



TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lacey G. Simpson, Acting City Manager

DATE: August 25, 2022

RE: **Budget Transfer – Alaska Municipal League & Senator Murkowski Infrastructure Grant Symposium and Mayor & Council Department Travel-Business Appropriation**

In adopting the 2022 General Government Operating & Capital Budget, the City Council appropriated \$5,500 to the Mayor & Council Department's Travel-Business account (Account No. 600.01). As the City Council may be aware, the Alaska Municipal League with Senator Lisa Murkowski has organized a second Infrastructure Grant Symposium for September 6 – 9, 2022 in Anchorage, AK to provide information on the funding opportunities that will be made available through the bipartisan infrastructure law (additional information is attached). As the City Council will recall, Public Works Director Mark Hilson and Contracts & Grants Administrator Bob Diaz attended the first symposium in April and found the experience worthwhile and beneficial for the City and believe attending this second event will further benefit the City's aims to receive infrastructure grant funding.

The projects and priorities under discussion at the symposium for potential funding were approved by the City Council at its May 5, 2022 meeting and range across City and KPU departments. These would otherwise be funded via the department's respective operating funds. As no funds were allocated for staff participation in the symposium and expenses are not easily attributable to any one department or project, staff finds that given the City Council's interest in maximizing available grant funding opportunities, a budget transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from the Mayor & Council's Community Promotion account (Account No. 610.01) to the Mayor & Council's Travel-Business account (Account No. 600.01) will be necessary.

The Public Works Director and Finance Director will be attending the City Council meeting of September 1, 2022, in order to address any questions and/or concerns that Councilmembers may have.

A motion has been prepared for City Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council adopt the motion approving a budget transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from the Mayor & Council's 2022 Community Promotion account (Account No. 610.01) to the Mayor & Council's 2022 Travel-Business account (Account No. 600.01) and authorizing travel expenditures not to exceed \$5,000 from the Mayor & Council's 2022 Travel-Business account (Account No. 600.01) for the purposes of City staff attending the September Infrastructure Grant Symposium.

Recommended Motion: I move the City Council approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from the Mayor & Council's 2022 Community Promotion account (Account No. 610.01) to the Mayor & Council's 2022 Travel-Business account (Account No. 600.01) and authorize travel expenditures not to exceed \$5,000 from the Mayor & Council's 2022 Travel-Business account (Account No. 600.01) for the purposes of City staff attending the September Infrastructure Grant Symposium.

Lacey Simpson

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Upcoming Symposium - August 17, 2022

Alaska Infrastructure Grant Symposium

Location: Dena'ina Center

Date: September 6 - 9, 2022

Sponsored by: Alaska Municipal League and Senator Lisa Murkowski

Upcoming Infrastructure Grant Symposium focusing on Alaska's strategic effort to plan for and implement the federal infrastructure package. Invited are Alaska's local and Tribal governments, nonprofits and businesses, and the many supportive organizations and associations that contribute to community and regional development.

Provided below is a draft schedule, which is subject to change.

Tuesday, September 6th - Grant Writing Training		
1-4:30pm	Grant Writing Training	
Wednesday, September 7th - Sen. Murkowski's Infrastructure Grants Symposium		
10am-4pm	Resource Fair	Symposium Speaker's Hall
Thursday, September 8th - Water, Broadband, Energy		
8am - 12pm	Tribal Programs	State Water Revolving Fund
Noon	Lunch - Tribal Broadband	
1 - 4:30pm	Alaska Broadband Strategy	
2 - 4:30pm	Alaska Energy Strategy	
Friday, September 9th - Transportation		
8am - 3pm	Transportation Day	

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