

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the  
Request of the Acting Mayor  
Prepared by: Traffic Department  
For Reading: March 3, 2009

CLERK'S OFFICE

**APPROVED**

Date: 4-14-09

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2009-53

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) FROM AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES (ADOT&PF) AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE (MOA) TO THE STATE CATEGORICAL GRANTS FUND (231) UNDER THE MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIGHWAY TO HIGHWAY CONNECTION (H2H PROJECT)

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. That Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) From Amendment Number One to an MOU between ADOT&PF and the MOA is hereby appropriated to the State Categorical Grants Fund (231) under the Municipal Traffic Department to develop H2H Project.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 14th day of April, 2009.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk

Department Appropriation:  
Traffic Department \$200,000



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 120-2009

Meeting Date: March 3, 2009

**FROM:** Acting Mayor

**SUBJECT:** Appropriation of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) From Amendment Number One to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) and the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) to the State Categorical Grants Fund (231) Under the Municipal Traffic Department for the Development of the Highway to Highway Connection (H2H Project)

An Assembly Resolution is requested to appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) From Amendment Number One to a MOU between the ADOT&PF and the MOA to the State Categorical Grants Fund (231) under the Municipal Traffic Department to develop the H2H Project. This is a two year agreement that grants a maximum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) per year for this project. The grant agreement expires on December 17, 2010.

This grant funds the services of a project engineer/liaison to provide professional transportation planning and management oversight for the H2H Project. This project will connect the Glenn and Seward Highways which has been identified as an essential project of the 2027 Anchorage Bowl Long Range Transportation Plan, and adopted by the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions Policy Committee on April 12, 2007.

The budget detail is as follows:

Revenues	Account Name	Amount
231-77249G-9398	State Grant Revenue-Pass Thru	\$200,000
Expenditures	Account Name	Amount
231-77249G-3101	Professional Services	\$ 192,216
231-77249G-6022	Clerk	15
231-77249G-6061	OEO	104
231-77249G-6091	Office of Management & Budget	551
231-77249G-6095	Purchasing	916
231-77249G-6103	Finance, Financial Reporting	4,013
231-77249G-6105	Finance, Accounts Payable	620
231-77249G-6109	Finance, Cash Receipts	39
231-77249G-6110	PeopleSoft Support	<u>1,526</u>
	Total	\$200,000

1 THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION  
2 APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) FROM AMENDMENT  
3 NUMBER ONE TO AN MOU BETWEEN ADOT&PF AND THE MOA TO THE STATE  
4 CATEGORICAL GRANTS FUND (231) UNDER THE MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT  
5 FOR THE HIGHWAY TO HIGHWAY CONNECTION PROJECT.  
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8 Prepared by: Lance R. Wilber, Director, Traffic Department  
9 Fund Certification: Sharon Weddleton, CFO  
10 Total Funds Certified \$200,000  
11 231-77249G-9398-772490 BP 2009 \$200,000  
12 (FHWA Grant)  
13 Concur: Michael K. Abbott, Municipal Manager  
14 Respectfully submitted: Matt Claman, Acting Mayor

THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES  
AND  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
FOR  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIGHWAY TO HIGHWAY CONNECTION

AMENDMENT NO. 1  
AKSAS No. 58544, Federal Project No. NH-0005(588)

November 18, 2008

The original Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective September 28, 2007 between the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and the Municipality of Anchorage (the Municipality) is hereby amended as follows:

FUNDING

Insert the following:

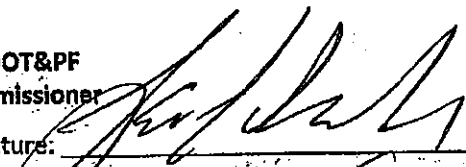
DOT&PF shall fund the Municipal Project Engineer/Liaison position in the amount of \$108 per hour, to a maximum of \$100,000.00 per year. The Municipality shall invoice DOT&PF quarterly; the funding shall be for the period of two years.

All other provisions of the original MOU remain in force.

SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereto executed this Agreement on the date(s) set forth below.

For DOT&PF  
Commissioner

Signature: 

Name: CEO VON SCHEESE

Date: 12/17/08

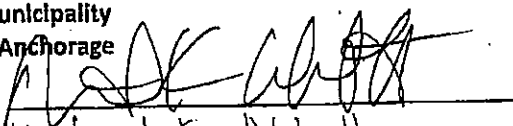
For DOT&PF  
Regional Director, Central Region

Signature: 

Name: GORDON C. KEITH

Date: 12/11/08

For the Municipality  
Mayor of Anchorage

Signature: 

Name: Michael K. Abbott

Date: 12/11/2008

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**  
**AND**  
**THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**FOR**  
**DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIGHWAY TO HIGHWAY CONNECTION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and entered into this 28th day of SEPTEMBER 2007, by and between the STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES (hereinafter referred to as "ADOT&PF"), acting by and through the Central Region, Office of the Regional Director; and the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE (hereinafter referred to as "the MUNICIPALITY") acting by and through the Office of the Mayor, for the development of a Highway to Highway Connection (hereinafter referred to as "the H2H") in Anchorage, Alaska.

The need to connect the Glenn and Seward Highways is identified as an essential project of the 2027 Anchorage Bowl Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which was adopted by the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) Policy Committee on April 12, 2007. Traffic on the Glenn Highway is predicted to double in the next twenty years, and without dramatic improvements, traffic congestion will significantly increase throughout Anchorage, especially in the area between the existing freeway portions of the Glenn and Seward Highways. This H2H project will construct the backbone of the Anchorage road network by using the topography where appropriate to trench, burrow, and depress a new, high-capacity expressway on a unique alignment designed to serve "through-trips" (major destinations within and across town) while benefiting surface neighborhoods with improved parks and trail connections. A series of ground-level connections – ranging from innovative bridge-top parks to well landscaped roadways – would reconnect communities as a true parkway.

This agreement recognizes that successful completion of the H2H will require coordinated support at the neighborhood, city, state and federal level and sets out to identify how such coordination and support will be organized.

**EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

The ADOT&PF and the MUNICIPALITY agree to the establishment of an Executive Oversight Committee (EOC), to be composed of the ADOT&PF Central Region Director, The Mayor of the Municipality, and a representative of the Federal Highway Administration. This committee will oversee all phases of the project development process and provide policy level guidance to the H2H committees and project staff on issues pertinent to the public involvement, planning, local coordination, environmental review, design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the H2H project.

The EOC will, in addition to providing guidance, also utilize staff resources and input from H2H project committees including:

1. Project Managers,
2. Citizens and Highway Users Advisory Committee,
3. Public involvement staff and advisers.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

The H2H project will significantly impact surrounding neighborhoods, the city, and the region. Through careful consideration these changes can provide benefits far beyond the movement of traffic. These benefits include: removing the freeway traffic from view, reducing traffic noise, creating parks and landscaping along the corridor including the former traffic routes, reconnecting the neighborhood street network, and providing opportunities for redevelopment on the corridor. To maximize the benefit of this project, the development process needs to be as transparent and open to public input as is possible. To keep this input at the forefront of the decision process, the Citizens and Highway Users Advisory Committee and public involvement staff will be interacting directly with the EOC.

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

The ADOT&PF and the MUNICIPALITY agree to jointly manage this project. The ADOT&PF Project Manager and the Municipal Project Engineer will be designated by the DOT&PF Central Region Director and the Mayor of Anchorage respectively. Their duties will consist of overseeing the day to day management of staff and consultants throughout the project development process, from initial reconnaissance and environmental review to ribbon cutting and project completion.

**CITIZENS AND HIGHWAY USERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The members of the Citizens and Highway Users Advisory Committee (CHUAC) shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the EOC. CHUAC will advise the EOC, project managers, staff and others as necessary, of the desires and concerns of all aspects of the public's use, impacts, and potential benefits of the H2H. The CHUAC will be composed of a wide cross section of interested groups and segments of the citizenry.

#### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES

The ADOT&PF and the MUNICIPALITY agree that the project will be developed following the process used for federal highway funded projects unless otherwise directed by the EOC.

#### FUNDING

The H2H project is one the largest transportation projects in Anchorage and the State of Alaska. It will require significant financial support from all levels. The ADOT&PF and the MUNICIPALITY agree to support and pursue innovative funding from a number of sources that may include, but are not limited to:

- o Federal,
- o State,
- o Local, and
- o Other funds.

#### TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This agreement will commence upon the date of the final signature of this document and shall remain in effect until the project is completed or until terminated as provided in this agreement.

#### PRIOR APPROVAL

Any amendment, revisions, addenda, extensions, or reaffirmation of this agreement must be in writing and be approved and signed by the ADOT&PF Central Region Director and the Mayor of the MUNICIPALITY.

#### MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

A. Only a written instrument executed by the parties may modify this Agreement.

B. Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing the other party with thirty (30) days advance written notice. In the event that one party provides the other party with notice of its intent to terminate, the parties will meet promptly to discuss the reasons for the notice and try to resolve their differences.

#### SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto executed this Agreement on the date(s) set forth below,

For the ADOT&PF

Commissioner

Signature: 

Name: Len Von Shelton - Commissioner

Date: 9/28/07

Regional Director, Central Region

Signature: 

Name: GORDON C. KEITH - REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Date: 9/28/07

For the MUNICIPALITY

Mayor of Anchorage

Signature: 

Name: Mark Begich

Date: 9/28/07

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**Author:** pruittns**Initiating Dept:** Traffic

**Description:** Grant funds for a proj eng/liason to provide professional trans plng and mgmt for the H2H Project. This project will connect the Glenn & Seward Hwys identified as an essential project of the 2027 Anchorage Bowl LRTP, adopted 04/12/07 by AMATS.

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CONSENT AGENDA - INTRODUCTION