

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION 2014-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA JOINING ALASKA CONFERENCE OF MAYORS IN RECOMMENDING AN AMENDMENT TO ALASKA STATUTE 35.30.010 PROVIDING FOR STRONGER AUTHORITY BY LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITIES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 35.30.010 – Review and Approval by Local Planning Authorities, requires the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to obtain approval from local planning authorities and elected officials before commencing construction of a public project, such as a highway improvement; and

WHEREAS, “before commencing construction” of a public project allows the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to advance a public project without local planning authority until the project plan is final, ready for construction, which is at a point of no return for the department and gives little meaning to the statute; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities needs to obtain local planning review and approval for public projects before the final design or alternative is approved and accepted by the department, to meet the intent of the statute; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka recommends an amendment to Alaska Statute 35.30.010 providing for stronger authority by local planning authorities by deleting “before commencing construction: and by inserting, “before plans are approved by the department and an approved alternative is accepted by the department.”

Signed: 
Mim McConnell, Mayor

Attest: 
Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk