

Council Dedicates \$100,000 for Shelikof Hillside Repair

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Thursday night the Kodiak City Council approved the transfer of \$100,000 from the paving project fund into the Shelikof Street Pedestrian Project.

City Manager Aimee Kniazowski said the extra funds are needed because of the rockslide that occurred during construction in May.

“Which was very problematic. It had to be buttressed and of course we had to authorize an emergency repair of that area. And additional costs are going to be associated with that repair. And so because we had depleted the project budget, we are requesting additional expenses formally be acknowledged and transferred from the paving project into the Shelikof Street project.”

She said a special crew has been brought in to shore up the hillside, and some of the additional money will be dedicated to that, along with other work:

“There will be additional expenses for housing, transportation and housing of this specialty shotcrete crew that’s in town, as well as some equipment rentals, some specialty equipment that they’ll need while they’re here. As well as change order work that we’re going to have to pay Brechan to do. They had to haul all that rock back that buttressed that area and they’re going to have to haul it all away.”

Kniazowski said the transfer will deplete the paving project fund, and that other than small repair work, paving will be suspended this year.

The council approved the fund transfer 6-0.