




# CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

A COAST GUARD CITY

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

**Thru:** John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

**From:** Melissa Henshaw, Public and Government Relations Director

**Date:** January 17, 2024

**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2025 CBS Legislative Priorities

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### **Background**

Enclosed are the draft Fiscal Year 2025 CBS Legislative Priorities for Assembly review. Many of these requests for state initiatives are from previous years and centered around community priorities. As in the past, the approach is streamlined as it is recommended to have a one-page handout to help keep information top of mind for state officials.

In addition, a full report and supporting documents will be submitted into the Alaska Division of Legislative Finance Capital Projects database (CAPSIS). The Legislative Priority initiatives and projects will be the primary focus of lobbying meetings between the Mayor, Municipal Administrator, the Public and Government Relations Director and various federal and state officials. In addition, will complement grant opportunities.

The following requests, in no particular order are:

- Funding to support Sitka's Working Waterfront Infrastructure
  - Funding for a Marine Haul Out. Strategic Plan goal 4.
  - Funding for Eliason Harbor Electrical Rehabilitation. Strategic Plan goal 4.
- Continued Support for Transportation
  - Alaska Marine Highway System. Strategic Plan goal 2.
  - Agency to Agency Support for the Sitka Seaplane Base. Strategic Plan goal 4.
- Continued Funding for utility Infrastructure
  - Funding for Green Lake Hydro Generation Plant. Strategic Plan goal 1.3 and 4.
- Support for Economic Resilience
  - Support to Expand Housing and Childcare Access. Strategic Plan goal 1.
- Support for Public Safety

- Police Department and Jail. Strategic Plan goal 4.
- AK DOT/PF Action on Traffic and Safety Improvements on State Routes in Support of Tourism Growth. Strategic Plan 1.

The goal is to focus on projects and state initiatives that create long-term stability and gives direction as we develop future budgets and for grant funding.

**Recommendation**

Approve the resolution submitting City and Borough of Sitka FY2025 State Legislative Priorities to the State of Alaska and 2024 Legislature.