

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

FY 2023^{CBS}

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Funding to support Sitka's Working Waterfront

a project that consists of a new marine haul out and renovation of the city cold storage sea wall

Both projects are vital to Sitka commerce and our commercial fishing fleet. Sitka's only vessel haul out is privately owned and closure is imminent. Sitka is seeking development of a haul out at its Industrial Park. The estimated cost is \$10 million.

The bulkhead wall that supports our community cold storage is failing and must be renovated. The estimated cost is \$12 million.

Funding for completion of Green Lake hydro generation plant renovation

Green Lake hydro generation plant is nearly 40 years old and is in dire need of major rehabilitation. The Green Lake plant is the backbone of Sitka's electric service, providing half of Sitka's electrical demand. Phase 1 has been completed with an USDA loan. Phase 2 and 3 have an estimated project cost of \$10 million.

Funding for the Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport Terminal Improvements Project

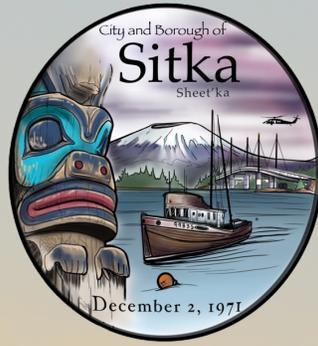
Sitka is currently on the FAA & ADOT Airport Improvement Program priority list to receive \$7 million and is requesting from TSA \$3.3 million for baggage screening. However, even with those possible funding streams, as well as a \$4 million revenue bond, there is still a shortfall of \$5.4 million. The estimated total project cost is \$20 million.

Continued State support for the Sitka Seaplane Base

Sitka's only seaplane facility has been operating at its current site for over 65 years and is at the end of its useful life. The timber floats are weathered, have lost their preservative treatment, and are losing their floatation capability. In January 2016, the facility was temporarily closed because portions of superstructure collapsed, damaging the transient float. CBS expended approximately \$165,000 to repair and reopen the facility with a 5-to-10-year life expectancy in 2016. Sitka has completed an extensive siting study and environmental documentation in support of a newly constructed facility sited on State land. CBS asks for continued support from the State for the necessary uplands and tidelands property conveyance consisting of approximately 2-acres of DEED uplands and 30-acres of submerged State tidelands. The estimated project cost is approximately \$20 million. CBS anticipates receiving between 93.75% to 100% majority funding through the FAA Airport Improvement Program due to the significant safety and operational deficiency associated with the current base location and condition.

Financial assistance for a new multi-purpose building to house the Police Department and jail

The Sitka Police Department (SPD) and jail are currently housed within approximately 6,400 square feet of the City/State Building. The ~ 20,000 square foot building was constructed between 1974 and 1976 in partnership with the State. CBS owns a portion of the land the building is located on, and jointly owns the building with the State. The 45-year-old facility does not meet current needs and functions of the SPD. Estimated costs for a new police department and jail are \$20 million to construct on one of two possible sites.



Support to conduct a traffic study, planning efforts, and funding of projects for tourism

CBS requests support from ADOT to conduct a system-wide traffic study in the summer of 2022, planning efforts, and funding of projects to maintain a high level of service and safety to address the nearly twice historical high of visitors. Assessment needs include bicycle and pedestrian safety on State roads in and to the downtown core and vehicle traffic demand growth due to increased tourism.

Support and funding for deferred maintenance and infrastructure

CBS requests State of Alaska funding for CBS infrastructure that is at or near the end of its useful life. A substantial increase in visitors, coupled with SEARHC and USCG expansions, will strain our aging utilities and public use infrastructure (water, sewer, streets, drainage, and parks).

Support for State expansion of Alaska Land and Mobile Radio Coverage

CBS requests the State of Alaska to fund an Alaska Land and Mobile Radio expansion for coverage in Sitka. Currently the system only covers downtown Sitka. A Mud Bay repeater site is needed to share a single, standards-based, Land and Mobile Radio infrastructure to facilitate on-demand and in-real-time, secure, interoperable communications between and among federal, state, and local government agencies for day-to-day operations, mutual aid, emergency/medical response, and joint Task Force missions and roles.

Federal support for shore and utility infrastructure upgrades on Japonski Island necessary for the pending arrival of a US Coast Guard (USCG) Fast Response Cutter and the expansion of Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) to a regional healthcare hub

Both SEARHC and USCG expansions could bring a combined 500+ additional citizens to Sitka. Buildings will be constructed on the SEARHC campus and shore infrastructure improvements will be required at the USCG facility. These expansions will place a drastically increased demand on our CBS utilities infrastructure, which will require significant upgrades. The expansion will also burden our already strained housing and childcare capacity. In Sitka, there is currently only one childcare spot for every 3.5 children under the age of 5.5. To meet our expanding workforce needs, Sitka would need to have one space available for every two children.

Support for a right-sized and sustainable Alaska Marine Highway system

The Alaska Marine Highway system is a critical component of Sitka's transportation system and its link to the rest of the state is critical to Sitka's economy. The drastic reduction of State ferry service to Sitka has caused massive economic and personal dislocations across the Southeast Alaska region.