

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 23-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC  
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ACCEPTING STATE OPERATING  
FUNDS THROUGH A TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES  
AGREEMENT (TORA) TO CONSTRUCT ICE ROADS AND FOR  
RELATED PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS:** the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly is the governing body for the Northwest Arctic Borough, an Alaska home rule, regional municipal government that encompasses eleven communities within its boundaries; and

**WHEREAS:** the State of Alaska appropriated funds through a Transfer of Responsibilities Agreement (TORA) for the Borough to construct ice roads between Kotzebue, Noorvik, and Kiana between February and May 2023; and

**WHEREAS:** the Borough has utilized State funds through a TORA for ice road construction in the past to provide safe and efficient transportation between the communities of Kotzebue, Noorvik, and Kiana; and

**WHEREAS:** the construction of the ice road increases access between communities for several months and reduces the cost of living by providing alternative access; and


**WHEREAS:** the Borough wishes to accept the funds from the State and facilitate transportation between Borough communities through execution of a TORA; and

**WHEREAS:** there is no matching requirement for this grant; and

**WHEREAS:** the grant terms require the Assembly to accept the grant funds before they can be spent or reimbursed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Northwest Arctic Borough accepts the funds from the State of Alaska in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for ice road construction and authorizes the Mayor to execute all necessary documents required for acquisition and management of these funds, including a transfer of responsibilities agreement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.**



**Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.**



**Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor**

**SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.**



**Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk**

**ATTEST:**



**TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES  
AND  
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH**

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Project Title: NWAB Ice Road 2023  
Funding Program: Northern Region Highways and Aviation Operating General Funds  
Funding Year: FY2023

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This TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT (TORA), effective upon the date of execution by both signatories, is made between the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (hereinafter called the STATE) and the Northwest Arctic Borough (hereinafter called the BOROUGH). The STATE and the BOROUGH are entering this agreement pursuant to AS 35.15.080 et seq. and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

The BOROUGH's coordinator for this TORA is Carl Weisner, Public Services Director, 907-442-8224, cweisner@nwabor.org. The STATE's coordinator for this TORA is Shanna Takitani, Administrative Officer I, 907-451-2249, shanna.takitani@alaska.gov. Each party agrees to notify the other party of its change in coordinator.

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this TORA is to transfer funding and responsibilities from the STATE to the BOROUGH to construct an ice road between Kotzebue, Noorvik and Kiana.

**2. Responsibilities:**

- A. The STATE shall provide funding up to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).
- B. The BOROUGH shall use the funds for the following:

**SCOPE OF WORK:**

Construct an ice road between Kotzebue, Noorvik and Kiana between February and May of 2023.

**3. Conditions:**

The BOROUGH has requested they be allowed to assume all responsibility for the work described in SCOPE OF WORK and the parties mutually agree to the following:

- A. The STATE agrees to provide funding up to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for this project.
- B. The BOROUGH will be reimbursed for costs that have been incurred that can be adequately verified as valid for this project, but not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

- L. Unless changed by subsequent written notice, any notices required by this Agreement shall be sent or emailed to the following addresses:

STATE: Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Northern Region Maintenance & Operations  
Attn: Shanna Takitani  
2301 Peger Road  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-5399  
shanna.takitani@alaska.gov

BOROUGH: Northwest Arctic Borough  
P.O. Box 1110  
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752  
cweisner@nwabor.org

- M. This Agreement may be modified or amended by a written agreement signed by both parties.

APPROVALS:

Northwest Arctic Borough

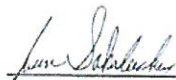


Dickie Moto  
Borough Mayor

2-9-23

Date

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities



Jason Sakalaskas  
Northern Region Maintenance & Operations Chief

11-3-22

Date