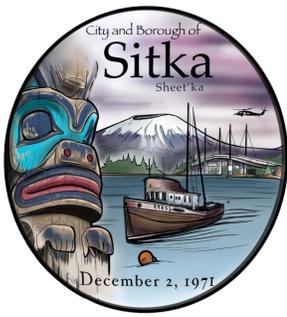


## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

**I MOVE TO** approve Resolution 2025-03 on first and final reading submitting City and Borough of Sitka FY2026 Legislative Priorities to the State of Alaska and 2025 Legislature.

Note: this item was postponed at the 1-14-25 meeting.



# CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

A COAST GUARD CITY

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

**Thru:** John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

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

**Date:** December 31, 2024

**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2026 CBS Legislative Priorities

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### **Background**

Enclosed are the draft Fiscal Year 2026 CBS Legislative Priorities for Assembly review. Many of these requests for initiatives are from previous years and centered around community priorities. This short one-page handout approach is streamlined and recommended to help keep information top of mind for state and federal officials.

Priorities help give specific actions beyond the strategic plan that also guide items to be submitted into the Alaska Division of Legislative Finance Capital Projects (CAPSIS) database, Congressionally Directed Spending Requests, and Community Project Funding Requests if applicable. The list 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 and entities. In addition, it complements grant opportunities by further showing specific community needs and supplements the strategic goals to help maximize resources and demonstrates a unified commitment to impactful projects.

The following requests, in no particular order are:

- Support Sitka's Working Waterfront Infrastructure
  - Funding for a Marine Haul Out - Strategic Plan goal 4
  - Funding for Eliason Harbor Electrical and Float Repairs - Strategic Plan goal 4
- Support for Transportation
  - Reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service - Strategic Plan goal 1
- Funding for Utility Infrastructure
  - Thimbleberry Bypass - Strategic Plan goal 1 and 4
- Support for Economic Resilience
  - Funding and Access to Expand Housing - Strategic Plan goal 1
  - Funding for Childcare - Strategic Plan goal 1
  - Support for Nonprofits - Strategic Plan goal 2
  - Reducing Barriers to Effective Grant Utilization - Strategic Plan goal 4

- Support for Public Safety
  - Public Safety Facilities Feasibility Study - Strategic Plan goal 4
  - AK DOT/PF Action on Traffic and Safety Improvements - Strategic Plan goal 4

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

**Recommendation**

Approve the resolution submitting City and Borough of Sitka FY2026 Legislative Priorities to the State of Alaska and Alaska Congressional Delegation.

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUBMITTING CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA FY2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES TO THE STATE OF ALASKA AND 2025 LEGISLATURE**

**WHEREAS,** the City and Borough of Sitka is committed to fostering collaboration with the State of Alaska to optimize public infrastructure, services, and resources that benefit Alaska’s citizens, ensuring the most efficient and cost-effective outcomes; and

**WHEREAS,** the attached FY2026 Legislative Priorities for the City and Borough of Sitka are designed to strengthen the partnership between the municipality and state and federal officials, advancing sustainability and resilience in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** the City and Borough of Sitka remains steadfast in its support of robust cooperation between municipalities and the State of Alaska, to achieve shared goals and build a strong, more prosperous future for all Alaskans; and

**WHEREAS,** the City and Borough of Sitka recognizes the critical role of the Alaska State Legislature in securing funding and legislative support for initiatives that enhance the well-being of Alaskans, and is committed to working together.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, formally adopts the attached FY2026 City and Borough of Sitka Legislative Priorities and urges State of Alaska to advocate for and support these priorities to the fullest extent possible.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

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Timothy Pike, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST

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Sara Peterson, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

First reading postponed: 1/14/2025  
First and final reading: 1/28/2025

Sponsor: Administrator