

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA (CBS) SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE 2021 ALASKA FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM (FLAP) PROGRAM FOR \$1.2 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF JARVIS-HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTOR OF THE CROSS TRAIL MULTIMODAL PATHWAY

WHEREAS, federal aid from the Alaska Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), if awarded, will fund the a planning and construction for a Cross Trail Multimodal Pathway (Cross Trail MP) connector trail to the Price-Highland neighborhood from Indian River Trailhead to Price Street; and

WHEREAS, the federal aid will also initiate planning for a reroute of the Verstovia trail in support of the US Forest Service's long term goal to eliminate the trail's current trespass on private property; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Cross Trail multimodal pathway project is a community priority since the pathway provides a non-motorized transportation alternative to Sitka's roads and links schools, recreation facilities, downtown, trails, subdivisions and other major public destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Cross Trail is a publicly-identified priority in the 2003 Sitka Trail Plan to which the City is a MOU partner, the 2002 Sitka Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, Sitka Parks and Recreation Plans, 2030 CBS Comprehensive Plan and 2011 Sitka Outdoor Recreation Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly has passed eleven separate resolutions since 1998 in support of the Cross Trail project; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Trail MP Price-Highland neighborhood connector construction provides a link to a large neighborhood with 270 dwelling units and 80 businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Trail MP connector will provide the Price-Highland neighborhood residents access to safe and pleasant non-motorized pathway to multiple destinations, recreation sites and trails and schools; and

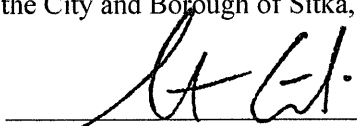
WHEREAS, the Cross Trail MP connector will provide an alternative emergency evacuation route if Sawmill Creek bridge becomes impassible as a result of a catastrophic earthquake and/or tsunami; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Trail MP connector will be a sustainable, multimodal pathway design requiring little to no major maintenance over time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Administrator of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute and administer any and all documents required for the application and acceptance of funding from the Alaska Federal Lands Access Program and to manage those funds on behalf of the City and Borough of Sitka.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Administrator of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska is hereby directed to execute any and all agreements with the Alaska Federal Lands Access Program in such a way as to provide for the maximum amount of indirect cost reimbursement to the City and Borough Sitka allowable under Federal guidelines and regulations.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska
on this 23rd day of March 2021.



Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 3/23/2021

Sponsors: Knox and Himschoot