

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL IDENTIFYING THE CITY OF UNALASKA'S STATE PRIORITIES FOR FY26

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska identifies its critical infrastructure needs by maintaining a yearly planning process called the Capital and Major Maintenance Plan with a planning horizon of ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, these projects are vetted and approved by the City Council and then are shared with the Alaska State Legislature through the CAPSIS process for consideration of funding by the State Legislature during the Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative session; and

WHEREAS, Unalaska and the International Port of Dutch Harbor have been the number one commercial fishing port in the United States for poundage for more than 30 years and the industry in Unalaska positively impacts the economy of the State of Alaska in many sectors; and

WHEREAS, Robert Storrs Small Boat Harbor is the facility most used by Unalaska's residents and small businesses and needs to be replaced. Floats are failing and have become a safety risk for users and the City; and

WHEREAS, Captains Bay Road is a heavily used commercial corridor vital to the community's economic welfare with safety concerns and economic development potential which require road improvements, water, sewer and electric utilities. The City urges continued support of a Congressionally Directed Spending Appropriations for this project; and

WHEREAS, the City remains keenly interested in the development of the Makushin Geothermal resource on the island, in order to provide renewable energy for the future power needs of the community and the commercial seafood harvesting and processing sectors of the #1 Commercial Fishing Port in the United States. Funding is needed to conduct drilling and testing in order to prove the long-term viability of the resource; and

WHEREAS, Unalaska's shoreline is threatened from serious erosion at numerous locations, placing critical infrastructure as well public and private property at risk and needs financial support to protect the coastline and prevent future erosion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska supports the commercial fishing and shipping industries and wants to maintain a thriving, sustainable infrastructure by dredging the materials at City docks to the same depth as the entrance channel dredging project scheduled to happen in June, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Tom Madsen Airport Terminal Building needs upgrades to ensure continued service; and

WHEREAS, the Unalaska City Council recognizes that education plays a vital role and therefore urges State Legislators and the Governor to address the State of Alaska's constitutional responsibility to maintain its public schools by passing immediate legislation to institute a

reasonable increase to the base student allocation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Unalaska hereby identifies its State Legislative Priorities as:

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| 1. Robert Storrs Small Boat Harbor Improvements (A & B Floats)         | \$5,000,000 |
| 2. Captains Bay Road - Paving  | \$5,000,000 |
| 3. Geothermal Investigation  | \$1,000,000 |
| 4. Unalaska Shoreline Erosion  | \$2,000,000 |
| 5. Unalaska Marine Center & Light Cargo Dock Dredging                  | \$700,000   |
| 6. Tom Madsen Airport Terminal Building Upgrades, Planning/Engineering | \$500,000   |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Unalaska hereby identifies its top capital project funding priority as the Captains Bay Road Waterline Extension Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on February 11, 2025.

  
Alejandro Bong Tungul  
Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Estkarlen P. Magdaong, CMC  
City Clerk



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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor and City Council Members  
From: William Homka, City Manager  
Date: February 11, 2025  
Re: Resolution 2025-10: Identifying the City of Unalaska's State Priorities for FY26

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**SUMMARY:** Every year the City Council identifies, via resolution, the capital project priorities to place in the State Legislative queue which is called CAPSIS (Capital Project Submission and Information System). Our approach is to keep it simple and very straight forward. Legislators don't have the time to read a long resolution with information that they don't much care about. Our message gets to the point and explains our projects in CAPSIS and in the briefing memo which will be distributed to our delegation in Juneau prior to our visits there next month. You will recognize many of the projects that are contained in the resolution. You may wish to add or subtract projects as this is within your authority.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Council last adopted a State Priorities resolution in January 2043 identifying priorities at the time (Resolution 2024-06).

**BACKGROUND:** The outside influences on this resolution include what happens in Washington, because if you receive funding from the Federal Government it can be leveraged to obtain funding from the State Legislature. The legislature likes to see community participation as well. The City of Unalaska is fortunate in that it has money to participate. There are many communities in the state who cannot meet the match requirements of many grant programs. Also, just because we ask for money from the State and Federal legislative and congressional processes does not mean we are not also looking for grants. Ports applied to the Harbor Matching Grant program \$5M.

**DISCUSSION:** Please see the federal priorities memorandum to City Council for descriptions of potential priorities. The following projects were last year's priorities:

### FY25 (Last Year) Project Priorities

1. Captains Bay Road - Waterline Extension	\$4,721,463
2. Robert Storrs Small Boat Harbor Improvements (A & B Floats)	\$3,500,000
3. Unalaska Marine Center & Light Cargo Dock Dredging	\$2,700,000
4. Tom Madsen Airport Terminal Building Upgrades, Planning/Engineering	\$500,000

### Proposed FY26 (Current Year) Project Priorities

1. Robert Storrs Small Boat Harbor Improvements (A & B Floats)	\$5,000,000
2. Geothermal Investigation	\$1,000,000
3. Captains Bay Road – Paving	\$5,000,000
4. Unalaska Shoreline Erosion	\$2,000,000
5. Unalaska Marine Center & Light Cargo Dock Dredging	\$700,000
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The deadline for FY26 CAPSIS requests projects is February 24, 2025. Resolution 2025-10 drives our list of CAPSIS projects.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Council may choose to add or subtract projects, as well as modify the top funding priority.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** There are critical issues happening in the commercial fishing industry that will ultimately impact revenue streams for the City of Unalaska. There are also projects for which the city needs funding assistance.

**LEGAL:** No legal review required.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommend approval.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move to adopt Resolution 2025-10...

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** I support the staff recommendation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**