

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to conduct the Haines Rail Assess Pre-Feasibility Study, accepting grant funds in the amount of up to \$100,000 from the ADOT&PF for expenses incurred in the conduct of the Study, and authorizing the Manager to enter into a sole-source contract with ALCAN RaiLink/PROLOG Canada to perform the Study.

WHEREAS, the Borough Assembly is the governing body of the Haines Borough; and

WHEREAS, ALCAN RaiLink/PROLOG Canada (ALCAN/PROLOG) submitted a proposal titled "A Preliminary Assessment for Rail Access to the Port of Haines" to the Haines Port Development Council; and

WHEREAS, to the Haines Port Development Council requested support for the project from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) to conduct the study; and

WHEREAS, the ADOT&PF is authorized to enter into agreements with municipalities to plan, design, and construct transportation facilities pursuant to AS 44.42.020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is a municipality established under Alaska law; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds have been appropriated for the Haines Rail Access Pre-Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the ADOT&PF has offered to provide grant funding to the Haines Borough for the Haines Rail Access Pre-Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Haines Rail Access Pre-Feasibility Study is consistent with Objective 4e of the Haines 2025 Comprehensive Plan which states: *Pro-actively address possibility of railroad between Port Lutak area, the Yukon Territory and Interior Alaska*; and

WHEREAS, ALCAN RaiLink was incorporated to conduct the Alaska Canada Rail Link (ACRL) Feasibility Study, which was completed in 2007 and remains the most comprehensive evaluation of northern rail infrastructure investment, and since that time, a number of additional infrastructure investment studies have been completed under ALCAN RaiLink, including the *Yukon Short Track Report* and the *Canol Resource Corridor Study*; and


WHEREAS, the Haines Rail Access Pre-Feasibility Study would expand and update the ALCAN/PROLOG ACRL Study where it specifically covers what was designated as the *Haines Rail Benchmark*; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their work on the ACRL and related studies, ALCAN/PROLOG is a leading consulting group with much experience in multi-modal railway, highway, aviation, marine and pipeline transportation experience, including infrastructure planning, transportation policy development, freight and passenger market analysis, economic impact assessment, modal traffic forecasting, intermodal systems analysis, and regional distribution economics; and


WHEREAS, the Manager believes that sufficient justification exists under Haines Borough Code - exceptions to competitive sealed bidding and submission of quotations, subsection 3.60.170(c) "where the borough's requirements can be met solely by an article or process obtainable only from a single source," to award a sole-source contract with ALCAN/PROLOG for the proposed Haines Rail Access Pre-Feasibility Study,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly hereby authorizes the Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to conduct the Haines Rail Assess Pre-Feasibility Study, accepts grant funds in the amount of up to \$100,000 from the ADOT&PF for expenses incurred in the conduct of the Study, and authorizes the Manager to enter into a sole-source contract with ALCAN RaiLink/PROLOG Canada to perform the Study.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 8th day of October 2013.


Stephanie Scott, Mayor

Attest:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

