

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager
Date: March 13, 2012
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 12-06

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TIGER IV GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has \$500 million available in FY 2012 TIGER Discretionary Grant funds, a program that funds national infrastructure investments;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation reviewed the City's pre-application submitted on February 20, 2012 and determined that the Bethel Bank Stabilization Project - Phase 2 qualifies as a viable project for TIGER IV grant funding;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Bank Stabilization Project – Phase 2 involves work to rehabilitate the 1,200 foot of seawall known as the East Addition that extends from the mouth of Browns Slough to the entrance channel of the Bethel Small Boat Harbor;

WHEREAS, the Eastern Addition Seawall protects a portion of the City Dock and aids in its role in serving the Bethel and regional village economies;

WHEREAS, the Eastern Addition Seawall, when in prime condition after completion of the Bethel Bank Stabilization Project, can and will accommodate the mooring of large vessels (greater than 300 feet in length) in the Port of Bethel's role as a Potential Place of Refuge, an Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation designation for communities able to serve stricken ocean-going vessels;

WHEREAS, the Eastern Addition Seawall serves the City Cargo Dock and the Cargo Dock serves approximately 26,000 people in 54 villages that occupy 57,826 square miles in the Yukon-Kuskokwim River drainage;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed Phase 1 of the Bethel River Bank Stabilization Project in 2007, when it deposited basketball sized rocks at the base of the seawall to reduce scour and hold the pipe piles in place;

WHEREAS, the Bethel River Bank Stabilization Project – Phase 2 entails the installation of new tiebacks — steel rods welded to a group of ten pipe piles as a set (wales) and anchored 54 feet back to "deadmen;"

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WHEREAS, the Bethel River Bank Stabilization Project – Phase 2 involves the construction of 30 feet of additional pipe pile seawall to close a gap in the seawall left open as a boat launch ramp because the ramp is no longer necessary and the seawall will be strengthened as a result;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel owns the land and/or possess sufficient right-of-way access to the land necessary to complete the project;

WHEREAS, the Port of Bethel, a department of the City of Bethel, is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the East Addition Seawall and typically has \$10,000 in its budget annually to achieve this objective;

WHEREAS, the Bethel River Bank Stabilization Project – Phase 2 is expected to cost \$4,000,000 and have a useful life of fifty (50) years, according to Corps projections;

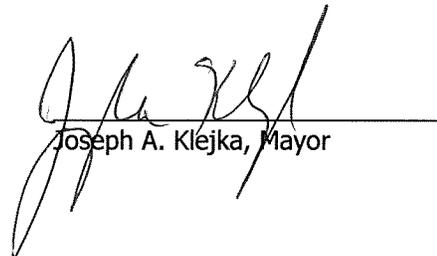
WHEREAS, TIGER IV urban grant applicants are required to provide 20% cash and in-kind match, rural applicants do not have to provide any cash or in-kind match and the City of Bethel intends to provide no cash match;

WHEREAS, TIGER IV grant applications are due electronically on March 19, 2012;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel promises to comply with the requirements of subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code (federal wage rate requirements) as required by the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act in the administration of TIGER IV grant funds and in all aspects of related project management;

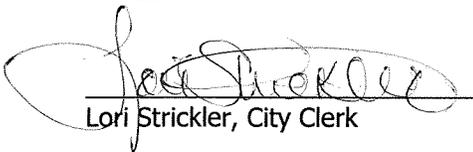
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the City's preparation and submission of an FY 2012 TIGER IV grant application to request \$4,000,000, or a new project amount determined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, that will be used to complete the Bethel Bank Stabilization Project – Phase 2.

ENACTED THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH, 2012 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk