

WRRDA 7001 Submissions Package
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Proposal Name: Kotzebue Harbor Feasibility Study

Submission Date: 09/07/2016

Proposal ID Number: f8560103-4530-4115-b6f1-2e46bbe8800d

Purpose of Proposal: The purpose of the modification proposal is to report to congress that once the study is complete and it demonstrates the regional economic & non-economic benefits of Navigation Improvements at Cape Blossom, future funding can be secured for the Cape Blossom Navigation Improvements.

1. Administrative Details

Proposal Name: Kotzebue Harbor Feasibility Study

by Agency: City of Kotzebue

Locations: AK

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Supporting Documents

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2. Provide the name of the primary sponsor and all non-Federal interests that have contributed or are expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.

| Sponsor | Letter of Support |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Native Village of Kotzebue and the City of Kotzebue(Primary) | In November 2015, the Native Village of Kotzebue entered into an Agreement with the Department of Army, Corps of Engineers authorizing a feasibility study for the development of Cape Blossom Navigation Improvements for Kotzebue and the ten surrounding communities located in Northwest Alaska, 30 miles above the Arctic circle. In August 2016, the Native Village of Kotzebue and City of Kotzebue Councils approved the city of Kotzebue to become a non-federal co-sponsor. |

3. State if this proposal is for a feasibility study, a modification to an authorized USACE feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE project. If it is a proposal for a modification, provide the authorized water resources development feasibility study or project name.

[x] Modification to an Authorized USACE Feasibility Study : Kotzebue Harbor Feasibility Study

4. Clearly articulate the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification. Demonstrate that the proposal is related to USACE mission and authorities and specifically address why additional or new authorization is needed.

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5. To the extent practicable, provide an estimate of the total cost, and the Federal and non-Federal share of those costs, of the proposed study and, separately, an estimate of the cost of construction or modification.

| | Federal | Non-Federal | Total |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Study | \$1,500,000 | \$1,500,000 | \$3,000,000 |
| Construction | \$20,000,000 | \$0 | \$20,000,000 |

Explanation (if necessary)

The non-federal sponsors have secured the necessary match requirements for the completion of the Cape Blossom Harbor Feasibility Study.

6. To the extent practicable, describe the anticipated monetary and nonmonetary benefits of the proposal including benefits to the protection of human life and property; improvement to transportation; the national economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.

The development of Navigation Improvements at Cape blossom would promote the development of a deep water port that would: (1) allow goods to be more economically transported to Kotzebue and the ten surrounding Northwest Arctic Borough Communities by replacing the time-consuming and costly lightering of goods such as heating fuel & gasoline, building materials, and groceries & dry goods both in/out of the Kotzebue Sound; (2) provide Navigation Improvements & a deep water facility for the U.S. Coast Guard and the Department of Defense thirty (30) miles above the Arctic Circle who could then effectively & efficiently serve the “Northwest Passage” located in and around U.S. Waters & the State of Alaska; (3) provide Navigation Improvements & a deep water facility for use by energy & resource development interests in Northwest Alaska; (4) allow large vessel cruise ships who travel through the Bering Straits & Chuckchi Sea to have a safe harbor/port of refuge; and (5) provide Navigation Improvements and a deep water facility for the commercial & subsistence fisheries.

7. Does local support exist? If ‘Yes’, describe the local support for the proposal.

Yes

Local Support Description

The City of Kotzebue, Native Village of Kotzebue, and the Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation formed a “tri-lateral” committee that oversees the development of the Cape Blossom Road & Port Facility Improvements. The NANA Regional Corporation and the Northwest Arctic Borough have been active participants with the planning & development of the overall project.

8. Does the primary sponsor named in (2.) above have the financial ability to provide for the required cost share?

Yes

Primary Sponsor Letter of Support

(As uploaded)

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September 2, 2016

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Re: Support Letter – City of Kotzebue: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 7001 Annual Report Submission

Dear Acting City Manager,

The Native Village of Kotzebue is writing to express the Tribes full support for the City of Kotzebue's congressional authorization effort for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 7001 Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development for a proposed feasibility study to authorize the Corps of Engineers to proceed on the Kotzebue to Cape Blossom Road Project and associated Deep Water Port Infrastructure.

Completion of the Kotzebue to Cape Blossom Road project will improve our region by providing access to a proposed deep water port and put infrastructure in place that will encourage future economic growth, which will positively impact all of the people who live and do business in the Arctic.

In addition, investing in this northern route will ease the most significant pressure points in the national network, reducing congestion in and around our largest metropolitan areas, and improve safety, mobility, and livability, by linking major arctic sea and air ports with connections to the state highway network.

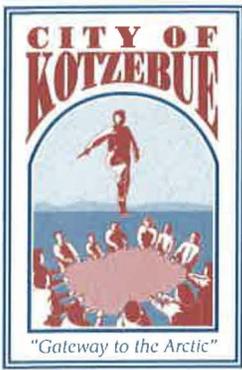
The Native Village of Kotzebue became a project co-sponsor in 2015 supporting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers three year feasibility study for a Deep Water Port in Kotzebue, this process develops the detailed cost estimate, schedule, and milestones for the planning and feasibility work.

For these reasons we fully support the City of Kotzebue: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 7001 Annual Report Submission Corps and its Congressional authorization.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Jennifer Snider
Transportation Coordinator
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September 6, 2016

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Sbj: Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development
City of Kotzebue, Alaska Corps of Engineers 7001 Submission – Letter of Support

Dear Sirs:

The City of Kotzebue fully supports the September 2016 Corps of Engineers 7001 submission: "Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development". The development of a regional deep water port at Cape Blossom has been a priority of the City of Kotzebue and its residents for at least the past four decades. Numerous feasibility studies have been developed over the years, but the recent effort by the local entities (Native Village of Kotzebue, City of Kotzebue, Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation NANA Regional Corporation, and the Northwest Arctic Borough), State of Alaska, Northern Region Office Alaska Department of Transportation (SOA ADOT) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the closest the concept of a Cape Blossom Road and Port has progressed forward.

Since receiving Federal SAFETEA-LU funds in 2005 and 2006 [Federal funds: \$6,555,459; Local Match \$701,215], the City of Kotzebue have been working directly with the SOA ADOT with developing the following reports associated with the planning & development of the Cape Blossom Road: a) Reconnaissance Report – January 2008; b) Geotechnical Report – March 2010; c) Iggy Hill Material Site Report – May 2011; d) Preliminary Land Status Report – November 2012; e) FONSI Environmental Assessment obtained – March 2013; f) Alignment & Final Design – July 2016; Right-A-Way Acquisition – Fall 2016; g) Tentative Out for Construction Bid – Spring 2017 with completion in 2020/2021. The City of Kotzebue was successful in 2013 with securing \$14.6 million from the State of Alaska for the development of the Cape Blossom Road & Port. The SOA ADOT has been working with the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) throughout the planning & design process.

With regards to the Corp of Engineer's Cape Blossom Port Study, the City of Kotzebue, in 2016, became a non-federal co-sponsor and will be contributing the majority, if not all, of the non-federal sponsor's share of the U.S. Department of Army Corps of Engineer's Cape Blossom Deep Water Port Study. This study will be completed in 2019/20 and will hopefully recommend construction of navigation improvements via a deep water port at Cape Blossom. For any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 442-3401.

Sincerely,

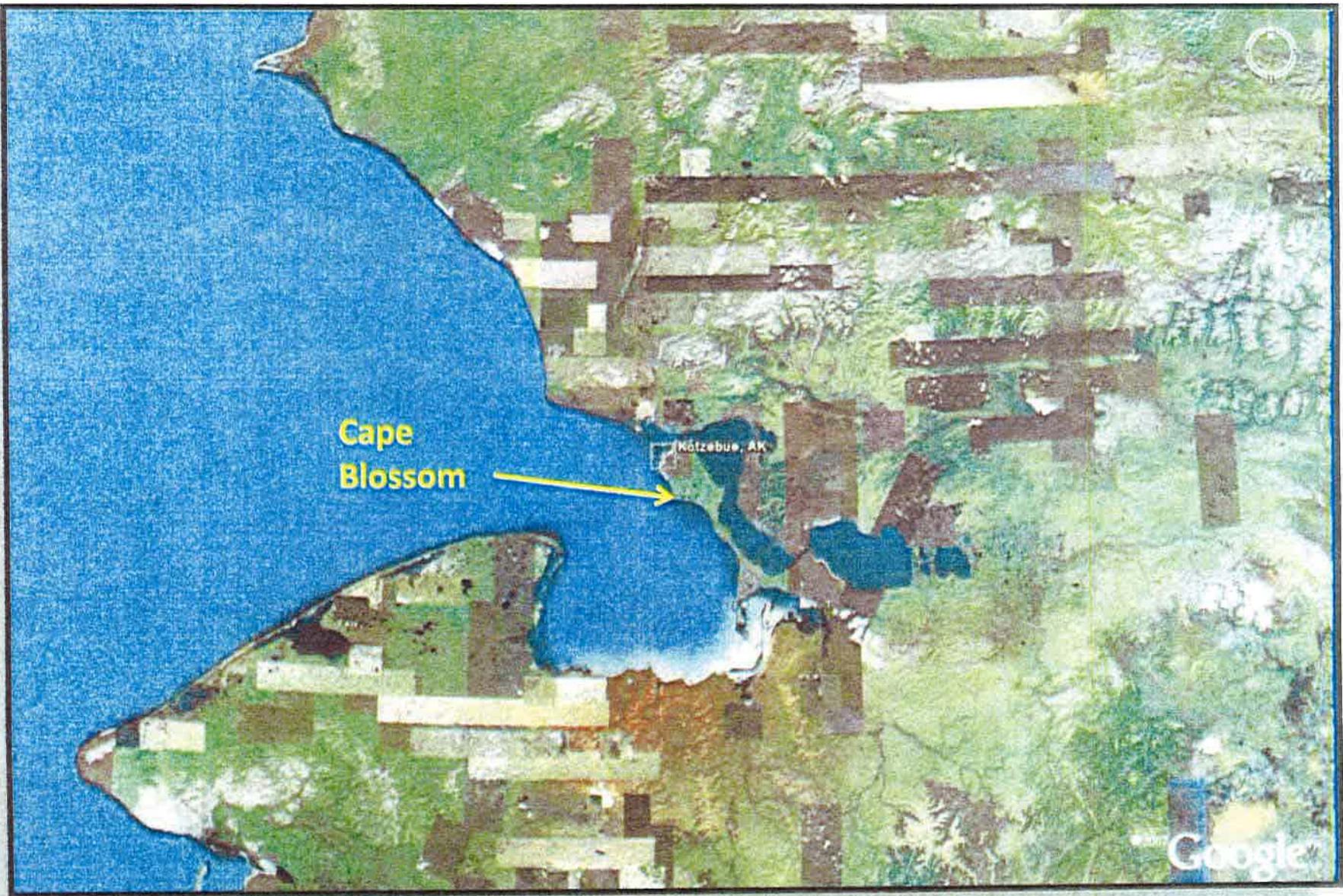
City of Kotzebue

Eric Swisher Acting City Manager

Map Document

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