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MEMORANDUM

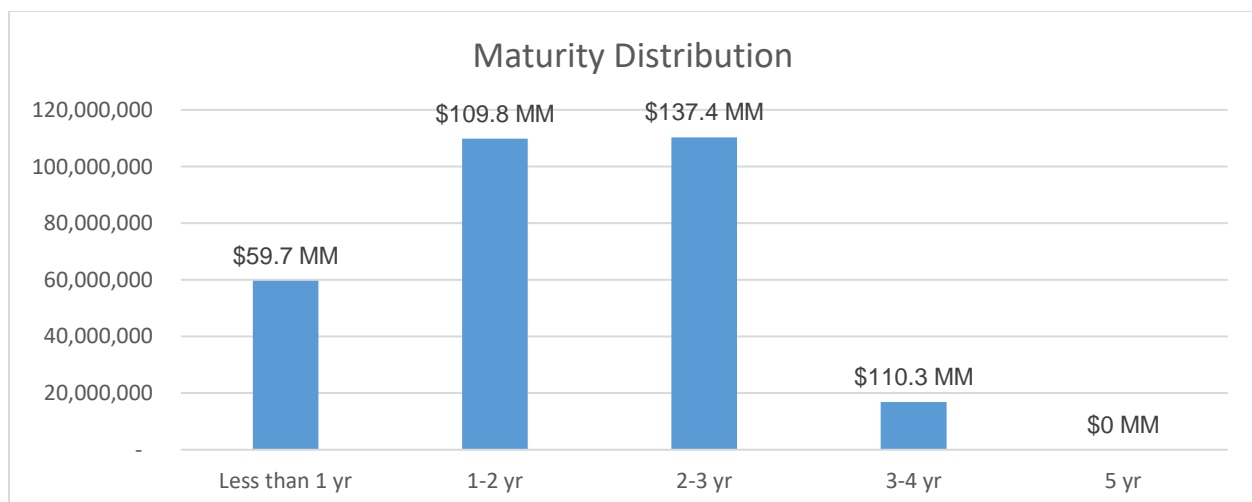
DATE: July 12, 2023
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Port MacKenzie Update: Port MacKenzie is scheduled to receive the Panamanian-flagged M/V Ise Harmony Sunday afternoon, July 16. The ship is carrying 33,000 metric tons of bulk salt. Northern Gravel & Trucking purchased the salt as part of the statewide Alaska Department of Transportation road maintenance salt contract.

The salt discharge is scheduled to begin Monday morning, July 17, and predicted that unloading will take 3-4 days. The ship is expected to depart Port MacKenzie Thursday evening or Friday morning.

Assembly members are welcome to visit the Port while the ship is in. Gate security will be present, and photo identification is required. Due to this being an active work site, other visitors are discouraged. For additional information, please contact Port Operations Manager, David Griffin, at (907) 707-4174, or david.griffin@matsugov.us.

Investments Summary from 04/01/2023-06/30/2023: Total return for the last quarter was 0.13%, with interest received of \$1,046,852.62. Average market value for our portfolio was \$277,494,154.



Long Lake Road Salvage Timber Sale Parcels: The Assembly directed the Manager to explore selling the Long Lake Road salvage timber sale parcels to the Great Land Trust (GLT) at fair market value for adding them to the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. The Borough received an email from the GLT Executive Director stating in part, “GLT certainly appreciates the Mat-Su Borough’s interest in pursuing conservation options as part of the Borough’s land management strategy... At this time, GLT is not actively pursuing a project involving the Long Lake Road property near the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area.” The Assembly will be considering Resolution 23-075 for the July 18 Assembly meeting to direct the Manager to offer these parcels in a competitive land sale.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Fisheries

- [Lower Susitna River’s Anderson Creek shutting down to dipnetting](#)
Alaska Sporting Journal
- [How to help shape the rules that govern hunting and fishing in Alaska](#)
Alaska News Source

Forestry

- [Alaska sees a low fire season](#)
Alaska News Source

Community

- [Matanuska Community Farmers Market, a new venue for local growers](#)
Frontiersman
- [Benka Lake access remains priority for residents](#)
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Water Safety

- [Troopers see an increase in drowning deaths statewide](#)
Frontiersman

Infrastructure

- [Parks Highway Alternative Corridor PEL Study survey to close July 10](#)
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ADFG

- [ADFG seeking proposals for Mat-Su Habitat Protection Cost-Share Program](#)
Alaska Sporting Journal

Energy

- [Electric utilities for Anchorage and Mat-Su install \\$63 million Tesla battery system](#)
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- [Borough seeks comments on proposed Sculpin Subdivision](#)
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Facebook Posts

- [Parks Highway Alternative Corridor PEL Study](#)
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