

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 23-29R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS FOR AN FHWA PROTECT GRANT FOR ROCKSLIDE MITIGATION (HEAD SCARP PINNING, BLOCK 3 REMOVAL AND EXCAVATION).

WHEREAS, a series of rockslides on a portion of the eastern mountainside owned by the Municipality of Skagway above the Port of Skagway have threatened the safety of the public and the private and publicly owned critical surface transportation infrastructure within the area including docks, roads, pedestrian corridors, harbors, freight yards, and railroad lines; and

WHEREAS, the mountainside remains unstable and an engineering evaluation determined there is risk of a large scale, catastrophic slope failure that could result in significant damage and risk to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality wishes to enhance the Port of Skagway’s adaption and resilience to protect against extreme weather events and other climate change related conditions that are catalyzing rockslide failure activity; and

WHEREAS, in order to actively address the potential ground failure that threatens critical surface transportation infrastructure as well as the safety and economic viability of the Skagway community, the Municipality and its partners are preparing for long-term protective/preventative actions intended to result in greatly reduced risk to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the projected costs of the long-term protections of life, safety, and critical port infrastructure from rockslides and other natural disasters are anticipated to place an unbearable cost burden on the Municipality of Skagway during a time of extensive necessary port capital projects; and

WHEREAS, to offset the cost of the project, the Municipality of Skagway is requesting FHWA funds through the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant program; and

WHEREAS, these PROTECT grant funds will be used to complete a project that will effectively mitigate the impacts of natural disasters on critical surface transportation infrastructure by pinning back the head scarp area, excavating a large unstable rock mass, excavating fractured and unstable rock, and improving rockslide mitigation measures (Head Scarp Pinning, Block 3 Removal and Excavation); and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway would like to provide non-federal funds equal to 20% of this project cost as matching funds for the grant; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality estimates that Head Scarp Pinning, and Block 3 Removal and Excavation will cost approximately \$33,410,456, twenty percent of which is \$6,682,091;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Skagway commits to 20% of the Rockslide Mitigation to Protect Skagway's Critical Port Economy project cost to serve as matching funds for an FHWA PROTECT grant, to actively address the ground failure above the Port of Skagway that threatens the health, safety, property, and economic viability of the Skagway community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 20% matching funds will be funded by Port Fund revenue over the life of the grant, including revenue collected from the Vessel Impact Fee, and when applicable, through in-kind, cash, and other innovative partnership contributions;

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2023, by the Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska.

Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:

Steve Burnham Jr., Borough Clerk

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