

RESOLUTION 21-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH AND AKUTAN TRADITIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE AKUN BOAT HARBOR STUDY

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough (Borough) entered into a Co-Sponsorship Agreement (“CSA”) with the City of Akutan and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the Akutan Airport in 2010; and

WHEREAS, under the CSA, the Borough committed to provide transportation between the airport on Akun Island and the community of Akutan for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has provided the transportation link since September 2012 by means of a hovercraft and helicopters; and

WHEREAS, efforts to look for a more cost-effective and sustainable marine transportation alternative are ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes this would involve the construction of a small wave barrier or harbor on Akun to provide safe harbor and a dock to be used to transfer passengers and cargo; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Akutan Tribal Council (Tribe) sent a letter and resolution to the Corps authorizing the Tribe to participate as the sponsor of the Akutan Navigation Project in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and to cooperatively investigate the development of a breakwater and dock at Akun, Alaska under the Tribal Partnership Program (TPP); and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the Borough and Tribe were informed that the Corps had an opening to start a new study under the TPP if the Tribe/Borough were willing to enter into a cost-share agreement prior to October 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this study will be under the TPP and the estimated cost of the study is \$2,516,000; and

WHEREAS, the first \$484,000 will be at 100% federal cost, and all costs thereafter will be cost-shared 50% Federal (\$1,016,000)/50% Non-Federal (\$1,016,000); and

WHEREAS, in order for the project to proceed the Borough needs to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Tribe, which will outline the duties and responsibilities of each sponsor with regards to the study; and


WHEREAS, the Tribe will be the primary sponsor and assist with the work when needed; and

WHEREAS, two Borough primary responsibilities will include: 1. The Borough will take the lead on the project. 2. The Borough will pay the \$1,016,000 Non-Federal Match for the project, with funds that have been appropriated for this project.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Aleutians East Borough and the Akutan Traditional Council for the Akun Harbor Boat Study; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly authorizes the Borough to take the lead on the project and appropriate \$1,016,000 from the Borough's existing funds for the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 13th day of August, 2020.



Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tina Anderson, Clerk