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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Honorable Mayor & City Council Initials: *SH*  
FROM: Shawn Hart, Acting Assistant City Manager File #: MGR25-193  
DATE: March 28, 2025 Mtg. #: 04/03/25 NBa  
RE: **Presentation by Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) on Upcoming Tongass and Water Street Viaduct Project**

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Representatives of the Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) have requested to give a presentation to update the City Council and community on the upcoming Tongass and Water Street Project. Design Group Chief of ADOT Jim Brown and Senior Consultant Gordon MacDonald of Parametrix will provide an update at the April 3, 2025, City Council meeting and answer any questions and/or concerns that Councilmembers may have.

**PUBLIC WORKS / ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Lacey Simpson, Acting City Manager

**FROM:** Seth Brakke, PE, Public Works Director and Engineering Manager

**DATE:** March 25, 2025

**SUBJECT:** **Alaska Department of Transportation Introductory Presentation on upcoming Tongass and Water Street Viaduct project**

Representatives from the Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) have requested the opportunity to make an introductory presentation on the upcoming Tongass and Water Street Viaduct project at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting. An agenda item is requested to allow for their presentation.

List of topics:

- Provide update on ADOT projects that are or will be occurring in Ketchikan in 2025
- Provide context that even though there are multiple current road projects occurring now in 2025, ADOT also wants to introduce the upcoming Tongass and Water Street Viaduct project (TWSVP).
- Provide detail on proposed schedule for the TWSVP project versus other ADOT projects in Ketchikan
- Provide detail on when future public input meetings will occur for the TWSVP project.
- Provide detail on the proposed traffic light at the Schoenbar intersection and explain the warrants.
- Highlight the proposed upgrades including improved ADA compliance, pedestrian friendly amenities, and road surfacing.

Attachments: None