



## City of Homer

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August 8, 2022

Dear Mayor Pierce and Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members,

We are pleased to report that the City of Homer's Congressionally Designated Spending request to Senator Lisa Murkowski for Federal matching funds for the Homer Large Vessel Harbor Expansion General Investigation has successfully moved out of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee. The proposed FY23 budget still needs to pass through Congress and be signed by the President for final approval, but approval by the Senate Appropriations Committee is a significant step!

We greatly appreciate the Assembly's unanimous project endorsement through Kenai Peninsula Borough Resolution 2020-031, 2022-011, and 2022-014. Being able to show alignment for the project among our local Council, the Borough Assembly, District 31 legislators and our Federal Delegation was pivotal in securing State matching funds, and in turn, to advancing the project in the Federal appropriations process.

The Federal budget will hopefully be finalized prior to Congress' holiday recess in December. If successful, we will begin the General Investigation with the US Corps of Engineers in Federal FY23. We look forward to engaging the Assembly through that process to insure the design maximizes benefits to local and regional needs; further, we hope the project can count on your continued support as we begin planning for construction funds.

Thank you again,

Bryan Hawkins  
Port Director/Harbormaster

Jenny Carroll, Special Projects Coordinator

Introduced by: Mayor, Assembly  
Date: 02/01/22  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2022-011**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF HOMER'S REQUEST TO THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR \$1.5 MILLION TO COMPLETE THE HOMER PORT AND HARBOR EXPANSION GENERAL INVESTIGATION STUDY**

**WHEREAS,** the recently enacted Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA") provides supplemental appropriations to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") and directed the USACE to develop a workplan within 60 days of enactment; and

**WHEREAS,** this resolution supports the City of Homer's ("City") request to the USACE for \$1.5 million and for inclusion in the USACE's IIJA workplan for a new start General Investigation study to analyze the expansion of the City's existing port and harbor; and

**WHEREAS,** the General Investigation study will cover planning aspects needed to build a large vessel port at the Homer Spit including, but not limited to: breakwater basin design, economic, environmental and geo-physical factors, construction methods and costs and

**WHEREAS,** the estimated cost of the General Investigation study is \$3 million and it is a necessary initial step toward completion of the City's port and harbor expansion project that will be designed to support large vessel and multi-modal cargo operations allowing it to serve as a backup port in the event of a major disaster at the Port of Alaska and also serves as the region's only ice-free gateway to Cook Inlet; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has committed \$750,000 in local cost share (25% of the total cost) and has requested \$750,000 from the State of Alaska (25% of the total cost) to complete the General Investigation study; and

**WHEREAS,** the City's port, first constructed in 1965 and expanded to 50-acres, is centrally located in the Gulf of Alaska and is a marine transportation and industrial hub for Central and Western Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** over the last 15 years this port has seen a 42 percent increase in large vessel traffic with a current 414-vessel moorage waiting list and has the second highest amount of commercial fishing vessels in the state, over 50 maritime charter companies, and Alaska Marine Highway vessels; and

**WHEREAS,** the City's harbor serves as a port of refuge for large vessels transiting the Gulf of Alaska, Cook Inlet and Kennedy Entrance and has the potential to accommodate layover, repairs and provisioning needs of U.S. Coast Guard ships deployed under the Arctic Security mission; and

**WHEREAS,** the City's port and harbor expansion would meet the marine industry's growing market demands, address navigational hazards and capture new economic opportunities with a positive impact on the lives and livelihoods of thousands of Alaskans through job creation, economic development, and strengthened national security well into the future;

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

**SECTION 1.** The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly respectfully requests that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") approve the City of Homer's request for \$1,500,000 (\$1.5 million) for a new start General Investigation study for the expansion of the existing port and harbor.

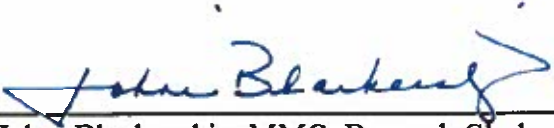
**SECTION 2.** Copies of this resolution will be sent to Michael Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Office of the Under Secretary of the Army, U.S. Department of the Army, 108 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310; Congressman Don Young, Senator Sullivan, Senator Murkowski and our local and state representatives.

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

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.**

  
Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



**Yes:** Bjorkman, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Tupper, Johnson

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

Introduced by: Assembly, Mayor  
Date: 02/15/22  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2022-014**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF HOMER'S REQUEST TO THE  
ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR \$750,000 TO  
COMPLETE THE HOMER PORT AND HARBOR EXPANSION GENERAL  
INVESTIGATION STUDY**

- WHEREAS,** the assembly recently adopted Resolution 2022-011, supporting the City of Homer's Request to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for \$1.5 Million to Complete the Homer Port and Harbor Expansion General Investigation Study; and
- WHEREAS,** this resolution urges the Alaska State Department of Transportation to amend its proposed FY2023 state capital budget and fully fund the amount of \$750,000 for the purpose of conducting a new start General Investigation feasibility study for a large port expansion to the City of Homer's ("City") port and harbor; and
- WHEREAS,** this resolution supports the City's request to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation (AKDOT) to join in partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the City; and
- WHEREAS,** this resolution further supports and asks that AKDOT approve the City's request for \$750,000 for a new start General Investigation study for Homer's Port Expansion project;
- WHEREAS,** the General Investigation study will cover planning aspects needed to build a large vessel port at the Homer Spit including, but not limited to: breakwater basin design, economic, environmental and geo-physical factors, construction methods and costs; and
- WHEREAS,** the City has committed \$750,000 in local cost share (25% of the total cost), has requested \$750,000 from the State of Alaska (25% of the total cost), and \$1.5 million from the USACE (50% of the total cost) to complete the General Investigation Study; and
- WHEREAS,** over the last 15 years this port has seen a 42% increase in large vessel traffic with a current 414-vessel moorage waiting list, causing overcrowding and significant lost revenue for the State as large vessels have to travel down to the lower 48 for space to overwinter and conduct maintenance and repairs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Port of Homer serves as a port of refuge and home port for large vessels transiting the Gulf of Alaska, Cook Inlet and Kennedy Entrance and has the potential to accommodate layover, repairs and provisioning needs of large vessels including U.S. Coast Guard ships deployed under the Arctic Security mission with this Port expansion; and

**WHEREAS,** the Homer Port has the second highest amount of commercial fishing vessels in the state, over 50 maritime charter companies, a diverse commercial fleet, and supports infrastructure that is critical to the safety and livelihood of numerous communities and industries throughout South Central and Western Alaska, including the transportation connections of the Sterling Highway and State ferry Terminal, both AKDOT assists; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost of an Army Corps of Engineers General Investigation Study is capped at \$3 million, and by policy must be completed within three years and is the initial step to justification of federal dollars for the construction portion of the Port of Homer expansion project; and

**WHEREAS,** the recently enacted Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”) provides supplemental appropriations to the USACE and directed the USACE to develop a workplan within 60 days of enactment; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has requested the USACE for inclusion of the \$1.5 million (50% cost share) in the USACE’s IIJA workplan for a new start General Investigation Study to analyze the expansion of the City’s existing port and harbor; and

**WHEREAS,** the City’s port and harbor expansion would meet the marine industry’s growing market demands, address navigational hazards and capture new economic opportunities with a positive impact on the lives and livelihoods of thousands of Alaskans through job creation, economic development, and strengthened national security well into the future;

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

**SECTION 1.** The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly respectfully requests that the State of Alaska Department of Transportation join in partnership with the Federal USACE and the City and approve the City’s request for the State to allocate \$750,000 from its FY23 budget for a new start General Investigation Study for the expansion of the existing port and harbor.

**SECTION 2.** That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Ryan Anderson, State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Commissioner, P.O. Box 112500, Juneau, AK, 99811-2500; Governor Michael J. Dunleavy, Congressman Don Young, Senator Sullivan and Senator Murkowski.

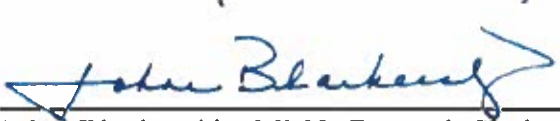
**SECTION 3.** That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the City of Homer and the Kenai Peninsula State Legislators: Senators Peter Micciche and Gary Stevens, and Representatives Ben Carpenter, Ron Gillham, Louise Stutes, and Sarah Vance.

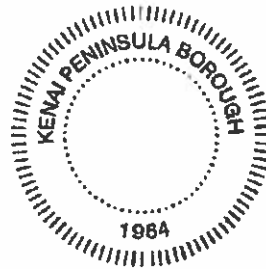
**SECTION 4.** That this resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.**

  
Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



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



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

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JUL 15 2022

July 6, 2022

City of Homer  
Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
491 E. Pioneer Avenue  
Homer, Alaska 99603

RE: FY 23 Designated Legislative Grant

Dear Mr. Dumouchel:

I am pleased to notify you the City of Homer has been appropriated a FY 2023 Designated Legislative Grant per AS 37.05.315, Grants to Municipalities for the purpose of New Large Vessel Harbor Matching Funds for Army Corps of Engineers General Investigation. The amount of state funding appropriated for this grant is \$750,000.00

In order to receive grant funds, a grant agreement must be executed. Please provide the following information within 30 days:

- A scope of work for this project which includes a detailed project description, proposed timeline, and budget narrative.
- Completed Signatory Authority Form (enclosed).

Upon receipt of the requested information, I will prepare and send the grant agreement for signature.

The latest Designated Legislative Handbook is available online at:  
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dera/GrantsSection/DLGrants.aspx> and should answer any questions you have regarding management and use of grant funds.

Congratulations on this award. I look forward to working with you to ensure the success of this project. If you have any additional questions, contact me via phone at (907) 269-7906 or email [Lindsay.reese@alaska.gov](mailto:Lindsay.reese@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

*Lindsay Reese*

Lindsay Reese  
Grants Administrator II

Enclosure

Signatory Authority Form





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### **NEWS RELEASE:**

A proposed federal appropriation for \$300,000 to start the US Corps of Engineer's General Investigation study for the Homer Large Vessel Harbor Expansion project successfully moved out of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee.

**For immediate release August 5, 2022.**

The City's Congressionally Designated Spending request to Senator Lisa Murkowski for Federal matching funds for the Homer Large Vessel Harbor Expansion General Investigation successfully moved out of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee. The \$300,000 budgeted in the Senate's Proposed FY23 Appropriations Bills is the amount the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) anticipates expending in FY23 to initiate the 3-year, \$3.0 million study.

The General Investigation will accomplish the necessary front-end planning for the project. Planning will involve the City and stakeholders and will be done cooperatively with the US Army Corps of Engineers. It will define and quantify Federal and non-Federal harbor conditions and needs, solicit input from stakeholders, develop alternative approaches and designs to solve the problems, conduct environmental review and determine whether the benefits of the project merit Federal investment in construction.

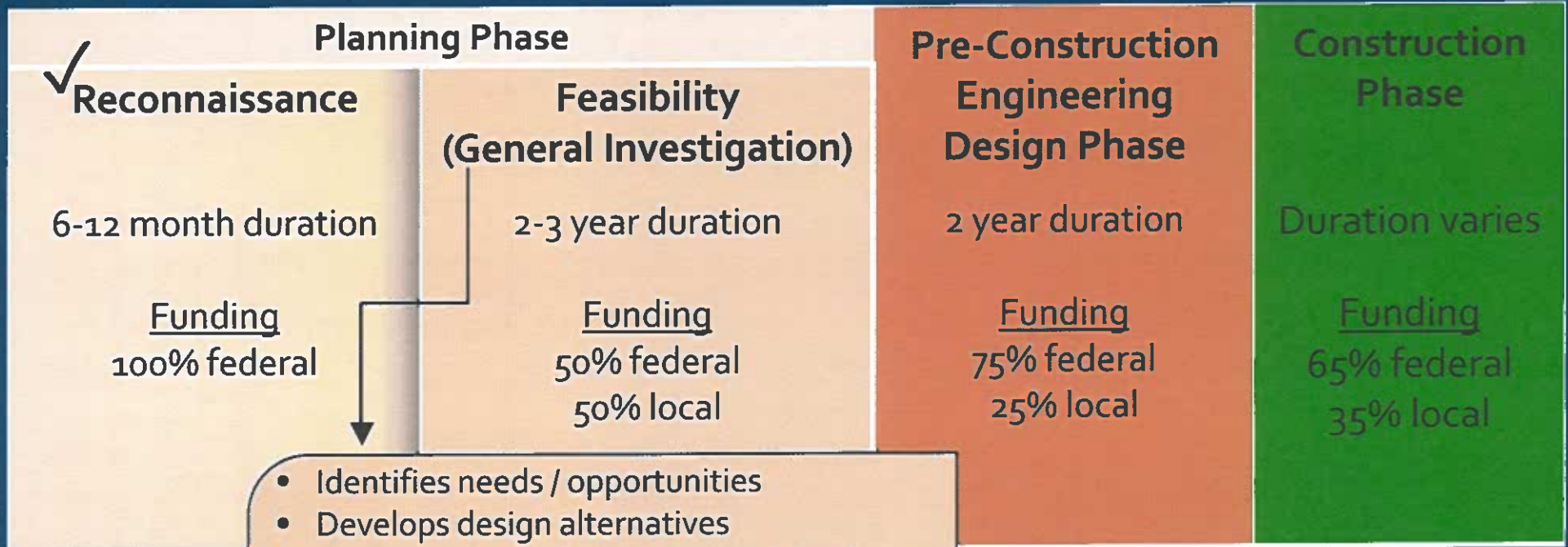
The FY23 Federal budget must still go before the full Senate and House before being forwarded to the President Biden's desk for consideration, possibly by the end of the year. While this is not a guarantee that the project will receive funding, approval by the Senate Appropriations Committee is a significant step in the process.

The City acknowledges and thanks our Congressional Delegation, Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan for their continued support for initiating the study, as well as our State legislators who helped secure State matching funds for the project in the State FY23 Capital budget. The City of Homer set aside its share of local matching funds in 2020.

**Contact:**

Bryan Hawkins, Harbormaster  
[bhawkins@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:bhawkins@ci.homer.ak.us)

## Homer Large Vessel Harbor Expansion Project Phases



- Identifies needs / opportunities
- Develops design alternatives
- Analyzes physical, environmental and socio-economic impacts
- Prepares Environmental Assessment
- Selects preferred plan and develops Benefit to Cost Ratio
- USACE Issues Chief of Engineer's Report





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May 17, 2022

Mayor Charlie Pierce  
Kenai Peninsula Borough  
144 N. Binkley St.  
Soldotna, AK 99669  
*Delivered electronically*

**SUBJECT: 2022 Cruise Passenger Tax Receipts**

Dear Mayor Pierce:

I am writing to confirm that the City of Homer wishes to receive the 2022 Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax receipts from the Borough. It is our understanding that you will be sponsoring an Ordinance that would make the Borough's share of these tax receipts for vessel landings in Homer available to the City. The City appreciates that and understands that the amount to be passed through for 2022 is \$35,445 from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

As a federal pass-through source, the eligible use of the funds must adhere to the ARPA guidance. As such, the City will defer applying the funds to reimburse the Port & Harbor Enterprise for the construction of Ramp 2 restroom for another year. The total remaining on this State and Borough previously approved CPVT use is \$57,521.17.

The City plans to accept the CY22 CPVT ARPA pass through as revenue replacement and utilize it, along with \$35,445 in CPVT funds from the State of Alaska, to support City of Homer's Port & Harbor crane dock services through a pay-go project: refurbishing Crane 7. We have included project details with this request.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Pass through CPVT funds from the Borough and the State will supplement funds from the Port & Harbor Reserves to makes this project feasible. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rob Dumouchel  
City Manager

Cc: Rachel Chaffee, KPB Community and Fiscal Projects Manager

**Homer Crane Dock: Refurbish Crane #7** - Project Manager: Bryan Hawkins, Harbormaster  
bhawkins@ci.homer.ak.us

This project completes a necessary overhaul of one of the seven cranes located on Homer Port & Harbor's Fish Dock. The public use cranes are owned and maintained by the City of Homer Port & Harbor and are heavily used by commercial fishing vessels. The crane identified for this funding is 35 years old and needs an overhaul to remain in service.

**Budget**

Item	Narrative	Amount
Contracted Labor and Materials	<p>Remove crane #7 and perform complete teardown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sand blast and paint all parts,</li> <li>• line bore and install new bushings and pins,</li> <li>• rebuild and reseal all cylinders,</li> <li>• clean and modify hydraulic tank,</li> <li>• install new winch, wire rope, and headache ball,</li> <li>• repair electric motor as needed,</li> <li>• install new hydraulic valve with hydraulic pilot controls,</li> <li>• convert all adaptors to stainless steel,</li> <li>• fabricate all new hoses,</li> <li>• fabricate new diamond plate valve stand and tubing cover,</li> <li>• install stainless steel tubing from pilot controls to valve</li> <li>• install new wear pads,</li> <li>• Install new pressure and return filters and suction strainers</li> <li>• apply all new warning decals and signage,</li> <li>• fill crane with new hydraulic fluid,</li> <li>• assemble with all new mounting hardware.</li> </ul> <p>Function test crane after assembly.</p>	\$ 139,400.00
Travel (drive) time to Homer to remove Crane and then return to install it	6 hours @ \$100/hour	\$ 600.00
<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$ 140,000.00</b>

Project Start Date: Summer 2022 (after Borough grant agreement is received and Homer City Council approval of agreement via Ordinance)

Project Completion Date: Spring 2023

# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2023



Join us to watch Northern Enterprises new 220 Ton Travel Lift launch Baywelds 85' whale watching boat!

\*Join or Renew your membership\*

Refreshments & Door prizes

Friday  
August 26th  
2:30

Northern  
Enterprises  
Boat Launch