



## SKAGWAY VILLAGE Resolution 2022-04

### 2022 TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

APPROVING THE TRIBE'S ASSUMPTION OF TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONS UNDER THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2021 (STRA-21)

**WHEREAS**, the Skagway Traditional Council is the governing body of the Skagway Village, a federally recognized Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, Skagway Village is empowered to negotiate with Federal, State and local governments, and others on behalf of the Skagway Village, to advise and consult with representatives of the Departments of federal agencies on all activities on behalf of the Tribe, and

**WHEREAS**, Skagway Village finds that transportation infrastructure is vital to the future economic prosperity of Tribal members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Skagway Village finds that rebuilding roads, bridges, trails, and transportation facilities on, or which provide access to SKAGWAY VILLAGE improves the safety and security of Tribal members and nonmembers who live or work in the Skagway Village area, and renews the sense of pride that all members have for our Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress passed and the President Signed the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021 (STRA-21), Div. A of Pub. L. 117-58 (November 15, 2021); and

**WHEREAS**, The STRA-21 increases opportunities for Tribal Governments in the administration and development of Tribal transportation programs and authorizes the Secretary of Interior to contract directly with Tribes to assume the responsibilities of and the associated funding for the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) serving a Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, 23 U.S.C. § 202(a)(2)(B), as amended together with the STRA-21, provides that an Indian Tribe may carry out a Tribal Transportation Program or project through a contract or other appropriate agreement with the Secretary of Interior.

**WHEREAS**, the Skagway Village believes that establishing a comprehensive transportation program for the Tribe will further the long-term interests of the Tribe, afford the Tribe greater flexibility and control to prioritize transportation needs for the Tribe, and permit the Tribe to utilize flexible financing arrangements available by law to

speed the development of transportation infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Skagway Village desires to assume the Secretary of Interior's duties and functions with respect to the Tribal Transportation Program serving the Skagway Village and such other Tribal Transportation programs-as may be appropriate under 23 U.S.C. §§ 201-202, as amended by the STRA-21; and

**WHEREAS**, Skagway Village possesses the financial stability and management capability required by the STRA-21, and possesses the expertise and experience to assume the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities in the area of transportation planning, design, construction and maintenance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Skagway Village does hereby approve issuing a Notice of Intent to the Secretary of the Interior to assume the transportation duties of the Secretary under the Tribal Transportation Program for transportation-related activities for the Skagway Village and instructs the Tribal Administrator to take all necessary actions to develop a mutually acceptable government-to-government agreement to administer the Tribal Transportation Program serving the Tribe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribal President is hereby authorized and instructed to sign this Resolution and all necessary agreements and contracts for and on behalf of the Tribe in order to establish and assume the transportation duties of the Secretary of the Interior serving the Skagway Village.

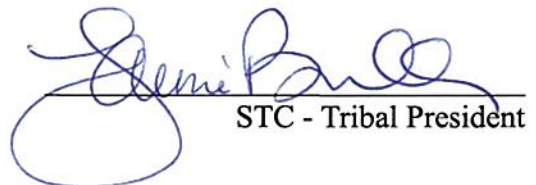
#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly called meeting of the Skagway Traditional Council held on 2/8/2022 at which a quorum was present by a vote of

4 IN FAVOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT.

Attest:

  
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STC - Tribal Secretary

  
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STC - Tribal President