

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA (CBS) AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A BUILD 2020 GRANT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) FOR \$7,378,320 WITH A 20% MATCH COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT WALL AND CRANE AT THE MARINE SERVICES CENTER (MCS)

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WHEREAS, the working waterfront at MSC includes a port wall which is utilized as a berth for marine vessels including small cruise ships, freighters and fishing boats that utilize the only public port wall to transfer goods, cargo and passengers to/from vessels in Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the port wall at MSC provides access to a public crane and a 21,000 square foot cold storage building that serves two major fish processors in transporting their product and numerous small business owners such as the frozen at sea and charter fleet; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Fish and Game records show more than 400 vessel permits in 2020 participating in 65 different fisheries and almost 1,200 permits to various individuals and 2018 records show that 415 fishermen landed 23.9 million pounds with estimated gross earnings of \$41.1 million; and

WHEREAS, the fishing industry is an important component in this community and furthermore, the capability to have a working waterfront to move product and conduct business is essential; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 an engineering condition assessment was performed on the port wall that was built in 1976 at MSC and projected a remaining service life of 5 years; and

WHEREAS, the CBS proposes a \$9,222,900 project to replace the port wall and crane; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT announced a BUILD 2020 grant opportunity and CBS is eligible for up to \$25 million per project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka to authorize the CBS Municipal Administrator to apply for a Build 2020 Grant with the U.S. Department of Transportation for \$7,378,320 with a 20% CBS match commitment of \$1,844,580 for a total project cost of \$9,222,900.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 12th day of May, 2020.

Gary L. Paxton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 5/12/2020

Sponsor: Administrator