

By: Deputy Administrator
Amended: January 23, 2023
Adopted: January 23, 2023
Yes: Brown, Graham, Johnson, Rubeo, Sullivan-Leonard, Velock
No: None
Absent: None

**City of Wasilla
Resolution Serial No. 23-02 (AM)**

A Resolution Of The Wasilla City Council Confirming State Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024.

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2024 City of Wasilla list of priorities issues and capital requests for State consideration is as follows:

- **Retain Revenue Sharing** – reductions will increase local tax burdens.
- **PERS/TERS** – no cost shifting to cities.
- **No Trickle Down of State Responsibilities to Cities and Boroughs** – no cost shifting to cities, specifically road maintenance.
- **Full Funding and Reimbursement of Roads and School Bonds** – No cost shifting to cities and boroughs.
- **Eliminate Regulations Calculated by Population** - These cause barriers to businesses.
- **Consolidate Dispatch Services** – Maintain local control of dispatch services.
- **Maximize Local Government Control** – Eliminate state barriers for local government to develop local economies.
- **Knik-Goose Bay Road Reconstruction** – Maintain current construction schedule.
- **Main Street Couplet** – Maintain current construction schedule.
- **Airport Expansion** - \$23.4 million funding request for Airport Runway Extension, Air Passenger Terminal, and Tract 7 Apron Development.

- **Upgrade Sewer Infrastructure** - \$3.0 million funding request.
- **Water System Upgrades** - \$20 million funding request.
- **Wastewater treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrades and Expansion** - \$20 million funding request
- **Trails, Parks, and Playground Upgrades** - \$3.0 million funding request.
- **SMART City Integration Project** - \$1.7 million funding request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council confirms the State Legislative Priorities for fiscal year 2024, as listed above.

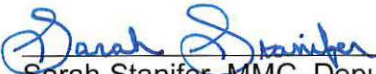
Effective Date. This resolution takes effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on January 23, 2023.



Glenda D. Ledford, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Stanifer, MMC, Deputy City Clerk

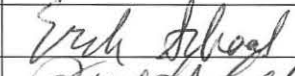


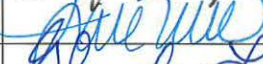

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**City of Wasilla
Legislative Staff Report
Resolution Serial No. 23-02**

A Resolution of The Wasilla City Council Confirming State Legislative Priorities For Fiscal Year 2024.

Originator: Crystal Nygard, Deputy Administrator
Date: 1/4/2023

Agenda of: 1/23/2023

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Public Works Director		1/13/2023
X	Finance Director		1/13/23
X	Deputy Administrator		1/13/23
X	City Clerk		1/13/2023
X	Mayor		1/13/23

Fiscal Impact: yes or no

Attachments: Resolution Serial No. 23-02 (2 pages)
Project Description – Apron Development (1 page)
Project Description – Airport Runway Extension (1 page)
Project Description – Airport Passenger Terminal (1 page)

Summary Statement: This resolution sets forth the state legislative priorities and capital requests for fiscal year 2024. The following are project descriptions for the capital request.

Tract 7 Apron Development \$9.3M

This project will develop 53 acres of new apron area for leased lots and aircraft tie-down spaces. The City of Wasilla currently has waiting lists of 70 for aircraft tie-down spaces and 33 lease lots to construct hanger space. The Wasilla Airport supports general aviation throughout the Mat-Su Borough as a regional facility, hosting 144 aircraft. New lease lot development would provide dedicated operational and hanger space for agencies such as the Alaska State Troopers.

Airport Runway Extension \$7.3M

This project will extend the runway to 5,100 feet and would accommodate larger aircraft including twin-engine business jets and would improve safety and reliability. The Army National Guard Aviation Group has recommended a runway of at least 5,000 feet to allow the airport to be used for pilot training and for use as an alternate airport in the region.

Airport Passenger Terminal \$6.8M

This project will develop a 13,600 square foot terminal/fixed based operator facility. Aviation traffic is increasing, and the Wasilla Airport is prepared to meet this demand in the new terminal design. It will improve airport operating area safety, security, address general aviation congestion, and accommodate increased passenger service to Mat-Su Valley. It will reduce existing conflicts, improve safety in the master plan dedicated siting, provide ADA compliant access, and restrooms, increase food security, provide aviation training, and meeting space for staff, pilots and users and increase local, and DBE businesses.

Upgrade Sewer Infrastructure **\$3.0M**

This project will replace steel septic tanks with polyethylene and concrete tanks to extend lifecycles and mitigate leaks and potential for waterbody contamination. This important infrastructure replacement will increase the resiliency and reliability of the municipal sewer system.

Water System Upgrades **\$20M**

This project would design and build the necessary water towers, install new wells, and provide other options to increase redundancy for water security and build a resilient utility system.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrades and Expansion **\$20M**

This project would design and build improvements to the existing treatment plant to accommodate increased flow from both residential and business sectors. It would replace or update outdated systems that are at risk of failure. The design would increase resiliency and lower operational and maintenance costs and streamline operations to support licensed operators. This project will also include the design and implementation of an alternative sludge disposal program.

Railroad Transit Center **\$2.0M**

This project would provide a gravel transit parking lot, a waiting area, and ticketing location for the new Wasilla Railroad Station. Additional development includes a train boarding area and paving the transient parking.

Asphalt Preservation Program **\$5M**

This project would systematically implement a pavement preservation program to address roadway degradation throughout the city. It would identify specific areas that should receive preservation techniques to preemptively address early wear before they require complete reconstruction. Some project aspects include drainage improvement, surface treatments, and other timely maintenance interventions.

Trails, Parks, and Playground Upgrades **\$3M**

This project would upgrade aging play structures that are beyond their intended lifespan and increase public accessibility and connectivity of trails.

SMART City Integration Project **\$1.7M**

This project would use GIS technologies adhering to new ASCE data standards to uniquely transform Wasilla into a national model for streamlined installation, safeguarding and management of infrastructure required for renewable energy, 5G broadband, electric vehicle charging stations, connected and autonomous vehicles, and public transit, all of which help reduce climate change and achieve equity, resiliency, and sustainability goals.

Project Title: Wasilla - Tract 7 Apron Development

TPS Number: 66543

Priority: 1

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

Grant Recipient: Wasilla

FY2023 State Funding Request: \$9,300,000

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Develop new apron area at the Wasilla Airport.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$9,300,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2023 State Funding Request:	(\$9,300,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Explanation of Other Funds:

None

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Develop 53 acres of new apron area for lease lots and aircraft tie-down spaces. The City of Wasilla currently has waiting lists of 70 for aircraft tie-down spaces and 33 for lease lots to construct hangar space. The Wasilla Airport supports general aviation throughout the Mat-Su Borough as a regional facility with 144 based aircraft currently located at the Wasilla Airport. Lease lot development would also be available for agencies like the State Troopers that have a need to operate and house aircraft.

Project Timeline:

FY2023 \$4.5 million
FY2024 \$4.8 million

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

City of Wasilla

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Glenda Ledford
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This project has been through a public review process at the local level and it is a community priority.

Project Title: Wasilla - Airport Runway Extension

TPS Number: 66544

Priority: 2

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

Grant Recipient: Wasilla

FY2023 State Funding Request: \$7,300,000

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Extend runway 1,400 feet to achieve a runway length of 5,100 feet.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$7,300,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2023 State Funding Request:	(\$7,300,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Explanation of Other Funds:

None

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Extending the runway to 5,100 feet would accommodate larger aircraft including twin-engine business jets and would improve safety and reliability. The Army National Guard Aviation Group has recommended a runway of at least 5,000 feet to allow the airport to be used for pilot training and for use as an alternate airport.

Project Timeline:

FY2023 \$3.3 million
FY2024 \$4.0 million

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

City of Wasilla

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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This project has been through a public review process at the local level and it is a community priority.

Project Title: Wasilla - Air Passenger Terminal

TPS Number: 66545

Priority: 3

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

Grant Recipient: Wasilla

FY2023 State Funding Request: \$6,800,000

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Develop a 5,000 square foot air passenger terminal/fixed based operator facility.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$6,800,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2023 State Funding Request:	(\$6,800,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Explanation of Other Funds:

None

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Developing an air passenger terminal/fixed based operator facility would accommodate twin-engine business jets and commuter passenger service for the region.

Project Timeline:

FY2023 \$3.0 million
FY2024 \$3.8 million

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

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