

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 19-37**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING A MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE REIMBURSABLE
ADVANCE FUNDING FOR THE CAPE BLOSSOM ROAD,
AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS: the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (“DOT&PF”) has been leading the State of Alaska’s effort to plan and construct the Cape Blossom Road from Kotzebue to Cape Blossom (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS: the Project would improve access and enhance safety between Kotzebue and the shoreline on the southwest side of the Baldwin Peninsula; and

WHEREAS: the proposed Project will include constructing upgrades to existing Air Force Road south of the Hillside Road intersection to the Kotzebue Electric Association (KEA) Wind Farm, and constructing a new two-lane, gravel road from the wind farm south, including a crossing at Sadie Creek, to a beach access ramp above the high-tide line at Cape Blossom; and

WHEREAS: DOT&PF anticipates funding in the FY20 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to fund Project construction; and

WHEREAS: in order to move the Project forward, DOT&PF has requested that the Borough, NANA, the City of Kotzebue, and Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation (KIC) provide advance funding for the Project in order to move it forward expeditiously; and

WHEREAS: under a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) authorized under this Resolution, the Borough will agree to pay advance funding for the Project ranging from \$2.5 million to \$5 million to DOT&PF in August 2019, that DOT&PF will later reimburse to the Borough through the FY20 STIP; and

WHEREAS: in order to move the Project forward, the Assembly authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and execute an MOA with DOT&PF to provide reimbursable advance funding for Cape Blossom Road construction in an amount not to exceed \$5 million.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly hereby authorizes Mayor Lucy S. Nelson to negotiate and execute an MOA with DOT&PF to provide reimbursable advance funding for Cape Blossom Road construction in an amount not to exceed \$5 million.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly will consider an FY20 budget amendment ordinance to appropriate funds in the finalized advance funding amount under the MOA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE 2019.



Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE 2019.



Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE 2019.



Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

