



THE PROJECT

The Seward Marine Industrial Center (SMIC) Expansion will provide protected and safe moorage to meet increasing demand, including: fishing fleets, gas/oil industry exploration and support equipment, USCG, the R/V Sikuliaq and various other tugs, barges and shipping vessels..

Phase 1 will construct the necessary breakwater and increase utility for the SMIC harbor now challenged by an unsafe wave climate.

Phase 2 will develop and dredge the existing basin to expand moorage capacity, repair damaged infrastructure and add utility and upland improvements.

SCHEDULE

Fall/Winter 2013: Design Development and Permitting

Winter 2014: Construction Documents/Bidding

Summer/Fall 2014: Phase 1 Breakwaters Construction

CAPITAL COST AND FUNDING

The Phase 1 cost to protect the basin with an additional breakwater is \$27.9 million. \$20 million has been received from the State of Alaska, building on the \$400,000 legislative appropriation for the initial planning and feasibility work. The City of Seward FY2015 legislative request is for final funding of \$7.9 million required to complete Phase 1. Total SMIC Expansion project cost is estimated at \$65.2 million. Potential fund sources include State and Federal grants, State port bonds, private and AIDEA investment. Seward taxpayers have invested over \$30 million in bonds for existing infrastructure. Private upland development to provide additional vessel repairs, marine support services, cargo storage and staging will utilize the improved facilities and provide operating revenue.

PROGRESS

The City of Seward has actively invested in the development of an expanded business agenda that ensures economic growth, sustainability and prepares the project for construction.

- Phase 1 engineering and concept design have been further refined.
- Permitting and geotechnical studies are underway.
- Business case has been expanded to now include statewide agenda of oil and gas exploration, Arctic marine traffic support, ARRC, over-land and marine cargo, UA, AVTEC and other initiatives in addition to the CDQ Alaskanization program..
- City of Seward plans to initiate Phase 1 construction in Summer 2014.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

The SMIC Expansion project provides regional economic diversification with statewide benefits:

- CDQ fleets could bring \$5-10M in annual maintenance revenue and \$20M in moorage and vendor support services. Relocation of fleets to Seward will enhance these revenues.
- Revenue from increased oil and gas exploration vessels wintering in Seward
- Capacity to meet ARRC's and private industry's increased demand for freight, dock extension, road and industrial laydown space
- New jobs in construction, marine services/supplies, tourism, commercial and sport fishing, marine research, oil and gas exploration and maritime shipping
- AVTEC Maritime Program licensing, training and certification; Marine trades and services across Southcentral Alaska ports
- UAF Alaska Region Research Vessel (Sikuliaq) moorage and maintenance
- Additional harbor capacity for existing businesses looking to expand
- Support to Port of Anchorage in moving material and goods around the state
- Improvements to region's economy by lowering marine costs for Alaska

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