governor HB 93 by governor</b>	Proposes \$356 million in general obligations bonds for numerous transportation and infrastructure projects.	SB 74 pending Senate FIN HB 93 heard & held House Finance 3/30
<b>SB 81 by Olson</b>	Requires background checks for Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO) and rewrites the VPSO statute.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
<b>SB 105 by Myers</b>	Allows second class boroughs to consolidate two or more road service areas without voter approval if the boards representing those areas request consolidation and no new parcels are added to the new service area.	Heard & held Transportation 3/30

## *Education Measures*

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>HB 15 by Thompson</b>	Requires issuance of a preliminary teacher certificate within 30 days for qualified active duty military members or spouses.	Pending Labor & Commerce
<b>HB 18 by Kreiss-Tompkins</b>	Sets goal that by 2025 at least 4% of public school teachers will achieve national board certification. Requires schools display the name of these teachers.	Pending Education
<b>HB 19 by Kreiss-Tompkins</b>	Expands scope of teacher certificates for teachers fluent in an Alaska Native or foreign language for a one-year period. Allows extension or renewal after one year.	Heard & held Education 4/9; scheduled 4/14
<b>HB 24 by Hopkins</b>	Requires larger school districts to give breaks to teachers who are nursing mothers and a location to express breast milk.	Pending Education
<b>HB 25 by Hopkins</b>	Requires Board of Education & Early Development to establish standards for social-emotional learning instruction.	Scheduled Education 4/12
<b>HB 43 by Story SB 19 by Stevens</b>	Provides an eight-year extension for the Special Education Service Agency. Senate Finance CS increases funding by \$4.48 times number of students.	HB 43 pending House FIN SB 19 pending House FIN
<b>HB 47 by Story SB 109 by Olson</b>	Renames Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council and adds two seats.	HB 47 passed House Tribal Affairs 4/6; referred Finance SB 109 pending Senate STA
<b>HB 48 by Story</b>	Expands eligibility requirements for the Alaska performance scholarship program.	Scheduled Education 4/12
<b>HB 49 by Story</b>	Proposes appropriation of \$20.225 million for early literacy programs in public schools.	Pending Education
<b>HB 53 by McCarty</b>	Requires school districts to consider children of active duty military/National Guard as district residents.	Pending Education
<b>HB 60 by Claman SB 80 by Gray-Jackson</b>	Directs Board of Education & Early Development to develop guidelines for instruction in mental health in consultation with the HSS department.	HB 60 scheduled House Education 4/16 SB 80 heard/held Senate HSS 4/6; scheduled 4/15
<b>HB 67 by Story</b>	Proposes appropriation of \$20 million for K-12 public schools in response to COVID-19 impacts.	Pending Education
<b>HB 108 by McCarty</b>	Allows public secondary school students, over 14 years of age, to participate in concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade programs.	Heard & held Education 4/9
<b>HB 114/SB 94 by governor</b>	Amends education and supplemental loan programs by clarifying residency eligibility requirements, eliminating loan maximums, and allowing for early repayment of consolidated loans.	HB 114 pending House EDC SB 94 pending Senate EDC
<b>HB 129 by Fields</b>	Amends the maximum amount of annual awards for Alaska performance scholarships based on current University of Alaska tuition and fees.	Pending Education
<b>HB 132 by House Labor &amp; Commerce</b>	Enacts new proposal titled the "Alaska Apprenticeship Expansion Act". Establishes new concurrent vocational education, training and on-the-job trade experience programs for secondary school students.	Heard & held Education 4/9

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HB 147 by Zulkosky	Expands teacher education loan forgiveness program to any rural community not connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks.	Pending Education
HB 169 by House Finance	Funds K-12 for FY 2022 separately from the rest of the budget. Intent is to pass before the 15 <sup>th</sup> of May deadline to issue layoff notices.	Referred Finance
SJR 10 by Costello	Proposes constitutional amendment requiring public schools to provide the opportunity for in-person education unless a disaster declaration is in place.	Scheduled Education 4/14
SB 8 by Begich HB 164 by Tuck	Proposes statewide K-3 reading program and expands pre-elementary program for 4 & 5 year olds. Retention at grade 3 likely unless exempt by school board. HB 164 adds provision for 25% carryover by districts.	SB 8 pending Education HB 164 referred House Education and Finance
SB 16 by Begich	Requires annual report on equal pay for comparable work and increases minimum wage.	Pending Labor & Commerce
SB 18 by Begich	Requires school districts to set policies regarding maximum class size for each grade. Creates a state class size reduction grant program	Pending Education
SB 20 by Stevens	Amends teacher certification reciprocity provisions for out-of-state teachers. CS requires teachers have a BA, gives them two years to take Alaska courses and training, and eliminates competency testing.	Scheduled but not heard Finance 4/6
SB 30 by Begich	Requires coverage of colorectal cancer screening for retired TRS and PERS members.	Pending Health & Social Services
SB 32 by Stevens	Establishes new middle college program for public school students at U of A.	Passed Senate 20 to 0 4/7; referred House EDC & STA
SB 34 by Stevens	Allows establishment of public schools through state-tribal compacts. Provides authority for creation of state-tribal compact schools and defines other requirements.	Pending Education
SB 42 by Hughes	Omnibus bill titled "Alaska Reading and Virtual Education Act." Provides for more stringent standards for Praxis tests and expands reporting on school district and employee performance.	Pending Education
SB 58 by governor HB 78 by governor	Amends education foundation formula to count students in correspondence programs at 100% for ADM purposes and includes this count for all multipliers.	SB 58 pending Senate EDC HB 78 pending House EDC
SB 72 by Stevens	Adds civics exam requirement to graduate from secondary school. CS removes requirement to achieve a passing grade.	Heard & held CRA 4/8
SB 111 by Senate Education	Omnibus education reform bill titled the "Alaska Academic Improvement and Modernization Act." Includes modified pre-K and reading intervention programs. Proposes new retention requirements and new teacher competency exam.	Heard & held Education 4/9, public testimony 4/10; scheduled 4/12, 4/14, 4/16
SB 112 by Shower	Mandates DEED require bus logistics plans for certain methods of school transportation to reduce number of runs and increase efficiency.	Pending Education

## *Fishery & Resources Issues*

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>HB 26 by House Fisheries</b>	Allows members of the Board of Game or Fisheries to deliberate and participate on matters if they or a family member have a personal or financial interest.	Heard & held Resources 4/9; scheduled 4/14
<b>HB 28 by House Fisheries</b>	Exempts commercial fishing vessels with valid licenses from numbering and registration provisions.	Passed Fisheries 3/30; referred Finance
<b>HB 41 by Ortiz SB 64 by Stevens</b>	Relates to management of enhanced stocks of shellfish, authorizes certain nonprofits to engage in shellfish enhancement projects, and increases salmon hatchery permit fees from \$100 to \$1000.	HB 41 passed Fisheries 3/30; referred Finance SB 64 heard & held Senate Finance 4/6
<b>HB 50 by Josephson</b>	Authorizes municipalities to regulate trapping to prevent injury to persons or property.	Pending Resources
<b>HB 64 by Stutes</b>	Proposes regional associations to encourage new fisheries, modeled after SE AK Regional Dive Fisheries Association. Members self-assess tax to fund surveys.	Heard & held Fisheries 4/1; scheduled 4/15
<b>HB 65 by Stutes</b>	Allows Board of Fisheries/Board of Game unconfirmed appointees to vote if the legislature has been unable to meet during a regular legislative session if approved by a majority of each body using a poll.	Pending Fisheries
<b>HB 162 by Tuck</b>	Establishes a new fisheries rehabilitation permit program which allows removal of finfish, collection and incubation of eggs and placement of fertilized or incubated eggs, larvae or unfed fry back in the same waters of the state.	Referred Fisheries and Resources; scheduled FSH 4/13
<b>SB 29 by Micciche</b>	Establishes Cook Inlet buy-back program for set net entry permits and provides for a vote by permit holders whether to be included. Broadens CFEC authority to establish management areas.	Pending Finance
<b>SB 33 by Stevens</b>	Add pollock and cod to the product development tax credit up to 50% of the taxpayer's tax liability. Extends date to take credit for property first placed into service by Dec. 31, 2025.	Passed Resources 4/7; referred Finance
<b>SB 44 by Kawasaki</b>	Requires Board of Fish to place restrictions on other fisheries before restricting personal use fisheries, except when the harvest of a stock or species is limited to achieve a management goal.	Pending Resources

## *Energy Matters*

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>HB 56 by Foster</b>	Restructures the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) program process to allow direct PCE payments without further appropriations. Mandates annual appropriation out of the fund to make eligible PCE payments.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
<b>HB 135 by governor SB 104 by governor</b>	Expands the jurisdiction and authority of the Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) over geothermal resources, currently held by the Dept. of Natural Resources.	HB 135 pending House Resources SB 104 heard & held Senate Resources

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>HB 170 by governor</b> <b>SB 123 by governor</b>	Creates new “Alaska Energy Independence Fund” at AIDEA to make loans and provide other forms of financing for sustainable energy development.	HB 170 referred House Energy, L&C and Finance; <b>scheduled House ENE 4/13</b> SB 123 referred Senate L&C and Finance
<b>SB 17 by Begich</b>	Provides funding to conduct energy audits, improve energy efficiency in public buildings (including public schools), and creates a “rapid economic recovery office” to oversee related audits and projects.	<b>Passed Community &amp; Regional Affairs 4/8;</b> <b>Referred Labor &amp; Commerce</b>
<b>SB 69 by Revak</b>	Exempts from regulation certain public plants generating electricity from renewable energy.	<b>Passed Senate 18 to 0 3/31;</b> <b>scheduled House ENE 4/13</b>

### *Election & Voting Issues*

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>HB 23 by Rauscher</b>	Omnibus voting measure that modifies PFD registration provisions adopted by initiative in 2016. Other provisions may result in restricted access to voting in certain cases.	Pending State Affairs
<b>HB 39 by Hopkins</b>	Allows pre-registration to vote for minors at least 16 years of age.	<b>Scheduled Judiciary 4/16</b>
<b>HB 66 by Tuck</b>	Omnibus voting bill allowing same-day registration, ballot curing, increased pay for poll workers and earlier absentee ballot counting.	<b>Scheduled Judiciary 4/12</b>
<b>HB 138 by Kreiss-Tomkins</b>	Omnibus voting bill requiring voting by mail for all state and local elections and establishing an online ballot tracking and registration verification system. Includes a number of additional elections provisions.	Pending Judiciary
<b>HB 157 by Rasmussen</b>	Requires identification of individual, groups and nongroup entities expending money for state referendums or recall elections.	Referred State Affairs and Judiciary; <b>scheduled STA 4/17</b>
<b>SB 39 by Shower</b>	Omnibus voting measure that requires voters to opt into registration as a PFD applicant. Reimposes witness signature verification immediately after an emergency. Reduces state & municipal vote-by-mail authority.	<b>Scheduled but not heard STA 4/8; scheduled 4/15</b>
<b>SB 43 by Hughes</b>	Prohibits anonymous donations to ballot measure campaigns and amends process to assist completion of an absentee ballot. Draft CS limits bill to campaign finance piece.	Pending Judiciary
<b>SB 82 by governor</b> <b>HB 95 by governor</b>	Adds new authority for Attorney General to investigate alleged election violations as a civil matter and allows fines up to \$25,000 per violation.	<b>SB 82 scheduled Senate Judiciary 4/12</b> HB 95 pending House STA
<b>SB 83 by governor</b> <b>HB 96 by governor</b>	Omnibus elections bill to limit vote by mail to smaller communities (750 or less) and increase voter verification for absentee ballots. Includes many features contained in <i>HB 23</i> , <i>SB 39</i> and introduced version of <i>SB 43</i> .	SB 83 pending Senate STA HB 96 pending House STA



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2021

Essential Air Service at

**ST. PAUL ISLAND, ALASKA**

Under 49 U.S.C. §41731 *et seq.*

**DOT-OST-2019-0038**

**ORDER REQUESTING PROPOSALS**

**Summary**

By this Order, the U.S. Department of Transportation (the Department) is requesting proposals from air carriers interested in providing Essential Air Service (EAS) at St. Paul Island, Alaska, (St. Paul) for a new contract term beginning October 1, 2021, with or without subsidy. Air carriers should file proposals no later than April 26, 2021.

**Background**

On October 2, 2019, the Department issued Order 2019-10-2 selecting Corvus Airlines, Inc. d/b/a Ravn Alaska (Corvus) to provide EAS at St. Paul for a two-year term from October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2021. Corvus was to operate three weekly round trips to Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (Anchorage) using Bombardier Dash 8 series 100 aircraft at a first-year annual subsidy rate of \$2,110,170, and a second-year annual subsidy rate of \$2,224,491.

Corvus provided EAS at St. Paul until April 5, 2020, when it ceased all operations and sought protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code along with its parent company, Ravn Air Group, Inc. and related entities (collectively, the “Ravn Group”).

On June 1, 2020, the Department received a letter from the City Manager of St. Paul requesting that the Department issue a request for proposals from air carriers interested in providing EAS at St. Paul.

Subsequently, by Order 2020-6-16 (June 29, 2020), the Department requested proposals from air carriers interested in providing EAS at St. Paul for a new contract term, with or without subsidy. Notably, the Order stated, in pertinent part:

If Ravn resumes EAS for St. Paul prior to the Department selecting a carrier to provide EAS at St. Paul, or if an entity that acquires Ravn assumes the EAS contract for St. Paul prior to that time, however, the Department may rescind this request for proposals and terminate the carrier selection case.

On July 9, 2020, FLOAT Alaska, LLC (“FLOAT Alaska”) was named as a successful bidder of certain Ravn Group assets, including the stock of Corvus. On August 5, 2020, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware entered an order approving an Asset Purchase Agreement (“APA”) between the Ravn Group and FLOAT Alaska. The parties to the APA closed on the transaction on August 7, 2020.

Subsequently, on August 3, 2020, FLOAT Alaska submitted a letter to the Department stating:

FLOAT, the successful bidder for the purchase of Corvus Airlines, Inc. (“Corvus”) from the Ravn bankruptcy estate, [is] advising the Department that Corvus intends to resume essential air service (“EAS”) at St. Paul Island, Alaska (“STP”) and assume the previous pre-bankruptcy EAS contract awarded to Corvus for STP service, as soon as the Department and the FAA grant Corvus authority to resume service. Corvus will shortly be filing its Notice and Application to resume air transportation services with the Department.

The Department also received a proposal from Alaska Central Express, Inc. (ACE) to provide subsidized EAS at St. Paul.

On November 20, 2020, the Department found Corvus fit to resume interstate scheduled passenger services, which Corvus did at St. Paul on December 1, 2020. By Order 2020-12-32 (December 31, 2020), the Department determined that the post-bankruptcy Corvus, owned by FLOAT Alaska, had satisfied the criteria for rescission set forth in Order 2020-6-16 and terminated the air carrier selection case, thereby allowing Corvus to continue performing its EAS obligation at St. Paul under the terms of its contract.

The complete public file for EAS at St. Paul may be accessed online through the Federal Docket Management System at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by entering the community’s docket number in the “Search” field.

### **Request for Proposals: General Requirements**

The Department is requesting proposals from air carriers interested in providing EAS at St. Paul, with subsidy support if necessary, for a new contract period beginning October 1, 2021. Air carriers should file their proposals no later than April 26, 2021. The proposals will then be uploaded to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), thereby making them public. Shortly afterwards, the Department will provide a summary of the proposals to the community and ask them to submit their final comments.

The Department expects clear, well-documented proposals that will facilitate their evaluation by the community and the EAS team.<sup>1</sup> Air carrier proposals should be submitted to the Department with all materials merged into a single document. In addition, proposals should be formatted to be viewed online. In order to evaluate air carrier proposals, the Department requires that air carriers adequately describe the service being proposed and the annual amount of subsidy being requested, if any. The Department requests that proposals include information concerning proposed schedules, projected block hours, and financial data supporting subsidy requests including information on projected expenses and revenues. In cases where an air carrier proposes to provide EAS without subsidy and the Department determines that basic EAS, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 41732, can be reliably provided without such compensation, the Department typically will not proceed with the air carrier-selection case. Instead, the Department will simply rely on that air carrier's subsidy-free service as proposed. Lastly, the Department expects that air carriers will have completed due diligence regarding any community-specific operational requirements. Air carriers should prepare their proposals with every expectation that, should they be selected by the Department, they will be able to commence full EAS as described in their proposal on the first day of the new contract term.

Interested air carriers should prepare their proposals with the understanding that their initial proposals will represent their *final* and *only* proposals. However, the Department retains the discretion to negotiate proposals with air carriers when it deems it desirable; in such cases, the Department will give all applicants the same opportunity. The Department also retains the discretion to re-solicit a new round of proposals in the event that all proposals received are rejected due to being unreasonable or unrealistic.

Proposals should provide sufficient capacity to accommodate historical levels of traffic with, as a general matter, service up to two airports that provide numerous connecting opportunities to the national air transportation system.<sup>2</sup> When a crafting a proposal, the air carrier should ensure that the proposed hub best meets the air service needs of the community. In order to assist air carriers in developing traffic and revenue projections for their proposals, the Department has provided a summary of recent historical passengers in Appendix B.<sup>3</sup> The Department encourages air carriers to work with the community as they prepare their proposals in order to craft a service proposal that meets the community's needs with subsidy requirements that remain competitive. As always, the Department will fully consider the communities' and State's views before making a long-term air carrier decision.

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<sup>1</sup> In selecting an air carrier to provide subsidized EAS for an eligible place in Alaska, 49 U.S.C. § 41733(c)(1) directs the Department to consider six factors: (A) service reliability of the applicant air carrier; (B) the existence of contractual and marketing arrangements with a larger air carrier at the hub; (C) the existence of interline arrangements with a larger air carrier at the hub; (D) the preferences of the actual and potential users of the EAS, giving substantial weight to the views of the elected officials representing the users; (E) the experience of the applicant in providing, in Alaska, scheduled air service or significant patterns of non-scheduled air service; and (F) whether the air carrier has included a plan in its proposal to market its service. And HR 133, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, authorizes the Department to consider the relative subsidy requirements of the applicant air carriers. Interested air carriers should also be aware that the general provisions governing Essential Air Service will be included in the selection Order as part of our authorization of subsidy for the selected service. Appendix C of this Order contains those general provisions.

<sup>2</sup> For basic EAS in Alaska, service to a small hub or nonhub airport is acceptable. 49 U.S.C. § 41732(a)(2). In some cases, the Department may require service to two airports. 14 CFR 398.2(b)(3).

<sup>3</sup> Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Schedule T-100.

Air carriers may propose more than one service option. They can also propose service options different from what the community currently receives—lengths of contract terms or airports, for example. However, proposals should have at least one option that complies with the weekly capacity described below, and compliance with all legal requirements.

Air carriers should note that it is a federal crime to knowingly and willfully make materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements, entries, or representations in an EAS proposal submitted to the Department.<sup>4</sup>

### **Request for Proposals: Specific Requirements**

The Department expects proposals that meet basic EAS requirements and are consistent with what the community currently receives, which is three round trips per week to Anchorage using intermediate-sized aircraft.

### **Community and State Comments**

The community and State are welcome to submit comments at any time. The Department encourages interested air carriers to contact the community *before* they submit their proposals so that they can tailor them to the community's needs, as they will not be able to amend them after the due date. As noted earlier, the Department will provide a summary of the proposals to the civic parties shortly after the deadline for air carrier proposals, and ask them to submit their final comments.

### **Other Air Carrier Requirements**

The Department is responsible for implementing various federal statutes governing lobbying activities, drug-free workplaces and nondiscrimination.<sup>5</sup> Consequently, all air carriers receiving subsidy for EAS must certify that they are in compliance with Department regulations regarding drug-free workplaces and nondiscrimination, and those air carriers whose subsidies exceed \$100,000 over the life of the contract must also certify that they are in compliance with the regulations governing lobbying activities. Because the Department is prohibited from paying subsidy to air carriers that do not submit these documents, all air carriers that plan to submit proposals involving subsidy should be aware that the selected air carrier will be required to complete the required certifications. Interested air carriers requiring more detailed information regarding these requirements should contact the Office of Aviation Analysis at (202) 366-5903.<sup>6</sup>

This Order is issued under authority delegated by the Secretary of Transportation in 49 CFR 1.25a(b)(6)(ii)(D) and re-delegated to the Director, Office of Aviation Analysis.

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<sup>4</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

<sup>5</sup> The regulations applicable to these areas are: (1) 49 CFR Part 20 – New restrictions on lobbying; (2) 49 CFR Part 21 – Nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation – Effectuation of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR Part 27 – Nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from Federal financial assistance; and 14 CFR Part 382 – Nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in air travel; (3) 49 CFR Part 32 – Governmentwide requirements for drug free workplace; and (4) 2 CFR Part 1200 – Government-wide debarment and suspension (non-procurement).

<sup>6</sup> The certifications are available online under “Reports and Publications” at <http://www.transportation.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/essential-air-service-reports>.

**ACCORDINGLY,**

1. The Department requests that air carriers interested in providing Essential Air Service at St. Paul Island, Alaska, submit their proposals, with or without subsidy, no later than April 26, 2021. The proposals should be e-mailed to: [EAS@dot.gov](mailto:EAS@dot.gov) and [Venkatesh.paluvai@dot.gov](mailto:Venkatesh.paluvai@dot.gov) with the title “Proposal to Provide EAS at St. Paul Island, Alaska”;<sup>7</sup>
2. This docket will remain open until further Order of the Department; and
3. The Department will serve this Order on the civic officials of St. Paul Island, Alaska, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, and the courtesy distribution list for requests for proposals for EAS communities in Alaska.

By:

**TODD M. HOMAN**  
Director  
Office of Aviation Analysis

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*An electronic version of this document is available online  
at <http://www.regulations.gov>*

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<sup>7</sup> Questions regarding filings in response to this Order may be directed to Mr. Venk Paluvai at (202) 366-5432 or [venkatesh.paluvai@dot.gov](mailto:venkatesh.paluvai@dot.gov).

**AREA MAP**



**Historical Traffic at St. Paul (SNP) <sup>8</sup>**

Year	Month	Carrier	Passengers	Mail (lbs.)	Freight (lbs.)
2020	January	Corvus	266	94	314
2020	January	Grant Aviation	38	0	272
2020	February	Corvus	271	0	45
2020	February	Grant Aviation	21	0	693
2020	March	Grant Aviation	13	0	38
2020	April	Grant Aviation	6	0	0
2020	May	Grant Aviation	25	0	87
2020	June	Grant Aviation	76	0	430
2020	July	Grant Aviation	74	0	545
2020	August	Grant Aviation	67	0	1060
2020	September	Grant Aviation	29	0	305
2020	October	Grant Aviation	38	0	1233
2020	November	Grant Aviation	31	0	670
2020	December	Corvus	92	0	1890
2020	December	Grant Aviation	11	0	899
2020 Total			1058	94	8481
2021	January	Corvus	130	0	1887
2021	January	Grant Aviation	3	0	699
2021	February	Corvus	120	0	2095
2021	February	Grant Aviation	6	0	396
2021 Total			259	0	5077

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<sup>8</sup> Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics; Form 41, Schedule T-100 Market Report.

### **Example of General Terms and Conditions for Essential Air Service**

The air carrier understands that it may forfeit its compensation for any flights that it does not operate in conformance with the terms and stipulations of the rate Order, including the service plans outlined in the Order and any other significant elements of the required service, without prior approval. The air carrier understands that an aircraft take-off and landing at its scheduled destination constitutes a completed flight; absent an explanation supporting subsidy eligibility for a flight that has not been completed, such as certain weather cancellations, only completed flights are considered eligible for subsidy. In addition, if the air carrier does not schedule or operate its flights in full conformance with the Order for a significant period, it may jeopardize its entire subsidy claim for the period in question. If the air carrier contemplates any such changes beyond the scope of the Order during the applicable period of these rates, it must first notify the Office of Aviation Analysis in writing and receive written approval from the Department to be ensured of full compensation. Should circumstances warrant, the Department may locate and select a replacement air carrier to provide service on these routes. The air carrier must complete all flights that can be safely operated; flights that overfly points for lack of traffic will not be compensated. In determining whether subsidy payment for a deviating flight should be adjusted or disallowed, the Department will consider the extent to which the goals of the program are met and the extent of access to the national air transportation system provided to the community.

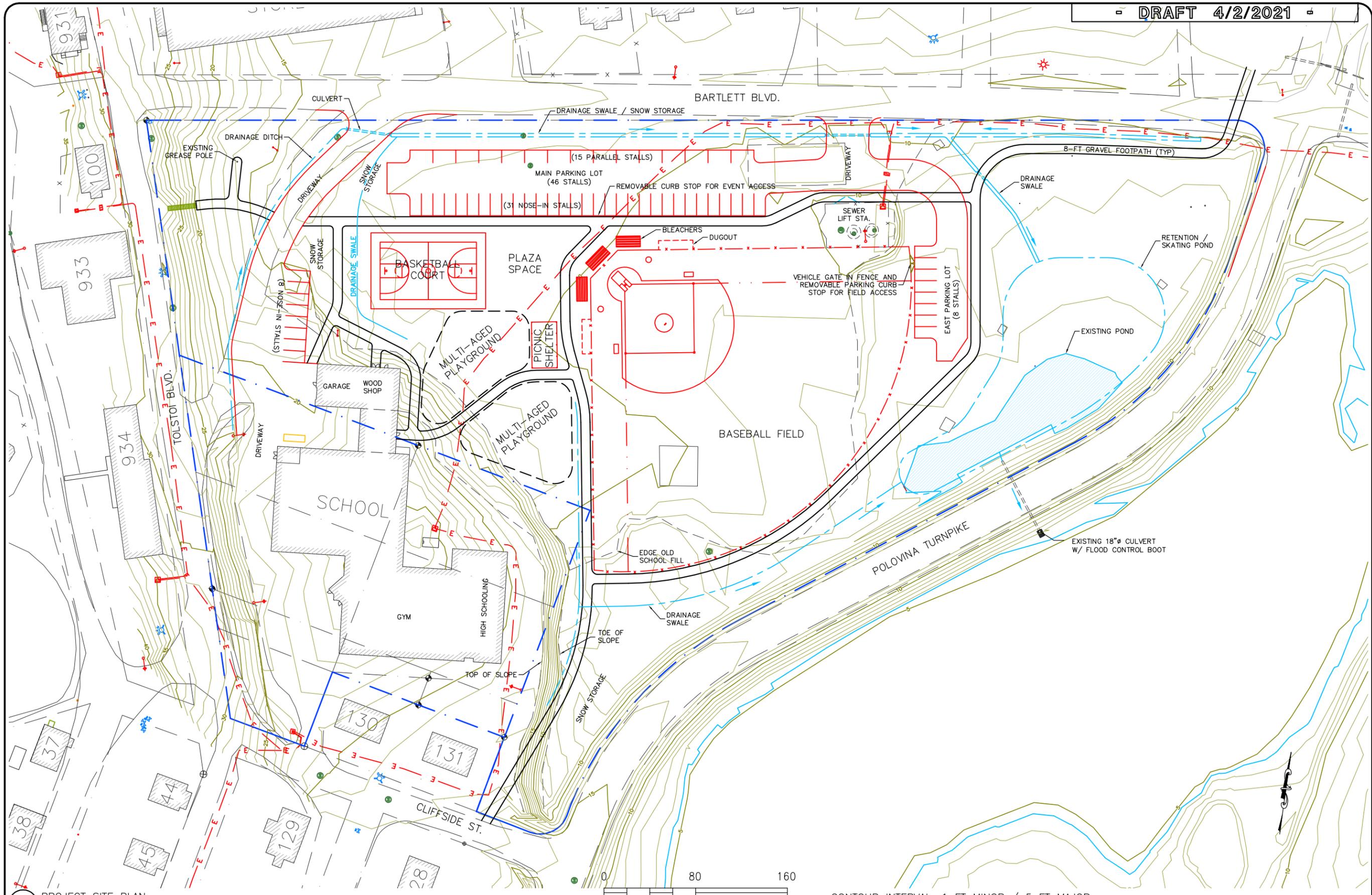
If the Department unilaterally, either partially or completely, terminates or reduces payments for service or changes service requirements at a specific location provided for under this Order, then, at the end of the period for which the Department does make payments in the stipulated amounts or at the stipulated service levels, the air carrier may cease to provide service to that specific location without regard to any requirement for notice of such cessation. Those adjustments in the levels of subsidy and/or service that are mutually agreed to in writing by the Department and air carrier do not constitute a total or partial reduction or cessation of payment.

Subsidy contracts are subject to, and incorporate by reference, relevant statutes and Department regulations, as they may be amended from time to time. However, any such statutes, regulations, or amendments thereto shall not operate to controvert the foregoing paragraph.

Funds may not be available for performance under this Order beyond [DATE]. The Government's obligation for performance under this Order beyond [DATE], is subject to the availability of funds from which payment for services can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this Order beyond [DATE], until funds are made available to the Department for performance. If sufficient funds are not made available for performance beyond [DATE], the Department will provide notice in writing to the air carrier.

All claims for payment, including any amended claims, must be submitted within 90 days of the last day of the month for which compensation is being claimed. For example, claims for service provided in July must be filed by October 31st; August claims must be submitted by November 30th, and so on.





1 PROJECT SITE PLAN  
SCALE: 1 INCH = 80 FEET

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DATE: 4/2/2021

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# CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

April 2, 2021

Young Ha, Program Manager  
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
Village Safe Water  
555 Cordova Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

RE: Grant Agreement, 21ET04, Wastewater Lift Station

Dear Ms. Ha:

I am writing to formally request that the City of Saint Paul take over management of the above project to ensure its timely completion to protect the Health and Safety of the Community. The City is extremely concerned with the progress of the prior Wastewater Lift Station Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) Grant and delays in starting the current Grant for Construction of the selected lift station replacement option. As timely replacement of these lift stations is vital to ensure there is not a community health problem due to possible lift station failures, postponing construction for an additional year is not acceptable. The City received a Notice of Intent to Award letter on July 28, 2020 and did not receive the notice of grant agreement until November 24, 2020 due to problems with the scoring metrics used by the State of Alaska that do not allow for accrual accounting methods that the City is legally obligated to use.

Since the grant award, we have left a number of phone and email messages with Village Safe Water (VSW) staff over the last 2 months to find out the status of the project. We were just notified that VSW has had a “change of policy” that requires the design of the project be put out to bid which will entail additional delay before design is begun. This will most likely put construction of the lift stations into next year.

The City is able to move the project forward in a timely manner and ensure that it is constructed this year to limit possible health and life safety problems. The City had been successfully providing the project management of VSW grants under the Alternate Management procedure for over two decades on all Grants except the recently completed Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) Grant #19ER33VSW\_PER.

Prior VSW grant projects successfully managed and completed by the City of Saint Paul include: #74902 Water System Upgrade and New Wells; #74904, #97/680-4-001 and #95-A92 North Old Town Sewer Upgrade; #74906 Ellerman Sewer System Feasibility Study; #06RI25 and #09-S32 South Old Town Sewer Upgrade; #12RN57 South Old Town Sewer Upgrade Completion; and #10EM37 Sewage Ocean Outfall Replacement.

The City has also successfully managed and completed numerous grant projects through the State of Alaska (SOA) #821473 Community Water Tank A; Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)

#03-N50 Community Water Tank B; Economic Development Authority (EDA) #07-01-06047 Breakwater Utilities and Wastewater Lift Station; Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development (ADCED); Alaska Department of Administration Services (ADS); Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development (ACDEC); Alaska Energy Authority (AEA); Public Health Service (PHS), National Weather Service (NWS); and Corps of Engineers (COE).

All of these City-managed projects were completed successfully. One project of note that the City had difficulty with was the South Old Town Sewer VSW grant project. Even though the City was managing the project, VSW billed significant VSW staff time against the project, depleting construction funds and issuing a notice to stop work to the City. VSW later provided the additional grant #12RN57 to cover the missing construction funds and allow for the completion of the project.

At the start of the lift station PER grant project in March of 2019, the City was notified by VSW staff that they would not be able to manage that project by VSW staff for undisclosed reasons, so that project proceeded under VSW management. The City requested to utilize their long-standing Engineering Consultant to complete the PER project and proceeded through the VSW procedures to get the project contracted on June 12, 2019, final report submitted to VSW on February 20, 2020, and closed out May 5, 2020 after receiving VSW review comments and PER committee approval.

Close out of grants was also an issue around this time period with the City having to repeatedly supply copies of reports and closing documents to allow close out of projects with funding agencies.

Without a clear understanding of why City Management of VSW Grants was curtailed, and our extreme concern that the current project will not be able to be completed this year under the current VSW schedule and plan, the City of Saint Paul would like to formally take over management of the project. This will allow for completion of this vitally important project this year. The City's long history of completing VSW and other agency grants successfully shows that we are fully capable of completing this project.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Txin qağaasakuqing ~ Thank you



Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager

Cc. Saint Paul City Council  
Monique Baker, City Clerk  
Stephanie Mandregan, Finance Director, City of Saint Paul  
Edward Paulus, Public Works Director, City of Saint Paul  
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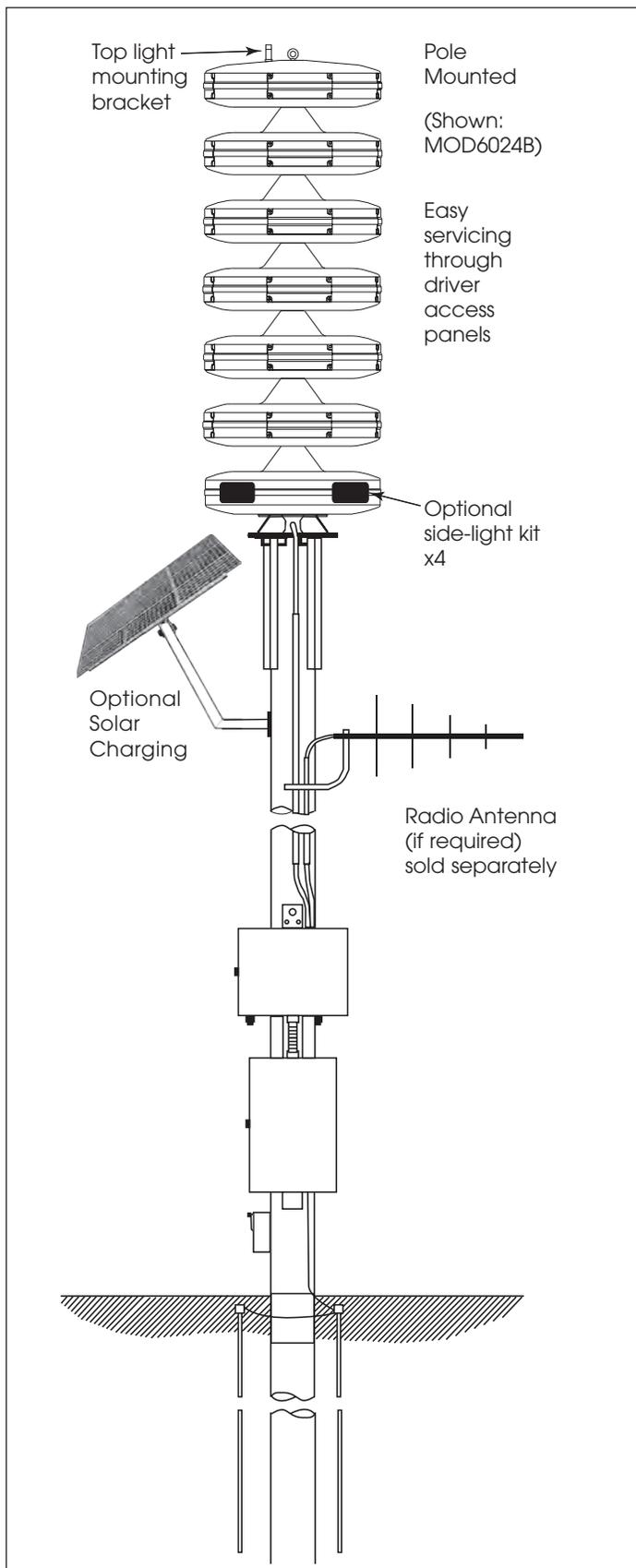
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MODEL	ACTIVE MODULES	TOTAL WATT	DECIBELS @ 100'¹	EFFECTIVE RANGE @ 70 dBc	HEIGHT		NET WEIGHT		SHIPPING WT	
					IN	MM	LBS	KG	LBS	KG
<b>MOD1004B</b>	1	400	106 dBc	1,200'	28"	71	125	56.8	264	120
<b>MOD2008B</b>	2	800	112 dBc	1,800'	43"	109.2	190	86.4	294	133.6
<b>MOD3012B</b>	3	1200	115 dBc	2,200'	57"	144.7	255	115.9	444	201.8
<b>MOD4016B</b>	4	1600	118 dBc	2,800'	72"	182.8	320	145.5	544	247.3
<b>MOD5020B</b>	5	2000	120 dBc	3,100'	86"	218.4	385	175	744	338.2
<b>MOD6024B</b>	6	2400	121 dBc	3,400'	101"	256.5	450	204.5	960	436.4
<b>MOD8032B</b>	8	3200	124 dBc	4,200'	130"	330.2	580	263.6	1392	632.7

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Modulator Horn Type	Hyperbolic flare
Horizontal Coverage	360° +/- 1 dB(C)
Diameter	35"/88.9cm
Wind Loading @ 110mph wind velocity <sup>1</sup> :	
MOD1004B	251 lbs
MOD2008B	377 lbs
MOD3012B	503 lbs
MOD4016B	629 lbs
MOD5020B	755 lbs
MOD6024B	881 lbs
MOD8032B	1133 lbs

<sup>1</sup> Wind loading is the calculated force of wind at 110mph (shoreline), exposure D (flat, unobstructed coastal areas) on frontal area 4.64 ft. per American National Standards Institute A58.1 "Minimum design loads for buildings and other structures."

### HOW TO ORDER

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Speaker	Controller <sup>1</sup>
MOD1004B	UV + 1 UV400
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MOD3012B	UV + 3 UV400
MOD4016B	UV + 4 UV400
MOD5020B	UV + 5 UV400
MOD6024B	UV + 6 UV400
MOD8032B	UV + 8 UV400

<sup>1</sup> Controllers available in Radio, IP, and Landline.

Note: 40 feet of cable is supplied with siren. Extension cable in 10 foot increments is also available. Mounting the UV controller further than 100 feet is not recommended (further mounting may decrease power output).

### ACCESSORIES

Description	Part Number
Flashing light for top of MOD	<b>191XL-024*</b>
Red Quadraflare 4 light kit	<b>MOD-QF-KIT</b>
Blue Quadraflare 4 light kit	<b>MOD-QF-KIT-B</b>

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### REPLACEMENT PART

Description	Part Number
Driver, 100 watt	<b>K8570063A</b>

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