

ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. G20-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY RELATING
TO THE SECOND PHASE OF PRELIMINARY
PREDEVELOPMENT WORK ON THE WEST SUSITNA
ACCESS ROAD PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (the “Authority”) has the ability under AS 44.88.172 to own and operate, or to finance, development projects that create infrastructure needed to bring natural resources to market;

WHEREAS, the opening of new areas for natural resource development through the construction of access roads is important in supporting economic development and is in furtherance of the Authority’s statutory mission;

WHEREAS, predevelopment work on access roads to proposed natural resource projects may require expenditures for planning, permitting, environmental work, feasibility studies, preliminary engineering, legal services, or other similar tasks before a determination can be made as to whether the project is viable or eligible for financing by the Authority;

WHEREAS, the Authority has an opportunity to work with the Matanuska Susitna Borough (“Borough”) and AK Operations LLC (“AKO”), who is a private owner of resources in the region, and potentially with other interested private parties, on predevelopment work for an access and transportation corridor that will open up the west side of Cook Inlet to natural resource developments (the “West Susitna Access Road”);

WHEREAS, the Staff of the Authority is working on a memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) with the Borough and AKO to outline the joint efforts the Authority, Borough and AKO

will take in carrying out the second phase of a feasibility analysis as initial pre-development work for the West Susitna Access Road;

WHEREAS, the MOU will provide that the Authority and AKO will each contribute up to \$162,500 for the scope of work including the preliminary engineering analysis, wetlands mapping, and field studies, and the Authority will seek a minimum additional \$100,000 in funds for the work from other interested private parties; and

WHEREAS, pursuing entering into the MOU with the Borough and AKO and paying up to \$162,500 for predevelopment work on the West Susitna Access Road are all in furtherance of the Authority's statutory powers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Under AS 44.88.172, the Authority is authorized to enter into the MOU with the Borough and AKO regarding predevelopment work on the West Susitna Access Road. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to complete the negotiations regarding the MOU for the second phase, to sign the MOU on behalf of the Authority, and to cause the Authority to perform its obligations under the MOU.

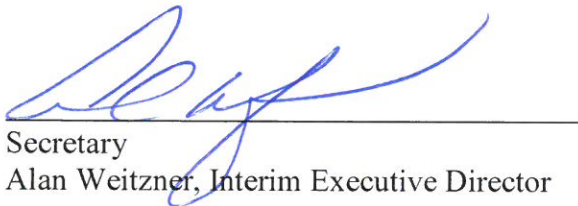
Section 2. Once the MOU is executed, the Authority is authorized to contract for predevelopment work on the West Susitna Access Road with engineers and other professionals, as contemplated in the MOU. Thereafter, the Authority is authorized to expend up to \$162,500 from the Revolving Fund's Economic Development Account to pay for the predevelopment work on the West Susitna Access Road. This authorization includes any expenditures committed or incurred by the Authority for this project prior to the date of this Resolution.

Section 3. If the Executive Director determines it to be appropriate, the Authority is authorized to enter into agreements with other interested private parties regarding funding predevelopment work, or portions of it, on the West Susitna Access Road as contemplated in the MOU with the Borough and AKO.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this 24th day of June, 2020.



Chair
J. Dana Pruhs



Secretary
Alan Weitzner, Interim Executive Director