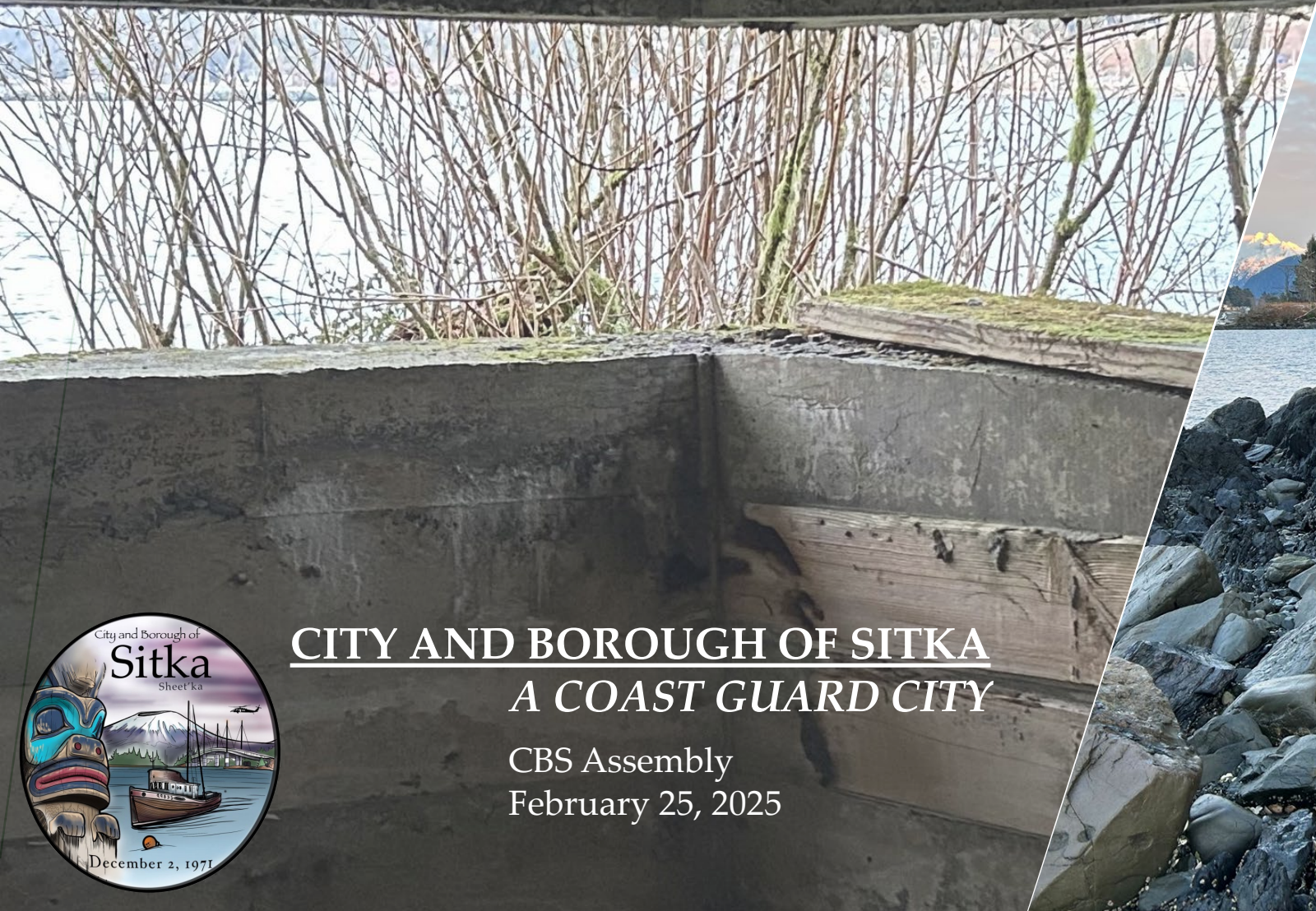


SITKA SEAPLANE BASE

PROJECT STATUS UPDATE



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
A COAST GUARD CITY

CBS Assembly
February 25, 2025





1. Update to FAA
Supported Concept



2. Environmental
Assessment Update



3. Overall Project
Schedule



4. MOA and USACE
Public Comment
Periods



5. Brief Airport
Terminal Update



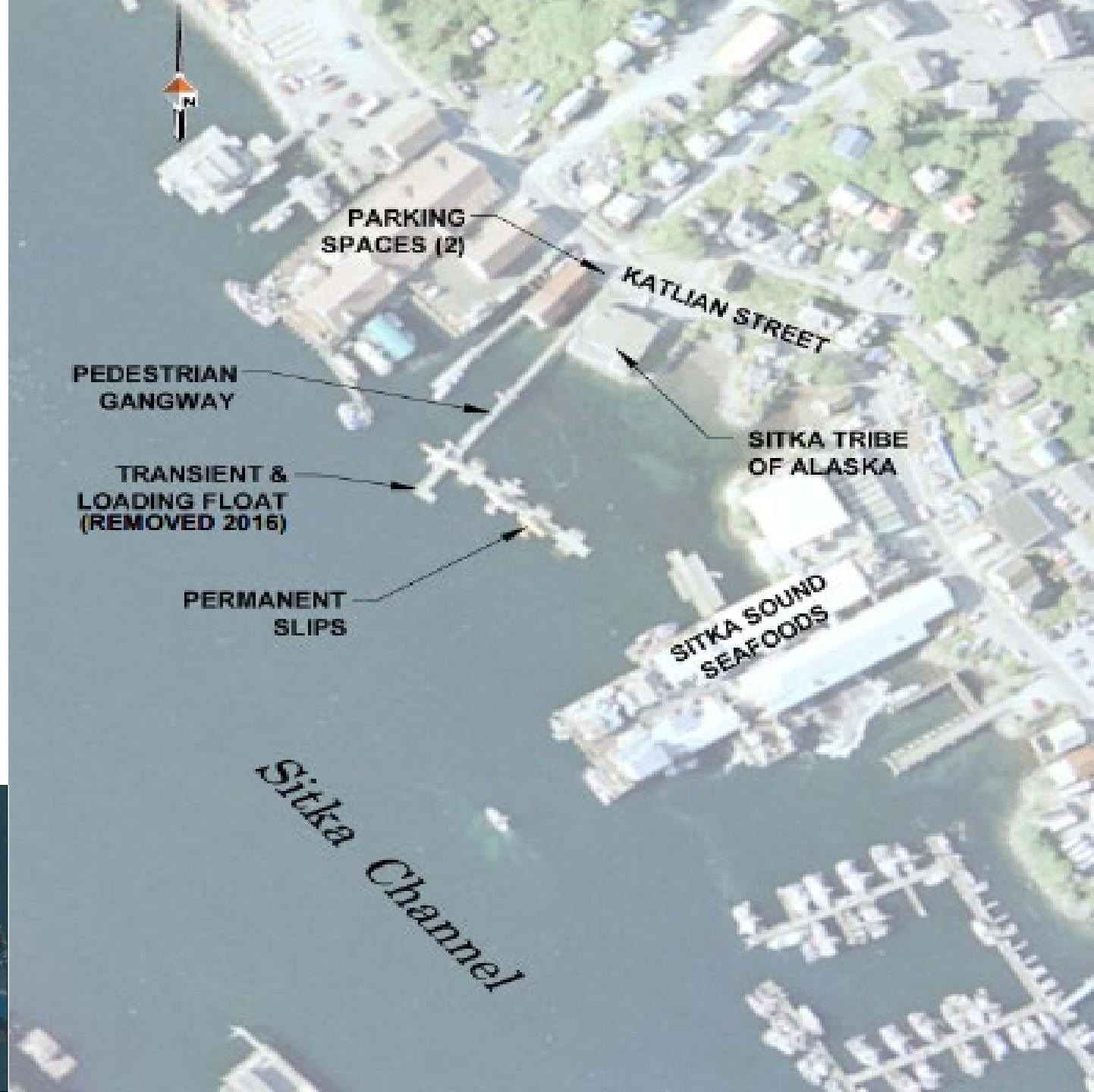
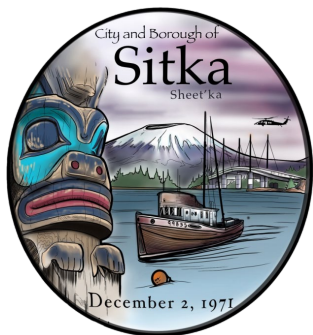
Existing Seaplane Base

Features:

- 8 Float slips (4 not accessible at low tide)
- Access floats from Katlian St by elevated gangway/ramp
- Parking for 2 vehicles on Katlian St

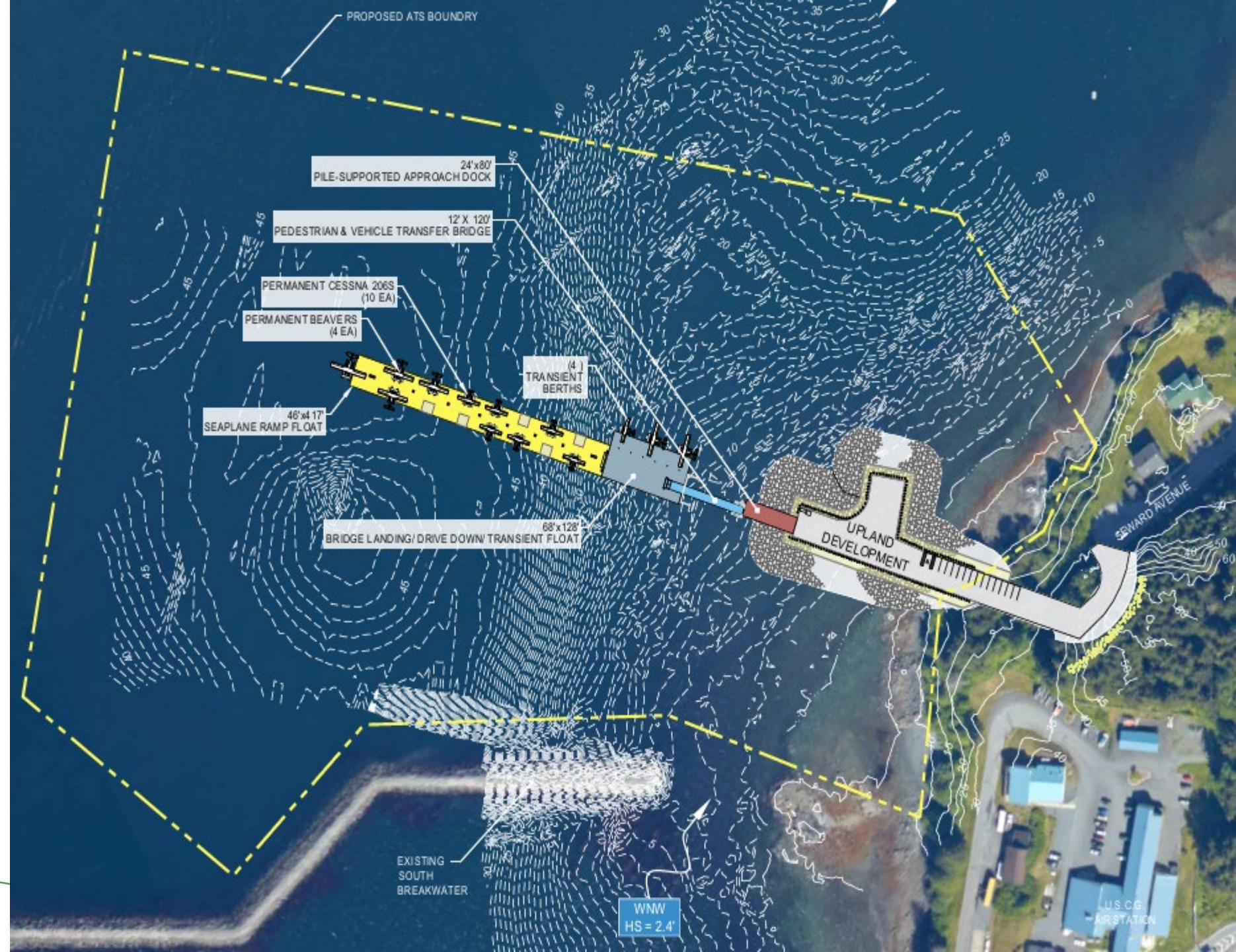
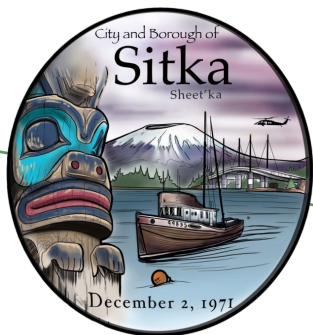
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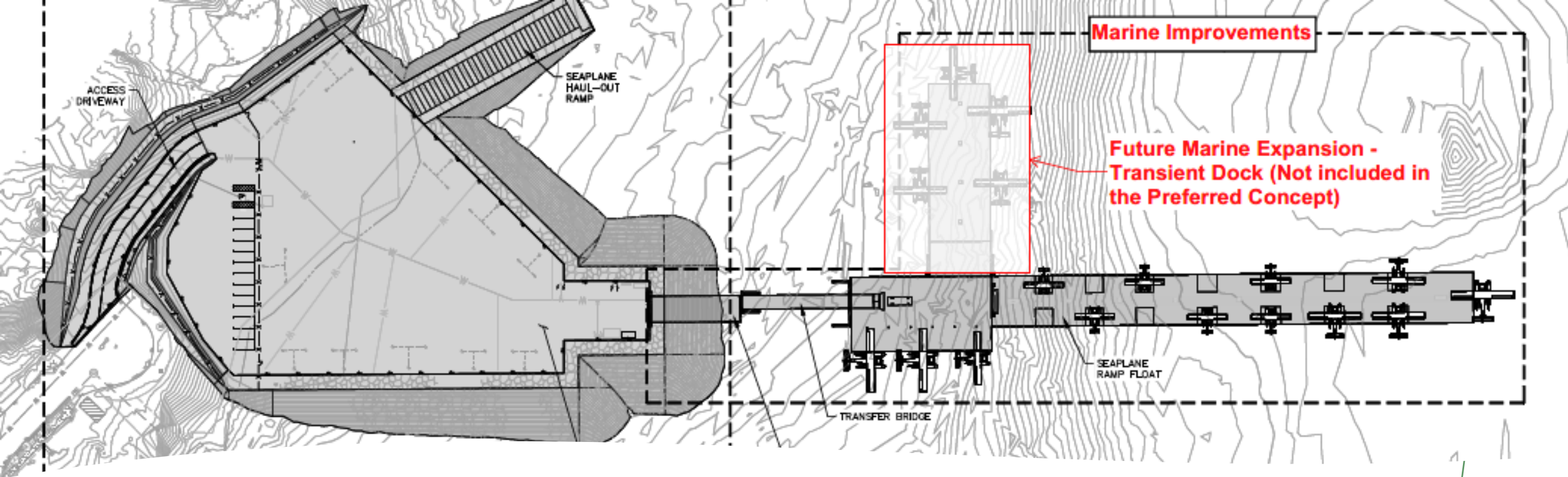
- At end of useful life/expensive to maintain
- Insufficient parking for aircraft/vehicles
- No on-site fueling, aircraft maintenance area, or aircraft pull out ramp
- Conflicts with boat traffic in narrow channel
- Conflicts and bird hazards from adjacent seafood processing facility



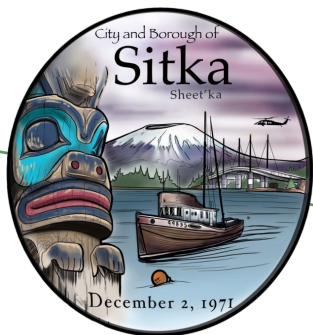
Previous FAA Supported Concept

**BASE BUILD – MEETS
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
THE ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT (EA) AND
AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN
(ALP) IN COORDINATION
WITH THE FAA**





Updated Concept



Expanded Uplands Area

- Haul Out Ramp & Plane Tie Downs
- Vehicle Parking
- Restrooms and Small Passenger Shelter

Marine Facilities

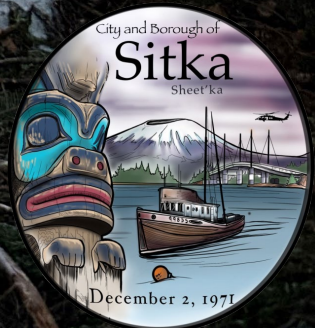
- 14 Permanent Slips & 4 Transient slips
- Drive Down Ramp
- Option for future Marine Expansion for Transient/Vehicle Turnaround Float

EA/FONSI Reassessment Timeline

JUNE 2021: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS (FONSI).

2021 –2024: FAA COORDINATION WITH CBS AND PROJECT TEAM
ADDRESSED FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY INCLUDING:

- Siting – project re-evaluated the siting analysis 2022 (originally completed in 2012 and updated in 2016)
- Noise Analysis – evaluated construction and operational noise impacts 2023-2024
- Impacts to Subsistence and Historical Features – DOWL conducted a field investigation in May 2024.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) RE-EVALUATION IN EARLY 2024 RESULTED IN THE REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE A SUPPLEMENTAL EA (SEA)**



NEPA Process Update

Draft SEA: Submitted to FAA for review January 22, 2025

- Anticipated public comment period mid summer 2025

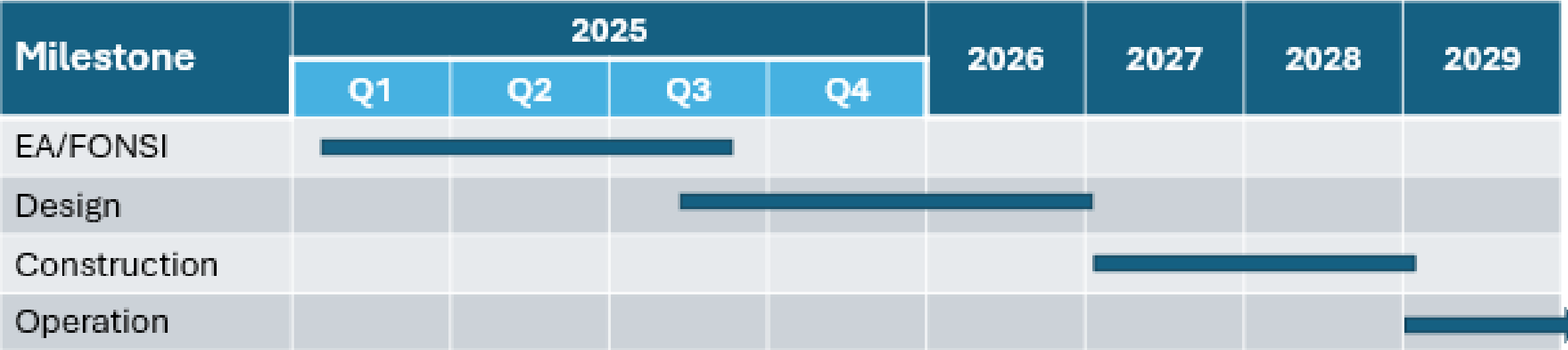
Section 106: Historical, Archeological and Cultural Impact Consultation reinitiated December 2024

- Efforts included updated Noise Analysis and Field Investigations
- Update letter submitted to consulting parties February 6, 2025
- Next steps include continued consultation and drafting of the Memorandum of Agreement for all impacts
- Anticipated public comment period spring 2025

More project information can be found on the City's [website](#).



Overall Project Schedule



Open Public Comment Period

Section 404 USACE Wetlands Public Notice of Application for Permit

02/10/2024 – 03/12/2025

POA-2023-00433

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Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport Terminal Improvements

Project Update

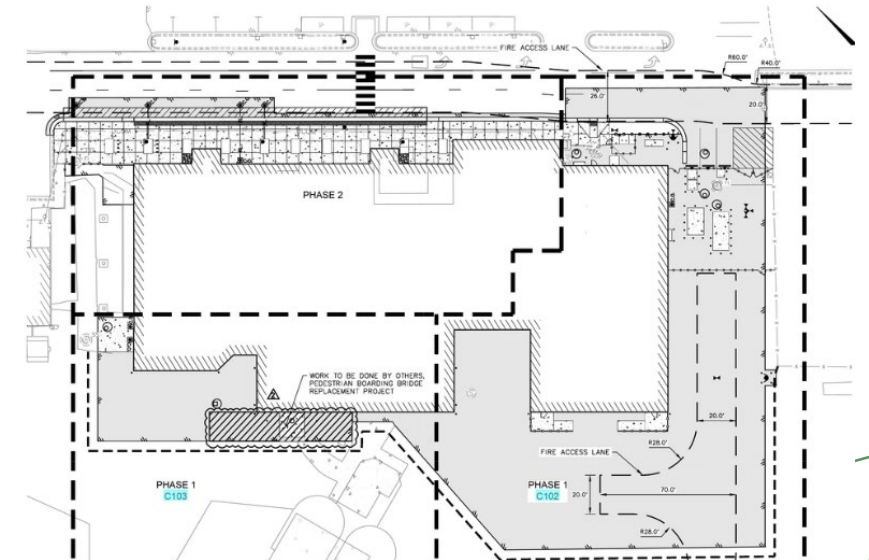
Phase 1 Expansion Area ~65% complete

Anticipated ribbon cutting and opening celebration end of summer.

Anticipated opening for operation early fall.

Phase 2 Remodel

Construction anticipated to begin early summer with impacts to public areas beginning in early fall.



A photograph of a forest floor. The foreground is dominated by a dense, tangled mass of fallen branches and twigs, heavily covered in thick green moss. In the background, several tall, straight tree trunks stand vertically, their bark also appearing mossy. The lighting is soft and diffused, suggesting an overcast day or a deep forest interior. The overall scene conveys a sense of a wild, undisturbed natural environment.

Questions?