



Relocating Wrangell's Freight Operations Key Highlights from the CBW-AML MOU

Work Session – August 21, 2025

Purpose of Tonight's Presentation

- Explain the MOU framework between CBW and AML
- Share context of freight facility history and planning
- Outline path forward for relocation site
- Provide opportunity for Assembly and community input

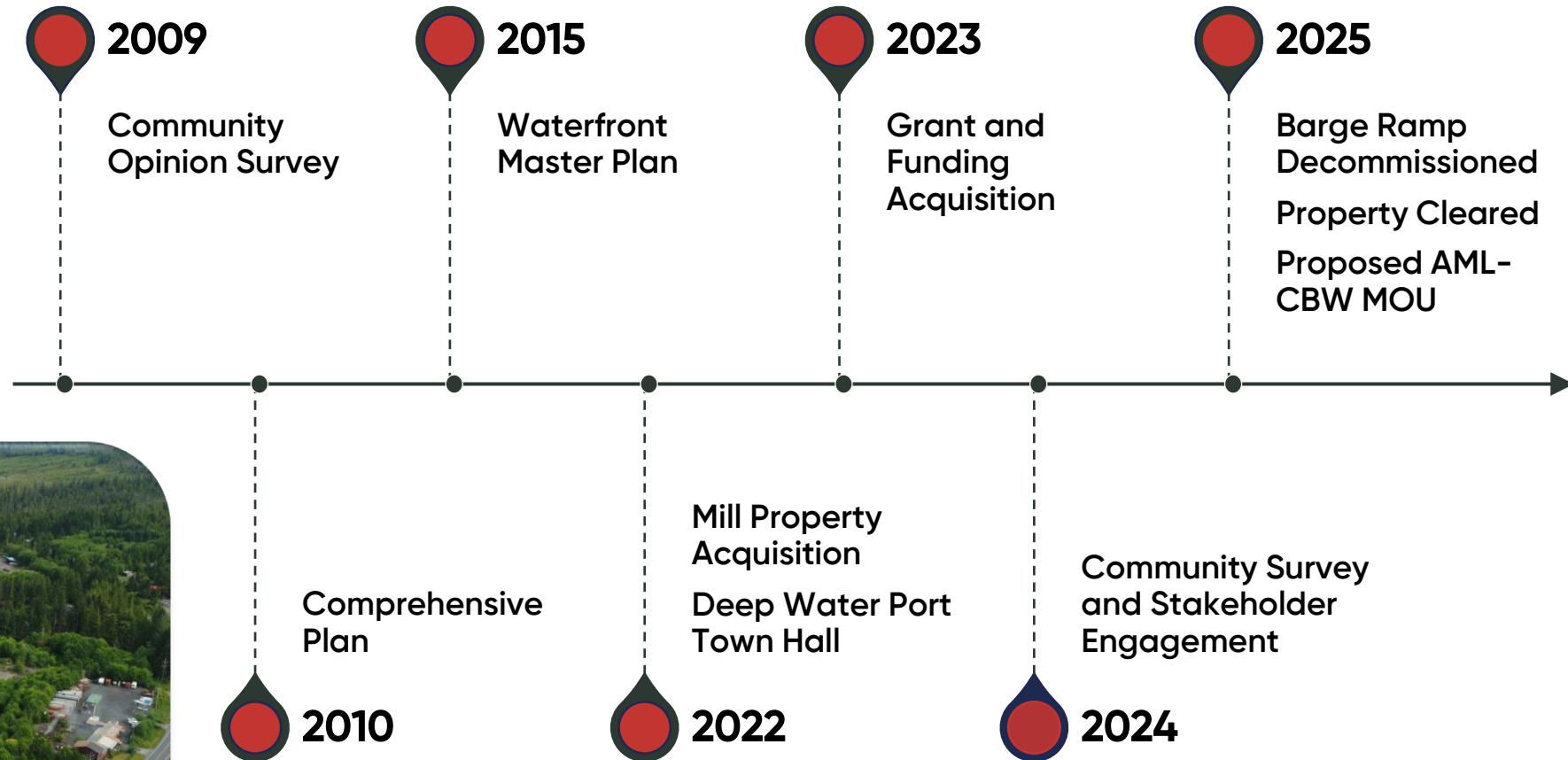


Why relocate freight?

- Aging downtown ramp – unsafe, decommissioned in 2025
- Tourism conflicts – freight + cruise ships = congestion & safety issues
- Community vision – relocation recommended in multiple plans & surveys
- Right site – 40-acre Mill property offers deep water, industrial fit
- MSC not viable – costly upgrades, disrupts existing marine industries



HISTORICAL TIMELINE



Alternatives Considered

- Marine Service Center (too costly, safety conflicts with cul-de-sac)
- Ballard's (property/road issues/capital)
- Airport Rock Pit (FAA/tidal issues/site control)
- Rebuild downtown facility (blocks redevelopment, continued use of cul-de-sac)

→ 6-Mile Mill Site is the best long-term solution.



The MOU with Alaska Marine Lines



Setting the Stage

- Builds on years of community planning, surveys, and waterfront studies
- Responds to the decommissioning of the aging downtown facility

Building the Relationship

- Establishes a non-binding framework for collaboration
- Combines CBW's access to public funding & authority with AML's expertise & investment

Continuity in Vision

- Plan, design, and develop a new barge landing at the 6-Mile Mill Site
- Definitive agreement by Dec 31, 2025
- Design and construction targeted for 2026–2027



Roles & Responsibilities

City & Borough of Wrangell

- Provide property access
- Secure permits, funding, utilities
- Lead community engagement

Alaska Marine Lines

- Define operational needs
- Participate in design & investment
- Commit to relocation once facility built



Benefits to the Community

- Reliable, modern freight services
- Opens downtown waterfront for community uses & tourism development
- Expands industrial opportunities at 6-Mile site
- Safer separation of freight and visitor activity
- Foundation for public-private partnership leveraging federal/state grants





Community Considerations

- Businesses concerned about higher freight & transportation costs from the new location
- Road impacts and transportation routes are a key issue for businesses and residents
- Need for cost-sharing strategies and exploration of funding to offset impacts
- Ongoing dialogue with AML, DOT, and stakeholders to ensure solutions align with business needs
- Goal: relocation that strengthens Wrangell's economy without creating undue burden on local businesses



Next Steps

1. Design & engineering studies – continue technical work
2. Economic analysis – evaluate business impacts, freight costs, and road use
3. Stakeholder engagement – keep community informed & involved
4. Definitive agreement – target completion by end of 2025
5. Construction – begin 2026–2027



Looking Ahead Together

- Reliable freight service for Wrangell's people and businesses
- A vibrant downtown waterfront opened for community use and tourism
- Strong partnerships with AML, DOT, and local stakeholders
- Commitment to addressing business concerns about costs, roads, and routes
- Building a sustainable future for the next generation





Assembly Discussion & Community Comment

Thank for joining us