



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

RESOLUTION 23-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL TO APPLY FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT PROGRAM FOR SAINT PAUL HARBOR ROAD UPGRADE 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, Jurisdictions and public entities may submit up to three RAISE project proposals; and

WHEREAS, Project proposals from rural communities may request 100% federal share; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Harbor Road Upgrade Project is designed as an improvement to the existing "haul road" to allow for heavy commercial traffic in support of fishing activity, freight transport, and tourism. The objectives of the proposed Harbor Road Upgrade Project are to:

- **Increase Safety.** The proposed road will contribute to the improved safety and access for vehicles, heavy equipment, and pedestrians to and from the main and small boat harbors. The project provides additional sight distance and intersection traffic signs to improve public safety.
- **Reduce Flooding.** The project will solve a long-standing surface water drainage issue impacting three existing commercial buildings and the area around the new Vessel Repair Building and Small Boat Harbor parking area and boat launch ramp.
- **Improve Access.** The goal of the project is to construct a new access road to the Saint Paul Island Main and Small Boat Harbors. The new Harbor Road will be a dedicated public road within the Harbor Subdivision right-of-way to replace existing unimproved roadway that is predominately on private property and runs around and between existing commercial buildings
- **Reduce Maintenance Costs.** The Project will significantly reduce existing operation and maintenance costs for the harbor access road through reduced water damage, ongoing subgrade and surface repairs, and grading requirements due to inadequate surface course.

WHEREAS, The City of Saint Paul desires to submit a planning proposal for the Harbor Road Upgrade Project, estimated to cost \$1,500,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby authorizes applying for 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 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL
THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023 BY ___ IN FAVOR ___ OPPOSED AND ___ ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

Jacob N. Mercurief, Mayor

Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk