PETERSBURG BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION #2024-03

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PETERSBURG AIRPORT REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Airport is a busy vital transportation and shipping hub for Petersburg and the surrounding area with all residents, visitors, goods and mail entering or leaving Mitkof Island via water or aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Airport is in need of infrastructure improvements, specifically:

1) the Runway 5 blast pad is settling, and the runway end lights are settling with it; and a settlement bump between the runway and the blast pad does not meet the standards of AC 150/5300-13B;

2) the Runway Safety Areas are sinking and water is puddling, which does not meet standard and the FAA has made note;

3) the General Aviation Expansion Area pavement is nineteen years old and the runway pavement is thirteen years old;

4) three of the ramp flood light poles are well past their age and are corroding, difficult to drop down, and their stability from falling over is in question;

5) seals on the ramp flood light heads are worn with water entering causing light bulbs to be replaced often. Working flood lights are critical to the safety of snow removal operations and aircraft night operations; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) plans to provide the necessary infrastructure improvements to the Petersburg Airport through the Airport Improvement Program funding. Improvements planned are:

1) correct the settlement on the Runway 5 blast pad;

2) rehabilitate the sinking Runway Safety Areas;

3) mill and pave the runway, taxiway, and General Aviation Expansion Area;

- 4) replace three of the six ramp flood light poles with drop down poles;
- 5) replace light heads on five of the six flood light poles;
- 6) replace the runway and taxiway lights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Petersburg Borough Assembly, on behalf of Petersburg's residents, visitors, and neighbors, strongly supports ADOT&PF's efforts to rehabilitate the local airport facility and appreciates them bringing the project forward to the Airport Project Evaluation Board at their February, 2024 meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on February 5, 2024 .

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk