2013 Legislature

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315) Grant Recipient: Yakutat

Project Title:

Federal Tax ID: 92-6001319

Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs

Yakutat - Ocean Cape Dock Major Maintenance

State Funding Requested: \$1,042,933 One-Time Need

House District: 35 / R

Brief Project Description:

This dock is a critical element of Yakutat's waterfront which is the economic lifeline of the community. There are two main aspects to the project: Replacement of pilings,concrete footings and the southeast wall on the main dock, along with replacement of the OSHA required wash house which is beyond repair.

Funding Plan:

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Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Ocean Cape Dock is a vital part of the Yakutat economy. It houses Yakutat Seafoods, the economic lifeblood of the community. The seafood plant is leased to Yakutat Seafoods, which operates the business year round, with most processing concentrated from March (when halibut and black cod season opens) through the spring, summer and fall salmon seasons, and concluding with the close of longlining in November. Small amounts of winter king salmon and rockfish are processed aswell.

**NOTE: The dock also serves as the barge and ferry dock, making it a key transportation facility for Yakutat. The City and Borough provides the dock to the Alaska Marine Highway through an MOU at no cost to the state.

An engineers report for the dock (attached) has been completed. It identified numerous structural issues that threaten the Ocean Cape Dock. This project will replace 106 of the 318 pilings that support the structure. Furthermore, there are 212 concrete splice collars that must be replaced due to deteriorated concrete. The southeast wall of the facility is the only wall that is not metal sheathed. The wood is rotten and needs to be rebuilt. In doing so, we will face it with metal siding for better protection.

Furthermore, the attached condition assessment of the wash house recommends complete replacement of this structure, which is critical to the operation of the municipally-owned seafood plant on the dock. PND took a close look at the wash house and determined the building is beyond repair. The new building will include optimizing design and insulation for long-term efficiency.

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Project Timeline:

November to February 2014 November to February 2015

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City and Borough of Yakutat

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? X Yes No

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ENGINEERS REPORT SITKA SOUND SEAFOOD'S PROCESSING PLANT YAKUTAT, ALASKA

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

At the request of Sitka Sound Seafoods (SSS), an inspection was performed on the piling foundation system of their processing plant located in Yakutat, Alaska. The inspection was performed on May 3, 1991, by Noel F. Stragier, P.E..

The SSS processing plant in Yakutat, Alaska consists of a large two story wood frame building that is approximately 232 feet long, 48 feet wide and 46 feet high. It was built in 1916, according to local legend, and was utilized as a cannery for many years. The building is currently owned by the City of Yakutat and is leased to SSS. There are ancillary buildings attached and adjacent to the original cannery building such as blast freezers, storage buildings and offices. There is a modern dock adjacent to the town end of the original building which is used to load and unload freight for the community and for the plant.

The original building, to which this report is addressed, is supported by a combination of natural untreated wooden driven piling and newly installed creosoted piling, which rest on the original piling at about the ground line. The original piling are in various stages of deterioration and decomposition. The creosoted piling are in much better condition than Page 2 June 5, 1991 Piling Renovation

the original piling, but connections to the existing pile caps are questionable.

There are approximately 388 piling supporting the structure. Of these, 40 are creosoted piling, while the remainder are the original untreated piling. All of the piling are located within the intertidal zone. Two hundred feet of the building is supported on piling spaced on about a 5' x 5' grid, while the remaining 32 feet of the building is supported on piling spaced on an 8' x 8' grid. A unique feature of the piling on the exterior of the building, is that every other piling is a square 12" x 12" member which extends beyond the 1st floor level to the second floor. This feature adds lateral rigidity to the structure by having a single member extend from the 2nd floor into the ground. Unfortunately, most of these piling are deteriorating at the ground line and some are showing signs of deterioration at other exposed locations.

The only piling in the entire system which do not show some kinds of deterioration are the newly installed creosoted piling. Fortunately, these new piling are located in the vicinity of the heaviest loads within the building; directly under the engine room. All of the remainder of the piling will have to be either removed and/or replaced with treated piling. Furthermore, a cross bracing system will have to be installed so that horizontal loads can be effectively transferred to the ground.

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Our calculations of the structural capacity of the existing pile caps reveals that, except for in the area of the engine room, the existing pile caps can span a distance of 10 feet. The implications of this capacity is that in each lateral row of nine piling, 4 can be removed. So, instead of having to replace 346 piling, only about 205 will have to be replaced.

Please refer to the drawing on calculation sheet 1, entitled FLOOR PLAN. The following piling can be completely removed from the system:

GRID LINE

- B 1 THRU 20
- B 35 THRU 40
- D 1 THRU 40
- F 1 THRU 40
- H 1 THRU 40

All of the remaining piling should be replaced according to the details provided on sheets 5 and 6 of the attached calculation sheets, except the existing creosoted piling. These piling should be attached to the pile caps according to the attachment details on sheet 5.

Cross-bracing, in both the lateral and longitudinal direction as detailed on sheets 8 and



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9, shall be installed according to the schedule on those sheets.

The piling which have little or no structural capacity or whose bases are severely eroded should be replaced first. These piling have been inventoried and can be located on the fold-out sheet following the calculation sheets. There are approximately 55 of these piling that will have to be replaced first. Next will be those piling identified as having 50% of their bases deteriorated. There are approximately 12 of these, including a couple under the engine room.

After inspecting the condition of the piling supporting the building, I was astonished that the building recently survived an earthquake in the 6.5 magnitude range. There are places where the piling are completely rotted through or just hanging in the air. To me it is a very dangerous situation. A situation that can be best described as "an accident ready to happen". I would not want to be the insurer of the building.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Following our inspection of the piling system supporting the processing plant leased to Sitka Sound Seafoods by the City of Yakutat, we have concluded that **immediate** repairs are required. There are approximately 55 piling which are so deteriorated that they Page 5 June 5, 1991 Piling Renovation

no longer have structural capacity. There are another 12 to 15 piling whose structural capacity is less than 50% of their original capacity. Our calculations show that the total load on each piling varies from 6 to 15 tons, depending on its position in the grid system. The greatest loads are to those piling under the engine room area. Our calculations also show that the piling in every other longitudinal grid line are not required, except those piling located under the engine room. Furthermore, since there is no effective mechanism with which to transfer horizontal loads to the ground (except for developing a moment in the piling), a system of cross bracing in both the lateral and longitudinal direction will be required.

We recommend that immediate repairs/renovations be instigated to the piling system supporting the SSS processing plant in Yakutat. These repairs should follow the details shown on the attached drawings. Careful inspection of the condition of existing pile caps and stringers should be conducted prior to replacing individual piling. If either of these two components show signs of deterioration they should be replaced with an equally sized treated wood member.

Please be aware that this report concerns itself with only the piling support system of the subject building. We did not inspect other aspects of the building, whether they be structural or architectural in nature, to determine their structural capacity. This report is not

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intended to address any other aspects of the building except the piling system.

Please review this report and the attached details at your convenience. Should you, or other interested parties, have any questions concerning our findings, conclusions or recommendations, please do not hesitate to call on me. I would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

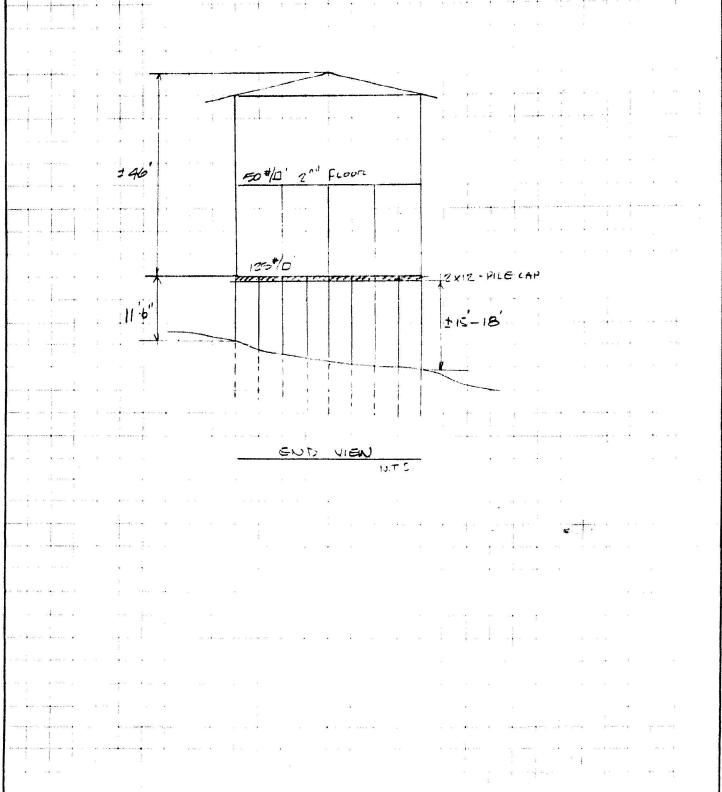
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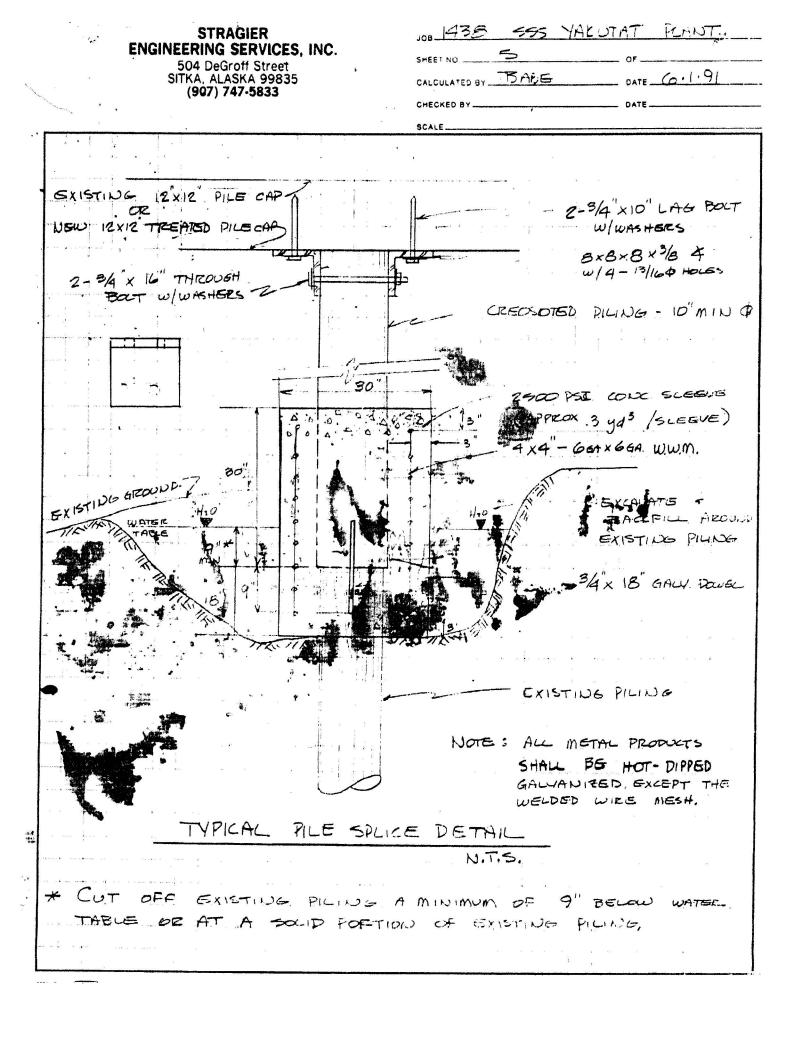
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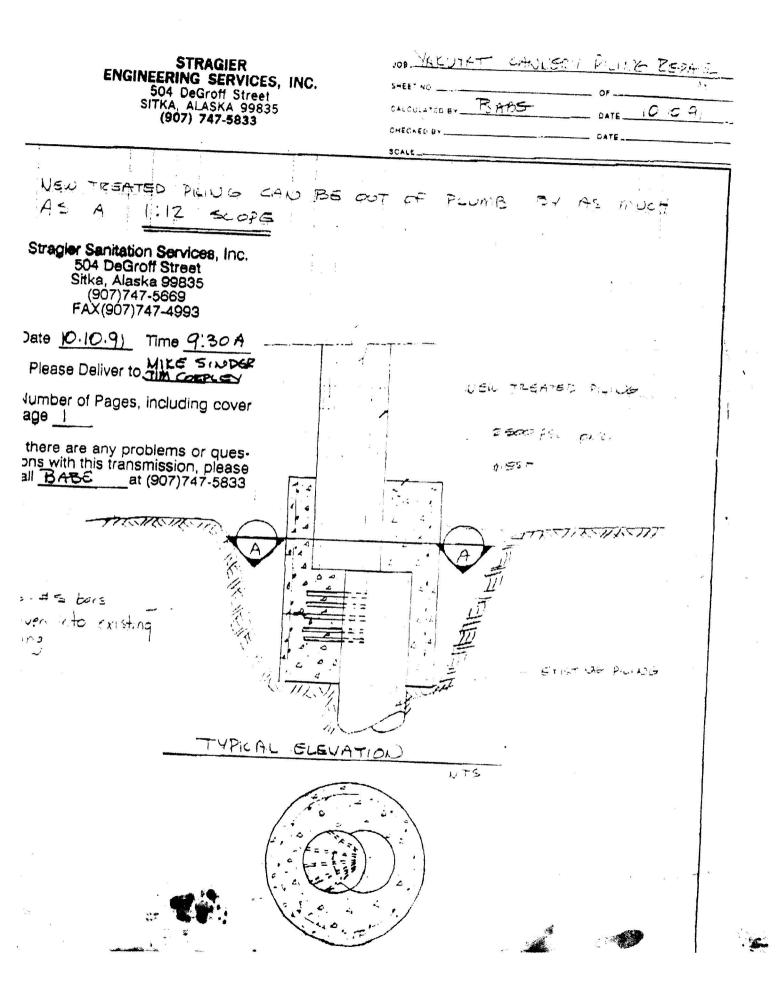
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