


City and Borough of Sitka


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To: Mayor McAdams and Assembly Members
Jim Dinley, Administrator

Through: Michael Harmon, Public Works Director 

From: Scott Brylinsky, Public Works Operations Manager 

Date: December 14, 2009

Subject: Commercial Passenger Excise Tax, Project Master Plan— approve Tier 1 implementation projects

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Background

As you know, the City and Borough recently entered into a contract with MRV Architects to develop a Project Implementation Master Plan, with both the master plan and the projects to be funded by the Commercial Passenger Excise Tax. The master plan is now about 35% complete. A goal complementary to the master plan was to identify early in the planning process projects which could be implemented for the 2010 construction season.

Those projects have now been identified in the attached list. We request your approval to go forward with these projects. Individual projects will come back to the Assembly for approvals as required by City and Borough Procurement Policies and Procedures.

Fiscal Note

The Commercial Passenger Excise Tax account has sufficient funds for the projects on the attached list.

Recommendation

Approve the attached list of capital projects.

MRV ARCHITECTS

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Project: **Sitka Master Plan**
Subject: Tier 1 Implementation Recommendations

To: Scott Brylinsky,
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Date: December 16, 2009

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The Master Plan and Implementation project for the City and Borough of Sitka is approximately 35% complete. As a key part of our deliverables, we have developed an over-all list of 27 implementation projects that are generated by the planning recommendations.

Of this overall list, our planning team recommends seven as Tier 1 projects, appropriate for immediate development. These projects are integrally linked to the goals of the over-all Master Plan. They are reasonably well-defined, and of a scale which should allow a spring 2010 construction start.

1. Comprehensive Directional Signage. Signs would be developed in conjunction with tourism walking routes, and would include prominent signage at key nodes and arrival points throughout the downtown core area. J&J, MRV, and the Borough would work closely together to develop graphic approach, strategic locations, and appropriate content.

Approx. total project cost: \$175,000

2. Specific Interpretative Signage. This component of signage would be specific to buildings, historic events, and locations throughout the downtown district. Signs would be graphically coordinated with the comprehensive way-faring signage, but provide more thematic content. J&J, MRV, and the Borough would work closely together to develop graphic approach, strategic locations, and appropriate content.

Approx. total project cost: \$75,000

Note: Projects 1. and 2. are closely related, to be designed and constructed as one project. They are identified separately because of different purposes of signage.

3. Termination Kiosks for walking route Districts. This work item would add three Kiosks, including one near the Russian Bishop's House, one along Katlian Street in the former CBS "recycle" lot, and one at the corner of Totem Square and Lincoln Street (across from Borough offices / old Post Office building). The kiosks would be similar, with covered display space, and information racks. Contingent on site availability, some seating space is anticipated. All of the kiosks would function as transportation nodes, intended to work with small bus loops or other transportation options.

Approx. total project cost: \$250,000

4. Sea Walk, Centennial Bldg to Tennis Courts. General Sea Walk improvements are indicated along the entire Crescent Harbor area. The portion of work appropriate for Tier 1 would include rebuilding the sidewalk through the Crescent Harbor green strip along Lincoln Street, stretching from the Centennial area parking lot, terminating near the tennis courts. The sidewalk replacement

will be widened, and offer an improved experience, with curved features, patterning, integrated seating zones, viewing areas and wayfaring signage.

Approx. total project cost: \$175,000

5. Katlian Street Sidewalk Improvements. Several areas along Katlian have substandard, unsafe sidewalks. This project would repair the worst portions, making the walks wide enough for safe passage, and improve pedestrian usability. Work would provide ADA crosswalks, gradients to satisfy ADA regs, and similar detailing to other improved walking route areas. The estimate is based on repairing one third of the sidewalk between the ANB Hall, and the former CBS recycle lot, roughly 1,400 feet.

Approx. total project cost: \$300,000

6. Crescent Park Restroom Expansion. The Crescent Harbor restrooms (relatively near the Sheldon Jackson campus) will be expanded to add two fixtures per sex. The addition will require temporary closure because adding on to one end will require a full demolition and replacement of one restroom, due to the current configuration.

Approx. total project cost: \$250,000

This list of projects generates a general cost range of \$1,225,000. Costs identified represent Project Costs, which include construction, design, administration, and contingencies. Costs at this stage are very generalized, since no specific design work has been initiated. Estimates will be refined as the project design moves forward.