Discussion / Direction

on proceeding with the Lincoln Street paving project.

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor Gary Paxton

Members of the Assembly

From: Dave Miller, Interim Municipal Administrator

Date: July 2, 2019

Subject: Lincoln Street Paving – Discussion and Direction

On Tuesday, June 11, 2019, the Public Works Department presented the upcoming Lincoln Street Paving project to the Assembly. For your reference, the presentation slides are attached to this Memo.

As the Interim Administrator, I feel the need to revisit this with you and be certain we are headed in the right direction together on this project with support from the Assembly. Lincoln Street defines our downtown – it's the face of our central business district – and it will receive maintenance and upgrades of this magnitude no more than once every 20 years. In other words, this is a big deal and I recognize the importance of getting this right.

A brief summary: The total project budget is \$2.16 Million and we're scheduled to go out to bid later this month. Work will include milling and repaving of Lincoln Street from Harbor Way (City Hall) to Harbor Drive (traffic signal), ADA improvements, sidewalk replacement (where needed) and safety improvements in front of St. Michael's Cathedral. Also, storm drain will be replaced and improved only where needed and a new water main is being installed on Cathedral Way, which will be re-paved as well.

I'm in support of the project that is proposed and I recognize the need for doing the work now. With that said, there's no significant down side to delaying the project one year in order to make sure that the project captures the Assembly's vision for Lincoln Street and what is best for Sitka. Before we move forward, I would like to know how the Assembly feels about this project and answer any remaining questions.