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Date: May 28, 2013  
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## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 13-11**

#### **A RESOLUTION APPROVING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TIGER V GRANT APPLICATION TO COMPLETE THE BETHEL BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT – PHASE 2**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has \$474 million available in FY 2013 TIGER V Discretionary Grant funds, a program that funds national infrastructure investments;

**WHEREAS**, the City received verbal confirmation by telephone from the Department of Transportation that the Bethel Bank Stabilization Project - Phase 2 is be an eligible project for TIGER V 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, private and commercial property, and serves Bethel and 56 regional village economies by receiving 40,000 tons of freight a year, of which 16,000 tons are re-loaded onto river barges and taken to villages;

**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 56 villages that occupy 57,826 square miles in the Yukon-Kuskokwim River drainage;

**WHEREAS**, the City's project partner, 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;

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**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;”

**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**, as of April 30, 2013, the City’s balance sheet showed that \$1,267,164 was available in the City’s seawall maintenance account for major repairs to the seawall at any time;

**WHEREAS**, the City’s April 30, 2013 balance sheet revealed the accounting value of the seawall to be \$23,717,000, calculated by adding its non-depreciable land value (\$1,000,356) to its depreciable cost of construction (\$22,716,644);

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel River Bank Stabilization Project – Phase 2 is expected to cost approximately \$4,000,000 and have a useful life of fifty (50) years, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project manager;

**WHEREAS**, although TIGER V rural applicants are not required to provide any cash or in-kind match, the City of Bethel intends to provide some in-kind costs (e.g., pipe piles) to improve its applications score, but will not provide a cash match;

**WHEREAS**, TIGER V grant applications are due electronically on June 3, 2013;

**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 2013 Continuing Appropriations Act in the administration of TIGER V 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 2013 TIGER V 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;

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Bethel will adhere to all TIGER V grant stipulations and related rules and regulations in its administration of TIGER grant funds and promises to maintain and repair, as needed, the entire seawall, including the East Addition.

**ENACTED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY IN 2013 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**



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Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Lori Strickler, City Clerk