

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting a Department of Transportation Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (FASTLANE Grant) application for fiscal year 2017 for Lutak Dock improvements.

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough seeks a federal appropriation for the pre-construction planning and geotechnical analysis necessary to repair or replace the Lutak Dock; and

WHEREAS, the dock is a year-round, sheltered harbor, with excellent road connectivity and the potential to develop spacious upland storage that could support the maritime services industry, bulk cargo handling and, potentially, ore transshipment; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 structural assessment prepared by PND Engineers, Inc. concluded "the structure has reached the end of credible 60-year service life" and "is effectively on borrowed time"; and

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) established the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP) program to provide federal financial assistance to projects of national or regional significance; and

WHEREAS, the program was authorized at \$4.5 billion for fiscal years 2016 through 2020, including \$850 million for FY 2017 to be awarded by the Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, for small projects, the grants must be at least \$5 million and maximum FASTLANE awards may not exceed 60 percent of future eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough on 10/12/16 contracted with R&M Consultants, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$129,530 to provide conceptual options for replacing or refurbishing the Lutak Dock, including research, analysis, cost estimating, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, R&M Consultants will prepare cost estimates and preliminary engineering for the 12/15/16 grant application deadline; and

WHEREAS, Lutak Dock ranks as the top federal funding priority for the Haines Borough,

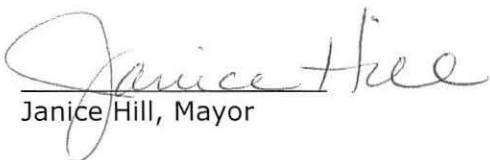
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly supports a Department of Transportation Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (FASTLANE Grant) application by the Haines Borough for fiscal year 2017 for Lutak Dock improvements.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 13th day of December, 2016.

Attest:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk




Janice Hill, Mayor