



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Lynn Sterbenz, Grants & Projects Specialist

CC: Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager; Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk; Stephanie Mandregan, Finance Director

DATE: February 7, 2023

RE: Resolution 23-02 To apply for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for the Repairs and Improvements to City South Dock and Harbormaster Office Project

SUMMARY: Resolution 23-02 approves applying for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for the Repairs and Improvements to City South Dock and Harbormaster Office Project

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council has not taken previous action on this specific grant, but this same project has been submitted to another federal grant opportunity the past 2 years.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: The City of Saint Paul, Alaska owns, operates, and maintains the Saint Paul Harbor located on Saint Paul Island, Alaska. In 2019, the City of Saint Paul was awarded an EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance grant to complete a harbor improvement feasibility study to address current and longer-term needs at Saint Paul Harbor and inform the City's Capital Improvement Plan update. From the beginning of the feasibility study, the Project team engaged the community and industry stakeholders to capture community needs and priorities. The team also coordinated with operators, coastal engineers, and the USACE to ensure technical input had been captured and reflected in preliminary concept plans. Based on stakeholder input and feedback, the Project team updated the study concepts, clarified cost estimates, and outlined pros and cons of the various alternatives. In support of the feasibility study, a site visit was conducted in June 2021 to inventory the existing moorage facilities, concluding that there is inadequate moorage space for the larger commercial fishing vessels. The existing moorage for larger vessels is in poor condition, particularly regarding the fenders and mooring capacity. The feasibility study was released in August 2021 and outlined 3 broad phases, with multiple sub-phases, for the Saint Paul Harbor Improvements and Expansion Project. Over \$90 million in improvements have been identified for Phase 1, which focuses on upgrading and expanding the existing inner harbor facilities for improved larger vessel moorage. The City has broken Phase 1 into sub-phases, 1A through 1I.

Phase 1A of the Project addresses some of the harbor's most urgent needs: repairs and improvements to the City South Dock and Harbormaster Office. This Project will:

- Install new modern energy absorbing fenders on the City South Dock;
- Replace and upgrade the bull rails and ladders at City South Dock;
- Install three 80-ton bollards at City South Dock;
- Install an additional five berthing dolphins with catwalks increasing the effective and usable mooring length by 250 feet to the north of City South Dock; and,
- Construct a new modern Harbormaster Office away from the breakwater in a tentative proposed location within the Small Boat Harbor uplands.

This project is a capital/construction proposal estimated to cost \$13,500,000.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could choose to submit this project to another federal grant opportunity instead of this one, or not submit this project to any grant funding opportunities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As a rural community, Saint Paul allowed to request 100% federal funding of the project. In other words, no match is required. The City would be responsible for cost overruns of the project should those occur.

LEGAL: None.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of this resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve Resolution 23-02.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 23-02