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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28, 2024
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Port MacKenzie Department of Defense Distinguished Visitors Visit, March 4: Port MacKenzie is being evaluated for use by the Department of Defense as a strategic port to address preparedness and resiliency in support of Northern Command planning efforts. On March 4, a group of distinguished officers and staff from the Army, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard will visit Port MacKenzie to see the port in person and learn more about port infrastructure and cargo handling capabilities. In addition, the military is interested in learning about using the port and port district lands for military training programs and regularly occurring exercises such as Arctic Edge.

Seward Meridian Parkway Road Improvements, Phase II: Palmer-Wasilla Highway to Seldon

Road: This Federally funded project will upgrade Seward Meridian Parkway to four-lanes and extend the roadway to Seldon Road. Project work includes five new traffic signals and intersection improvements, a bridge over Cottonwood Creek, separated pathway, and illumination. Construction will commence in 2024 with final completion expected by August 2026; 2024 construction will mostly involve utility relocation. By prior agreement, MSB will be responsible for maintenance during suspension of construction during winter seasons. MSB continues to coordinate with DOT&PF regarding our future signal maintenance responsibilities.

- Bid Advertise Date: 02/21/2024
- Bid Opening Date: 03/13/2024
- Engineer's Estimate: \$40M - \$50M

State Legislative Visit to Juneau: Assemblymembers Nowers and Gamble and Borough Manager will visit Juneau on March 6-7. Another trip to Juneau is expected later in March for Assemblymembers Yundt, Fonov, and potentially Assemblymember McKee.