



# City and Borough of Sitka

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Paxton and Assembly Members  
**From:** Keith Brady, Municipal Administrator *VB*  
**Date:** March 20, 2019  
**Subject:** Harbor Drive Cement Work for the RIDE

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### Summary

In order to reduce congestion, increase traffic flow and increase safety due to the growth of tourism, staff has been working with the RIDE to move the buses from Crescent Harbor parking lot to Harbor Drive in front of Harrigan Centennial Hall (HCH).

### Fiscal Note

\$40,000 for the landscape and cement work to allow ADA compliance and ridership on the RIDE.

### Recommendation

Approve the appropriation for the work to be able to be done so the RIDE can utilize the sidewalk on Harbor Drive in front of HCH as their bus stop.

### Detail

With tourism numbers projected to be up this year, especially due to 30,000 from cruise ship passengers alone, staff has been working on ways to reduce congestion, increase traffic flow and increase safety in the Crescent Harbor parking lot. One of those ways is to move the RIDE to Harbor Drive. Staff have been working with Center for Community Executive Director Connie Sipe and Sitka Tribe of Alaska Transportation Director Gerry Hope on how this could work. The RIDE recently did time trials seeing what could work with their current schedule. We are hoping that through a more thorough look at the routes of their buses that they can make Harbor Drive work for a pick up and drop off point for their riders.

Crescent Harbor parking lot was never meant or designed to have a bus drop off and pick up. It was moved from Harbor Drive on the Stereo North side to the parking lot. The Stereo North side is a blind curve and created issues. HCH side on Harbor Drive has a good line of sight for the buses to be able to pull into traffic safely. At this spot the RIDE would be able to take advantage of the ridership from tourism. The other spot was Harbor Way under or near the foot of the bridge, which would take them away from the tourism and the central location and activity of HCH.

The idea for Harbor Drive is to be able to locate the RIDE where they won't need to be moved again in the foreseeable future.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA  
MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019  
("The Ride" Bus Relocation Area at HCH)

BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska as follows:

1. **CLASSIFICATION.** This ordinance is not of a permanent nature and is not intended to be a part of the Sitka General Code of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

2. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application thereof to any person and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

3. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to make a supplemental capital appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019.

4. **ENACTMENT.** In accordance with Section 11.10(a) of the Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, the Assembly hereby makes the following supplemental appropriations for the budget period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

<u>FISCAL YEAR 2019 EXPENDITURE BUDGETS</u>
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>
Relocation of "The Ride" Bus Pick up/Drop-off at Centennial Hall Harbor Drive Project: Increase appropriations for the amount of \$40,000 in the General Fund Capital Projects for the renovation of the Harrigan Centennial Hall property on Harbor Drive to accommodate moving the "The Ride" pickup/drop-off area.

**EXPLANATION**

Necessary revisions in the FY2019 budget were identified. These changes involve the increase of expenditure accounts. A short explanation is included.

Total supplemental appropriations to date for the General Fund Capital Projects in FY2019 total \$208,500, not including this supplemental appropriation. Increases of operating budgets in the amount of \$1,421,609.64, to comply with Charter provisions pertaining to non-lapsing of encumbered funds at the end of a fiscal year ("Year-end soft close"), are not included in this amount.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective on the day after the date of its passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 9th Day of April, 2019.

**ATTEST:**

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Valorie Neison, Vice Deputy Mayor

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Sara Peterson, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

Sponsor: Administrator

1<sup>st</sup> reading 3/26/19

2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading 4/9/19