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City & Borough of Sitka  
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July 16, 2014

RE: **Support for "the RIDE" transfer stop in Crescent Harbor Parking Lot**

Dear Mr. Gorman:

It has been brought to Sitka Tribe of Alaska's (STA) attention the location for "the RIDE" bus transfer stop downtown has been a point of discussion, again.

Just a quick reminder, this has been under consideration over the past two years. Recently it has gone before the Police and Fire Commission, twice, and has their formal support.

STA understands there have been a few minor voices that raised concerns over the newest location for "the RIDE" in the Crescent Harbor Parking Lot. However, we feel strongly this location is the best fit for "the RIDE," and that there is a large silent majority of residents that support this location. Based on the submitted data "the RIDE" is required to file with the National Transit Data, there is 266 average rides per day that was provided in 2013. It is estimated this number will rise to over 275 per day in 2014, the majority use the Crescent Harbor Parking Lot transfer stop.

While there may be a few voices raised in opposition, it is likely that no matter what happens to the Crescent Harbor Parking Lot there will be voices opposed.

It is with both respect and firmness, on behalf of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska's formal vote of the Tribal Council, I write this letter supporting "the RIDE" bus transfer location in the Crescent Harbor Parking Lot – on the Harbor Drive side.

Sincerely,

Michael Baines, Chairman

CC: Connie Sipe, Executive Director  
Center For Community