



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

RESOLUTION 24-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL TO APPLY FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY24 REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY SOUTH DOCK, CITY NORTH DOCKS AND PIERS, HARBORMASTER OFFICE, AND HARBOR ROAD PLANNING PROJECT

WHEREAS, The “Rebuilding American Infrastructure With Sustainability And Equity” (RAISE) Grant Program is a competitive transportation program held annually and administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, RAISE program funds are intended for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve: safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department Of Transportation’s “Rebuilding American Infrastructure With Sustainability And Equity” (RAISE) Grant Program is now open for grant applications; and

WHEREAS, RAISE funds can be used toward a variety of transportation projects, for both planning phase and construction phase; and

WHEREAS, Project proposals from rural communities may request up to 100% federal share but any contribution from the applicant is reflected positively in the grant competition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, Alaska (hereinafter “City”) desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing funding to accomplish the necessary planning and pre-construction activities for improvements and expansion to the City South Dock, City North Dock and Piers, Harbormaster Office, and Harbor Road; and,

WHEREAS, the City council, staff, stakeholders, and community partners have identified these as high priority Harbor improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project will accomplish planning, design, engineering, environmental review and permitting for the improvements and expansion of the City South Dock, City North Dock and Piers, Harbormaster Office, and Harbor Road, and prepare the City for future construction grant funding proposals.

WHEREAS, these improvements will increase the safety, efficiency, capacity and level of service for the Saint Paul Harbor; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby authorizes applying for RAISE grant funds from the USDOT and authorizes the City Manager to sign all documents relating to the RAISE grant proposal; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby authorizes providing up to 6% local matching funds to be more competitive for this grant and demonstrate the City's commitment to the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that unprevented cost overruns of projects will be detrimental to the City's operating budget. All attempts to avoid cost overruns will be employed to maintain the project's budget. If it is discovered that a cost overrun may be imminent, a strategic response will be determined which may include allocation of City resources, seeking loan and/or grant funding, or other measures as deemed suitable in the best interest of the City and the project's successful completion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution 24-07 rescinds and replaces Resolution 24-04 passed on January 30, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024 BY ___ IN FAVOR___ OPPOSED AND ___ ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk

Jacob N. Mercurief, Mayor