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September 15, 2014

Mr. Mark Gorman Municipal Administrator City and Borough of Sitka 100 Lincoln Street Sitka, Alaska 99835

Dear Mr. Gorpaan,

This is in response to your recent letter concerning providing for more long term parking at the Sitka Airport.

After discussing this issue with our maintenance staff SE Region has no objection to designating the last row of parking in the paved lot (immediately adjacent to the existing unpaved long term parking area) to "long term" parking.

Please have your staff coordinate with Steve Bell, our Airport Manager/Sitka Station Foreman in the delineation of this row for long term parking. I am hesitant to provide additional spaces out of the short term parking area because we have had issues arise in the past with public parking encroaching on the leased rental car area due to perceived insufficient short term parking.

As always, we welcome the opportunity to better manage the Sitka Airport with the City and Borough of Sitka.

Sincerely,

Albert H. Clough, P.G

Director SE Region

cc:

Pat Kemp, P.E., Commissioner
Greg Patz, SE Region Maintenance Superintendent
Steven Bell, SE Region Sitka Airport Manager/ Foreman



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September 9, 2014

Commissioner Pat Kemp Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities P.O. Box 112500 Juneau, AK 99811-2500

Dear Commissioner Kemp:

Thanks again for coming to Sitka for the Sawmill Creek Road completion celebration and meeting with City and Borough of Sitka staff. We appreciated your and Al Clough's time. It was good to have an opportunity to discuss common interests.

I would appreciate DOTPF's response to the City's "low hanging fruit" request to increase long-term (7 day) parking adjacent to the Sitka Airport. Since the paved airport parking area is never full, can DOTPF approve the public again using the last row of parking in the paved area of the parking lot immediately adjacent to the unpaved long-term parking area for seven-day parking? Better yet, will it be possible for the City to designate both that row and the one facing it in the paved area for seven-day parking? Please let us know, so that the number of seven-day parking spaces near the airport can be increased.

Your assistance to improve long-term parking near the airport terminal would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mark Gorman

Municipal Administrator