

INTRODUCTION

Each year, the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) adopts a Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The legal requirements applicable to the CIP are set forth in Section 9 of the CBJ Charter. In general, the CIP is a plan of capital improvements proposed for a six-year period, together with an estimated cost of each improvement and the proposed method of financing it. The CIP serves as the overarching strategic plan for improving the public infrastructure of Juneau and is collectively developed by the CBJ Assembly, its boards and commissions, CBJ staff, and the citizens of CBJ.

The CBJ Charter requires the City Manager to assemble and submit a Preliminary CIP to the Assembly by April 5 of each year. The Charter further requires this document to be available for public inspection. This document is available from the CBJ Engineering Department at the third floor of the Marine View Building, or online at www.juneau.lib.ak.us/engineering.

By May 1st, the Charter requires the Assembly to hold a public hearing on the CIP. In addition to the Charter requirement, the Assembly holds public hearings at its Public Works and Facilities Committee. The Planning Commission reviews it for conformance with the Area Wide Comprehensive Plan. The meetings are announced in the Juneau Empire, on the CBJ's WebPages, and the public access channel. Citizens are encouraged to provide their comments at these meetings.

The Assembly Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed the City Manager's CIP at its March 23rd meeting, and approved it at the April 20th meeting. The Planning Commission reviewed the CIP on May 12th. The Finance Committee reviewed the CIP at its May 6th meeting.

By June 15th, the Assembly must adopt its own CIP or the City Manager's CIP. In practice, the Assembly uses the Manager's CIP as the starting point, adjusts it during the public comment period, and adopts its own CIP at the same time it adopts the budget in early June. The City Manager submitted and the Assembly approved this CIP on May 18, 2009.