



City Manager Report

April 29, 2025

Last report: 4/15/25 by Interim City Manager Hinkle

The month of April is historically a busy month for City staff, and this year was no different.

Multiple City employees and Departments participated in the annual Valdez Career Expo as well as the College & Career Fair. An addition to this year's program included an appearance from Senator Murkowski. Initially intended to be a roundtable discussion at PWSC, weather prevented the plane from making it in and the discussion was conducted virtually instead. COV had multiple attendees and used the opportunity to thank Murkowski for earmarking funding for the sewer force main and for child care as well as to reinforce priorities covered during the recent Legislative Fly-In.

A large contingent of community stakeholders were present as well. Many of their speaking points and topics aligned with the City priorities covered during the Legislative Fly-In.

While Murkowski was unable to make it in via Ravn that day, that has been less frequent in 2025 than the same time in 2024. Case in point:

• Jan 2024	409 passengers	31 scheduled flights	11 completed flights
• Feb 2024	313 passengers	31 scheduled flights	9 completed flights
• March 2024	381 passengers	17 scheduled flights	13 completed flights
• Jan 2025	816 passengers	65 scheduled flights	34 completed flights
• Feb 2025	903 passengers	56 scheduled flights	51 completed flights
• March 2025	1144 passengers	64 scheduled flights	60 completed flights

Director Barberio plans to have a more comprehensive report on this, and other aspects of EAS, in the coming months. City Administration will also be coming forward in the near future, asking Council to approve a Resolution of support for the EAS program to both Senator Murkowski and Senator Sullivan.

Director Huber and Assistant City Manager/Director Nelson presented at the AML Infrastructure Forum, while Director Cragun attended an AMLJIA Board meeting and Director Wilson represented Valdez at the Trails Conference.

Construction season is upon us. For official updates on City of Valdez projects, please visit www.valdezak.gov/projects. Council will be provided with a project update the 2nd meeting in May.

Per Mayor Fleming's instructions, a challenge coin was designed and ordered for the City of Valdez.





Attended Joint Work Session (Council/PRCS) on 4/22.

Met with Valdez DOT on 4/23.

Attended AVV's Annual Meeting on 4/24.

The first round of screening interviews for the Communications Manager occurred on 4/25.

Participated in the Apple v Donuts charity Volleyball game on 4/26.

Attended the Decommissioning Ceremony of USCG LIBERTY on 4/29.

Upcoming events: Hillcorp LLC, Alaska Tanker Company & Prince William Sound RCAC (April 30th); Valdez Small Business Conference (May 5th – 6th)