



Presentation to Legislative Committee Municipality of Anchorage Assembly

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Background on Blank Rome Government Relations ("BRGR")

- BRGR Representation of POA/MOA Goes Back to 2001 under multiple Mayors and Assemblies
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2024 Port Of Alaska Issues & Actions To Date

- \$68.7 Million MARAD Grant Implemented Construction Began June
 - Offsets State Matching Funds Dollar-for-Dollar
 - House Language on MARAD Grant Delays
- Two \$5 Million Congressional Earmarks Being Implemented
- \$5 Million FHWA Funds Emergency Access Road Being Implemented

Pending POA Federal Agency Grant Applications:

- \$102 Million MARAD PAMP
- \$21 Million EPA -- Port Electrification (\$1m Planning/\$20m Construction)
- \$1.6 Million -- DOD Community Infrastructure
- \$5.5 Million -- FEMA Port Security

Continuing Actions & Consulting, Including:

- Identifying Federal Grant & Loan Opportunities
- Federal Compliance, e.g., Permitting, NEPA, Buy America, etc.
- Encourage Visits to Anchorage by Congressional & Federal Officials
- Monitoring DOJ Appeal of \$367 Million Judgment to MOA



Other Issues Raised By Assembly

- Overall FY25 Federal Budget Picture
- HUD Homeless Continuum of Care Formula
 - HUD Action After March 13 DC Meeting?
 - FY25 CoC Appropriations: House \$3,678,000,000. Senate \$3,688,000,000.
 - Compare to FY25 MARAD PIDP: House \$72 Million. Senate \$200 Million.
 - Effect of City of Grants Pass v. Johnson US Supreme Court Decision?
- HR3170/S1514 HELPER Act (Housing for police/firefighters/teachers) Pending in committee.
- **HR1776/S288** End TB Now Act HR1776 reported to House floor 7-26-24. S288 pending in committee.



Thank You!



