

Introduced by: Mayor, Chesley, Tupper
Date: 04/18/23
Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2023-34**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF HOMER’S FY23 PORT
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION FOR PORT AND HARBOR FLOAT
REPLACEMENT**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Homer is applying for a FY23 Federal Port Infrastructure Development Program (“PIDP”) grant from the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration to help replace Float Systems 1 and 4 in Homer Port and Harbor; and
- WHEREAS,** the project will complete the final design, permitting, and replacement of the floats and gangways that are well beyond life expectancy; and
- WHEREAS,** a 2022 Harbor Condition Assessment identified that these floats (some of which were constructed in 1964 as part of the original State-built Homer Harbor; others in the mid-1980s) were in serious to critical condition and will soon need to be condemned and decommissioned; and
- WHEREAS,** the project is titled Homer Port FREIGHT (Freight Resiliency & Efficiency – Improving Greater Homer-area Transportation);
- WHEREAS,** the float systems in Homer’s Port facility are critical infrastructure that supports essential freight movement, the maritime transportation trades and many industries (commercial fishing, aquaculture and scientific research, etc.) and communities in Kachemak Bay, Cook Inlet, southcentral and western Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Homer’s last major replacement of a portion of the original-issue float systems occurred in 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** the Homer Port FREIGHT project will insure that Homer Harbor can operate at maximum capacity without suffering float failure which would have negative impacts on safety, vessels, and disrupt reliable, affordable means to move goods and people; and
- WHEREAS,** the project is identified as a Legislative Priority project in Homer’s FY24 Capital Improvement Plan as well as the Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (“CEDS”); and

WHEREAS, the Homer Port FREIGHT project aligns with the CEDS *Infrastructure & Land Use Goal* of stability and resiliency in transportation infrastructure, and is identified as an objective in the CEDS' Action Plan: to advance the stability and resilience of Homer's marine transportation infrastructure so that it continues its critical role in facilitating regional economic activity and community resilience;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the City of Homer's application for the FY23 Federal Port Infrastructure Development Program grant from the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration to replace Float Systems 1 and 4 in Homer Port & Harbor.


SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution will be sent to Alaska's Congressional Delegation: Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, and Congresswoman Peltola.

SECTION 3. That this resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023.


Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Michele Turner, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk



Yes: Chesley, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tupper, Johnson
No: None
Absent: Derkevorkian