

RESOLUTION 26-05

A RESOLUTION BY THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 5 OF THE CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES AND THE CITY OF AKUTAN

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough (AEB) entered into a Co-Sponsorship Agreement (CSA) in March 2010 with the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and the City of Akutan for the construction and operation of the Akutan Airport located on Akun Island; and

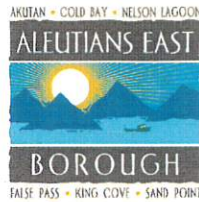
WHEREAS, the Borough agreed to provide reasonable public access between the airport and the community for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2014, via Resolution No. 15-06 the Assembly passed CSA Amendment No. 1, which provided for the substitution of the helicopter for the Akutan Airport link; allowed the use of funds needed to set up a fuel system in Akutan for the helicopter; removed the \$500,000 cash contribution by the City that had been budgeted for the purchase of a new hovercraft and provided for the use of funds to assess additional alternative transportation access that will reduce the current annual operational costs; and

WHEREAS, due to the high cost to maintain and operate the helicopter operation the Borough, State of Alaska and the City of Akutan have worked to find a solution to alleviate the Borough's financial burden; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2017, via Resolution 17-25 the Assembly passed CSA Amendment No. 2, which permitted a portion of the \$3,100,000 in State funds from the City of Akutan's FY2006 general fund grant, extended by re-appropriation in FY2014, to be used to help subsidize the costs of helicopter operations, and the deadline provided in CSA Amendment No. 1 for investigating, and if necessary, committing to an alternative access solution as set forth in Section 5 of Amendment No. 1 was extended two additional years; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2018, via Resolution 19-06 the Assembly passed CSA Amendment No. 3, which permitted the City of Akutan to use the unused portion of the \$3,100,000 (approximately \$1,581,000) in State funds from the City of Akutan's general fund grant for the Akutan Boat Harbor Utility Project; and



WHEREAS, the US Army Corps of Engineers authorized the Akutan Traditional Council (Tribe) to participate as a co-sponsor with the Borough for the Akutan Navigational Project, which would investigate the development of a breakwater and dock on Akun Island under the Tribal Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2020, via Resolution 21-12 the Assembly passed CSA Amendment No. 4, which allowed the use of funds to pay the project \$1,016,000 match and further authorized use of not more than \$200,000 for additional match or other related costs to support the effort; and

WHEREAS, CSA Amendment No. 4 also extended the deadline for the CSA to December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has agreed to provide the Borough with reimbursement of 50% of its expended costs to support continued helicopter services providing access between the Akutan Airport and the City of Akutan in an amount not more than \$1 million; and

WHEREAS, CSA Amendment No. 5 approves using approximately \$532,000 in general funds from the FY2009 state appropriation to match Borough payment for helicopter services; and

WHEREAS, CSA Amendment No. 5 would also extend the deadline for the CSA to December 31, 2028.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Aleutians East Borough Assembly hereby authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 of the Co-Sponsorship Agreement with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and the City of Akutan.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 10th day of July 2025.


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:


Beverly Rosete, Clerk