

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/
Community Development Director

RESOLUTION 25-020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER ALASKA
SUPPORTING PROJECT #34708 STERLING HIGHWAY EROSION
MITIGATION STUDY IN THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES 2024-2027 STATE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)
AMENDMENT 2.

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) issued its 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the summer of 2023 for public review and requested comments by September 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer expressed support for a number of projects via Resolution 23-083(A) adopted at their August 28, 2023 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, The ADOT/PF recently released the draft of Amendment #2 to the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which includes Project # 34708, Sterling Highway Erosion Mitigation Study to collect needed data and evaluate erosion mitigation measures needed to protect the Sterling Highway from erosion along the Homer Spit; and

WHEREAS, ADOT&PF are accepting public comments on Amendment #2 to the 2024-2027 STIP through March 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer has held numerous meetings with ADOT&PF representatives about the importance of transportation projects in the Homer area, including the need for multi-agency collaboration on erosion mitigation for the west side of the Homer Spit; and

WHEREAS, Through Resolutions 24-114 and 25-007, Homer City Council expressed the urgent need and intent to work with ADOT&PF and the US Army Corps of Engineers to plan and implement comprehensive, long-term erosion mitigation measures and maintenance plan; and

WHEREAS, Activities supported by this funding will initiate data collection, analysis, and preliminary design concepts to inform Homer Spit Road protection measures and could possibly establish the groundwork for a General Investigation, whether conducted under the reauthorization of the Homer Spit Revetment General Investigation (which typically faces

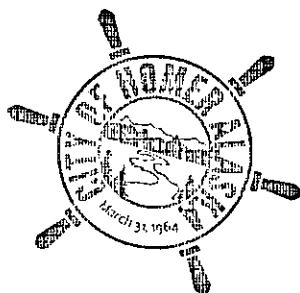
lengthy federal startup timelines) or conducted independently to US Army Corps of Engineers federal standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, supports Project #34708 Sterling Highway Erosion Mitigation Study in the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities 2024-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council of Homer, Alaska provides the following comments related to the project:

- The Sterling Highway, a state-maintained road that is part of the federal highway system, extends through Homer and to the end of the Homer Spit, providing a critical road surface freight and public traveler connection to Homer Port and Harbor and points beyond, to the AMHS ferry terminal, other state and federal assets, and to commercial, industrial, recreational and tourist amenities of statewide significance.
- Homer Spit erosion mitigation has been a Legislative Priority project in the City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan for several years.
- In recognition of the increasing vulnerability of the Homer Spit the City Council through Resolution 24-114 called for ADOT&PF and US Army Corps of Engineers to cooperatively plan and implement long term erosion mitigation and maintenance plans.
- The City is pleased that project funding has come forward from ADOT&PF and is encouraged by recent discussions about partnering on developing the scope of the planning project to support data collection and other activities required for a federal feasibility study, as well as possibly execution of the planning and design activities.
- The City encourages ADOT&PF to continue its partnership with the City of Homer to submit a FY24-26 Federal PROTECT grant for additional funds to further work on the project and produce a federally-compliant feasibility study, or further work during what could be a lengthy federal startup timeline for reauthorized work on the Homer Spit Revetment General Investigation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 10th day of March, 2025.



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