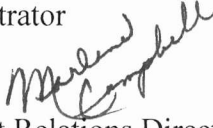


City and Borough of Sitka

100 Lincoln Street • Sitka, Alaska 99835

March 3, 2010

TO: Jim Dinley, Municipal Administrator
Mayor and Assembly

FROM:  Marlene Campbell, Government Relations Director

SUBJECT: Seaplane Base Final Siting Study FAA Request

For your information, staff are developing the Sitka Seaplane Base Relocation Siting Analysis, and Location Recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) per the Assembly's authorization under Resolution 2009-35, attached. The FAA has already set aside approximately \$180,000 for this final siting project in its FY2011 budget. Exact cost of the request for proposals will be determined on a qualifications rather than cost basis, and 95 percent of the cost will be Federally covered by Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds.

As stated in the resolution, the City and Borough of Sitka share of this grant will be 5 percent, around \$10,000. These funds have been committed for this purpose in the Harbors Enterprise Fund, since the Harbor Department manages the City-owned floatplane facilities.

If this project is acceptable to FAA, upon its completion, FAA will be looking forward to providing additional AIP funds to CBS for final design, environmental and construction.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 747-1855 or by e-mail at campbell@cityofsitka.com.

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-35**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA,
ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF
SITKA SEAPLANE BASE**

WHEREAS, the only public seaplane base in Sitka was constructed by the City and Borough of Sitka in 1978 with a \$300,000 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to accommodate eight General Aviation (GA) aircraft and NO commercial operations; and

WHEREAS, this 30+ year old facility is in disrepair, has no on-street parking area, has no access to fueling facilities, and is in an extremely congested central part of Sitka Channel between two large seafood processors which generate heavy vessel traffic and large numbers of birds constituting major safety hazards; and

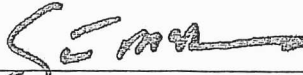
WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka has supported constructing a new, relocated seaplane facility which will meet the needs for both GA and commercial seaplanes both based at and visiting Sitka and other Southeast Alaska communities for the 21st Century, culminating in the completion of the Sitka Seaplane Base Master Plan in August, 2002 which quantified the major unmet need for seaplane facilities and operations in Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Port and Harbors Commission voted unanimously "To recommend to the Assembly to move forward on the development of a new floatplane facility in Sitka" at its January 21, 2009 meeting after lengthy testimony by Sitka's floatplane pilots about urgent needs; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has indicated willingness to fund Sitka's request to complete final siting, design, and environmental issues through a phased project in 2010 with 95 percent Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding and 5 percent match;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, supports the City and Borough of Sitka applying for an FY'2010 FAA AIP grant for the siting/design/environmental phase of the Sitka Seaplane Facility Project and hereby authorizes the CBS Administrator to negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents and contracts required for the application, acceptance, and management of these AIP funds on behalf of CBS.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly on the 24th day of February, 2009.



Scott McAdams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk