

Deputy Manager's Update – February 1, 2024

Seven Pastures Pedestrian Path Improvements Project Update: Last March, the Municipality submitted an Alaska Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application to fund the Seven Pastures Pedestrian Path Improvements project, which would construct new ADA-accessible concrete paths at the recreation site to improve safety and accessibility for residents. After some delay, the TAP Project Evaluation Board (PEB) met on December 20 to score applications from around the state. Skagway's project ranked 15th out of 21 applications; the scoring can be viewed online at <https://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/cip/stip/projects/TAP.shtml>. The State of Alaska indicated that the ranking order represents the final PEB scores but does not guarantee funding, and awards will be announced when funding availability and population category sub allocations are determined. Staff will keep the Mayor and Assembly apprised of any updates received regarding this funding.

Rockfall Safety Work Winter 2023: At its meeting of January 18, the Assembly approved Shannon & Wilson's proposal for rockfall safety work, and Manager Ryan indicated he would request that our Legislative grant funds cover the scope of work; if the expenses are not permitted under the grant, there are sufficient funds in the Port Fund to cover them. Staff followed up with the State of Alaska to determine if the scope of work in the proposal falls under allowable expenses under the grant. It was determined that any design work would be an allowable expense; therefore, approximately \$500,000 of the proposal can be reimbursed by the grant.

Clinic Executive Director's Update: In the last week we have:

- Held a Clinic Board meeting with new members;
- Hired, and began training, three new Medical Assistants; and
- Solidified the provider schedule for the coming summer and things are shaping up great!