

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$4,775,813.21 FOR 2023 FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND, FROM THE UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT, AND APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE PORT MACKENZIE BARGE RAMP.

AGENDA OF: September 26, 2023

ASSEMBLY ACTION: Adopted without objection 10/03/23 - BJH

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	9 / 1 4 / 2 0 2 3 X P a m e l a G r a h a m <small>Signed by: Pamela Graham</small>
Department/ Finance Director	9 / 1 5 / 2 0 2 3 X C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l <small>Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel</small>
Borough Attorney	9 / 1 5 / 2 0 2 3 X N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s <small>Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos</small>
Borough Manager	9 / 1 5 / 2 0 2 3 X M i c h a e l B r o w n <small>Signed by: Michael Brown</small>
Borough Clerk	X

ATTACHMENT (S): Ordinance Serial No. 23-095 (2 pp)
Resolution Serial No. 23-100 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

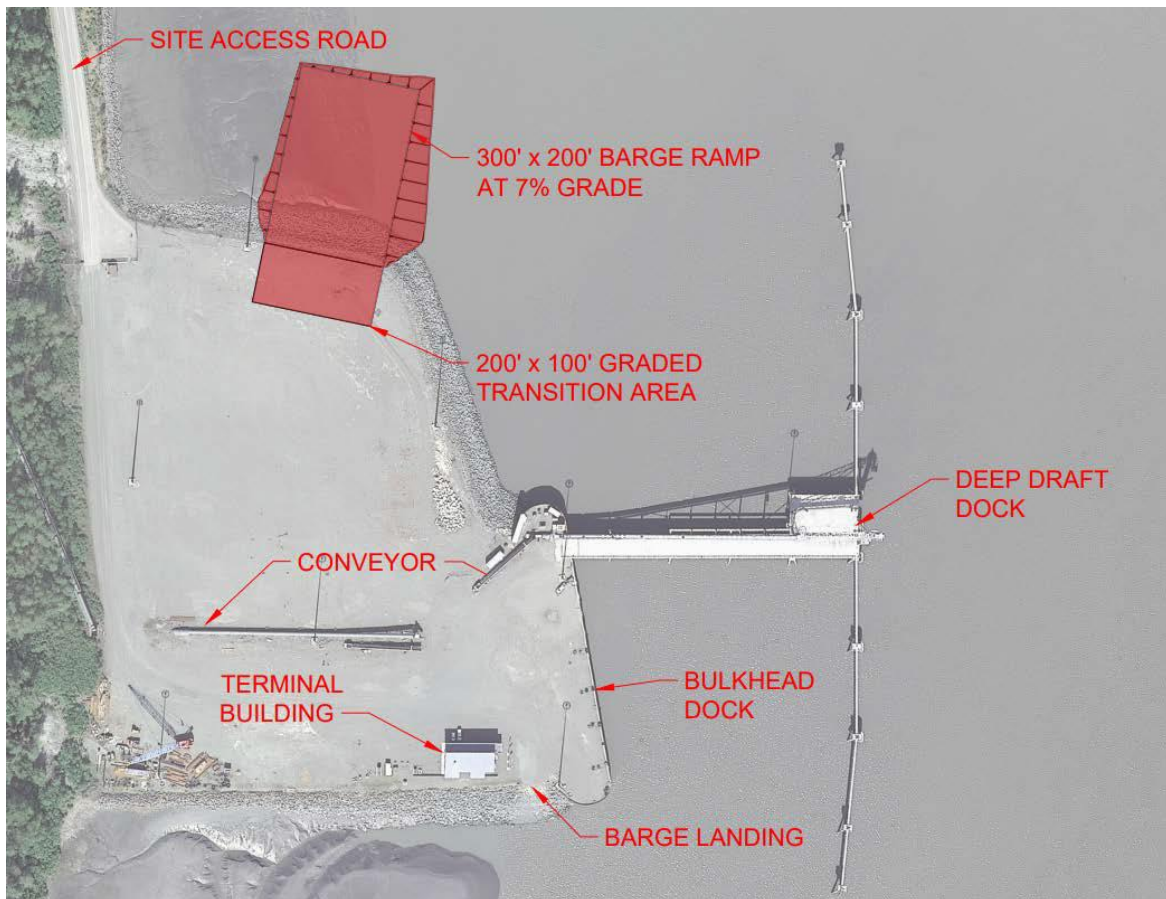
In September 2022, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund for Eligible Revenue Sharing Counties. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) appropriated \$2 billion to the U.S. Treasury across fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide payments to eligible revenue-sharing counties and eligible Tribal governments for use on any governmental purpose except for lobbying activity.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough has received a total allocation of \$9,551,626.42 in two equal parts. The initial award for 2022 has been received and was allocated as follows:

Mat-Su Central School construction	\$3,400,000
Jay Nolfi Park improvements	\$250,000
Transportation match funding	\$1,125,813

This legislation will allocate the 2023 portion in the amount of \$4,775,813.21, for use on the Port MacKenzie Barge ramp. The proposed barge ramp would create a sloped haul-out ramp for barges and other watercraft. The ramp would allow barges to be grounded and pulled onto the uplands for storage. Vessels would come into the ramp on a rising tide and would be placed on cylindrical airbags. Vessels would be pulled by heavy equipment and rolled into the uplands on the airbags. Vessels may be relaunched in a similar manner. The ramp may have future uses, including the occasional offloading of cargo, launching/hauling by hydraulic trailer, and other specialized operations.

The Borough has completed a conceptual design study for the proposed ramp. It identifies physical site constraints, design considerations, permitting conditions, and conceptual designs, and provides an opinion of probable construction cost (OPCC). The site data and design elements identified in the report will be used as the foundation for a basis of design.



The results of the conceptual design study indicate that the project is feasible from construction, permitting, and operational standpoints. It is not anticipated that significant field efforts would be required to complete the design and permitting process. Permitting may be time-consuming and may take up to two years to complete. The OPCC for the recommended option is \$6,185,600.

Borough staff continue to look for Federal grant opportunities and have already applied for a US Maritime Administration (MARAD) Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant for this project. If a grant is awarded now or in the future, this LACTF funding can be used as a non-Federal match for the Federal grant.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Allocate this Federal funding to offset funding that would otherwise be needed from local taxpayer revenues or potential debt service to develop this capital improvement.

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
FISCAL NOTE**

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FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT YES NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED \$4,775,813.21	FUNDING SOURCE U.S. Treasury
FROM ACCOUNT #	PROJECT
TO ACCOUNT : 450.000.000 4XX.XXX	PROJECT # 70012
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DATE:	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds		4,775.8				
Other						
TOTAL		4,775.8				

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

PREPARED BY: _____ PHONE: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____ DATE: _____

APPROVED BY: C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l _____ DATE: _____

Signed by: C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l