



## RESOLUTION 21-13

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A TRIBAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM COST SHARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMY, THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF AKUTAN AND THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH FOR THE AKUN ISLAND NAVIGATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TRIBAL PARTNERSHIP FEASIBILITY 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**, on August 13, 2020 via Resolution 21-09 the Assembly authorized the mayor to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Aleutians East Borough and the Tribe for the Akun Harbor Boat Study; and

**WHEREAS**, per the MOA, the Tribe will be the primary sponsor and assist with the work when needed and the Borough's primary responsibilities 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; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for study to occur the Borough needs to enter into a TPP Cost Sharing Agreement with the Department of the Army (Army Corps) and the Tribe for the Akun Island Navigational Improvements Tribal Partnership Feasibility Study.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and execute a Tribal Partnership Program Cost Share Agreement between the Department of the Army, the Native Village of Akutan and the Aleutians East Borough for the Akun Island Navigational Improvements Tribal Partnership Feasibility Study.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Aleutians East Borough on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
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Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Tina Anderson, Clerk