

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Palmer****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000194****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Palmer - Sidewalk Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$100,000**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Sidewalks in the downtown area of Palmer will be widened from four feet to five feet and ADA compliant curbs will be constructed at all intersections.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$100,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

In 2008, the City received a grant for phase II of this program from the Alaska Dept of Commerce Community & Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$80,000.

In 2011, the City received a grant for phase III of this program from the Alaska Dept of Commerce Community & Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$100,000

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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By providing well-constructed ramps at intersections, overall quality of life will see improvements with increased mobility for residents with visual impairments and for anyone in scooters, walkers, wheelchairs, and other mobility aids. There are many senior facilities and housing accommodations in the Palmer area, and the benefits of better walking conditions will allow all residents more access to all areas of the walkable downtown.

A pedestrian-friendly environment is a key attraction and good for business. The City will be responsible for sidewalks connecting different areas of the community, with individual developers/subdividers taking responsibility for sidewalks and trails within subdivisions.

When the Palmer Comprehensive Plan was enacted in 2006, residents and members of the public identified maintenance and improvements to community trails and sidewalks as a very high priority.

Project Timeline:

If this project receives legislative funding, design work would begin upon funding notification in 2012, with construction to commence in the summer of 2013.

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

City of Palmer

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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

Introduced by: City Manager Griffin
Date: October 25, 2011
Action: Adopted
Vote: 6-1

Yes:	No:
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Combs	
DeVries	
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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 11-025 (SUBSTITUTE)

A RESOLUTION OF THE PALMER CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE INCLUDE THE CITY'S ADOPTED CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE 2012 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, it is the City of Palmer's desire to provide the State with a comprehensive and complete list of the City's capital project needs to ensure efficient expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted a substantial public process in 2011, including a project fair held on May 23, 2011, to allow public review and input on proposed capital projects; and

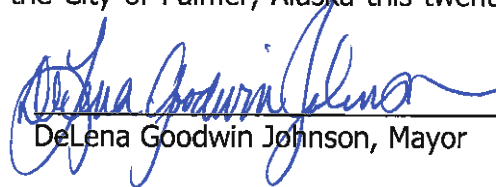
WHEREAS, the City has conducted a thorough analysis of its capital needs to better serve the citizens of Palmer and has determined that projects listed as priority 1-10 and 12 and 13 are critical infrastructure projects necessary to improve public health and safety; and

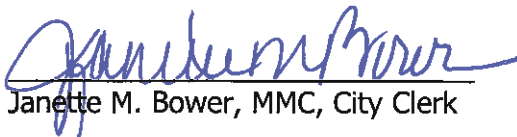
WHEREAS, the City has identified the projects listed as priority 11 as critical infrastructure necessary to improve the quality of life, the health, and the economic prosperity of the citizens of Palmer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palmer City Council respectfully requests the Alaska State Legislature include the following Palmer projects in the following priority in the 2012 State Capital Budget.

Item		Total Amount Requested
Priority 1	Sherrod Area Steel Water Main Replacement Project	\$ 2,800,000
Priority 2	Public Safety Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Tanker Replacement \$ 450,000 • Replacement of Fire Station 3-1 Roof \$ 285,000 • Public Safety Boiler Replacement \$ 45,000 	\$ 780,000
Priority 3	City Facilities Improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Hall Renovations and Boiler Replacement \$ 112,000 • Public Works Shop Boiler Replacement \$ 55,000 • Public Works HVAC System Installation \$ 151,000 	\$ 318,000
Priority 4	Waste Water Treatment Plant Master Plan	\$ 70,000
Priority 5	MTA Events Center Expansion Phase 2	\$ 500,000
Priority 6	Storm Water Improvement Master Plan	\$ 115,000
Priority 7	North Denali and East Eagle Water Main Tie-In	\$ 252,000
Priority 8	Paving Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadway Resurfacing on South Valley Way \$ 128,000 • City Office Paved Parking Project \$ 380,000 	\$ 508,000
Priority 9	Wayfinding and Streetscapes Planning Phase 1	\$ 45,000
Priority 10	ADA Sidewalk Compliance	\$ 100,000
Priority 11	City Parks Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palmer Bicycle Pump Track \$ 44,000 • Walk to the Fair Revisited \$ 300,000 • Wilson Park Development \$ 100,000 • McKechnie Park Upgrades \$ 80,000 • Construction of New Trail Connections \$ 100,000 • Construction of Sport Court Basketball Court \$ 46,500 • Construction of Teen Park \$ 78,250 	\$ 748,750
Priority 12	Central Water Meter Read System	\$ 500,000
Priority 13	Purchase Property Adjacent to the Palmer Waste Water Treatment Plant for Future Treatment Plant Expansion	\$ 2,500,000

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska this twenty-fifth day of October, 2011.


DeLena Goodwin Johnson, Mayor


Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk

Priority 10:

ADA Sidewalk Compliance

Impact: Life, Health and Safety, Infrastructure, Quality of Life



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Project Cost: \$ 100,000

State Request: \$100,000

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