

CBJ Assembly Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024, 12:10 p.m.

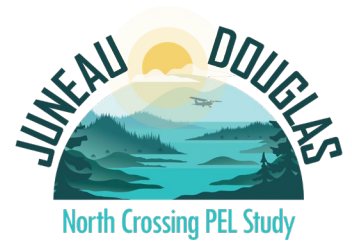
Attendees

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| Steve Noble, Project Manager | DOWL |
| Renee Whitesell, PEL Study Lead | DOWL |
| Morgan McCammon, Project Communications | DOWL |
| Bridget LaPenter, Project Manager | City and Borough of Juneau |
| Denise Koch, Director of Engineering and Public Works | City and Borough of Juneau |
| Wade Bryson, Assemblymember | City and Borough of Juneau |
| Paul Kelly, Assemblymember | City and Borough of Juneau |
| Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Assemblymember | City and Borough of Juneau |
| Ella Adkison, Assemblymember | City and Borough of Juneau |

Presentation Summary

Committee Chair Assemblymember Wade Bryson opened the meeting. Denise Koch, Director of Engineering and Public Works for the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ), shared a brief introduction of the PEL study, noting the recent Advisory Committee meetings, which occurred on March 7, 2024.

Denise introduced Steve Noble, DOWL, and Renee Whitesell, DOWL, from the study team. Steve began the presentation with an update on the study schedule and fieldwork. Renee continued the presentation discussing the purpose and need statement, additional goals, screening process, and preliminary level 2 screening results. Steve concluded the presentation by sharing the estimated costs of alternatives, funding sources for future project engineering and environmental processes, and next steps.



Questions and Comments from the Committee

Assemblymember Paul Kelly commented he appreciated the quantifiable scores associated with the level 2 screening preliminary results. He asked for clarification on how the alternatives were scored. Steve responded qualitative and quantitative criteria for scoring the alternatives was developed as a part of the PEL process, incorporating public and advisory committee feedback and receiving DOT&PF Statewide Environmental Office (SEO) concurrence. These criteria are project specific and scores alternatives against each other.

Chair Bryson shared the Public Works & Facilities Committee would host additional listening sessions for Juneau residents to share their comments with the Assemblymembers present. He asked how these listening sessions impact the project. Steve responded the study team welcomes the public comments received from the Assembly. He requested the Committee make it clear comments submitted to the Assembly would not receive a response from the study team but would be included in the study documents. Steve further requested the listening sessions be hosted outside of PEL study comment periods to avoid public confusion. Steve concluded by noting the Advisory Committees were requested to submit feedback by March 28, 2024, after which the PEL study team would incorporate that feedback into the level 2 screening and post the level 2 screening memo to the study website. The draft PEL study report would be made publicly available near the end of May, followed by a 30-day comment period and the final public open house in mid-June 2024. The PEL study report would then be finalized, and the study concluded in late July 2024. The DOT&PF and CBJ would then determine the path forward to initiate preliminary design and NEPA under a new contract.

No public comments were received on the presentation.