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Greetings from Southcoast Region!

As you may be aware, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) recently changed its regional boundaries. The Southeast Region was expanded and renamed the "Southcoast Region". I am the Planning Chief for this region and want to reach out to each of you to let you know how to contact us.

The expanded regional boundaries include most communities situated on the southern coast of Alaska that are not connected to the state highway system. Our region remains one comprised of coastal communities with similar climates and reliance on air carriers, barge lines, and Alaska Marine Highway service.

Furthermore, our region remains one in which we rely heavily on the phone, email, and other communication services to keep in touch. Enclosed with this letter you will find a newsletter with some important web pages to help keep you informed of our activity as well as contact information for each of our planners. We welcome your calls to discuss the regional boundary change or transportation needs in your area. We would also appreciate information for your key contacts for matters related to transportation so that we may update our records accordingly.

With regard to transportation needs, we are interested in gaining an understanding of your current needs and priorities. Please take a moment to review the enclosed needs list for your borough or city and let us know if there are needs listed that are no longer valid or need revision. Also let us know of important needs missing. While no projects will be programmed directly from this effort, knowledge of your current transportation needs will allow us to better serve you in the future.

To all of our 'new' and 'old' communities, welcome to the Southcoast Region! We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Hughes".

Andy Hughes
Southcoast Region Planning Chief

"Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure."

ADOT&PF Southcoast Region Planning Division



Here are some tips to help keep you informed of Southcoast Region activity:

Southcoast Region Website

<http://dot.alaska.gov/sereg/>

Visit the Southcoast Region website to find links for regional projects, contracts, survey plats, as-builts, maintenance and operations, traffic data, airports, and more. Note the AMHS is a separate statewide division with its own planner.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip/stip/index.shtml>

The STIP lists projects that are programmed in the funding plan for the next 2-4 years. The STIP includes all non-aviation projects that will receive federal funding and may include some projects that will not receive federal funding. On this web page you can find a link to a pdf of the STIP document or use a search tool to find projects by community, project name, funding source, or another identifier. Each STIP project page includes a short description, funding source(s), and a project timeline.

Active Projects

<http://dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/index.shtml>

An active project is one that is in design or construction. On this web page you can find regularly updated Project Status Reports for Preconstruction (design), AMHS, Construction, and Maintenance and Operations. If you need more information for a specific project contact the Project Manager listed at the top right hand corner of each project's status report page. This web page also has links to dedicated web pages for large projects and studies.

Contact Your Regional Planners

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Christa Hagan AMHS Statewide Planner (shoreside and vessel projects, scheduling, etc.)	christa.hagan@alaska.gov	(907) 228-6801

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Needs List Search

The needs list is a "wish list" of all possible transportation projects in the state. When a community nominates a project, it is required that the region adds it to the needs list. It's important to understand that a project must be on the needs list to get in the STIP, but not all projects on the needs list will be funded.

Please note that this is a "smart form." If an item does not appear in the drop-down list of options, there are no active or programmed projects for that item.

To create a needs list report, adjust one or more filters below and click the Search button. All Need ID's meeting your chosen criteria will display in a table below the Search button.

If you see need ID numbers that are hyperlinked, it means the project is in the current STIP and the link will take you to the STIP page for the project. If you notice a link under the project name that starts with "AKSAS", it means the project is active and the link will direct you to a project status report.

* Alaska House Districts were changed in 2013.

Filters

Region: *2013 House District: Program: Borough: Highway: AMATS/FMATS: Place Name: Need ID:

Bridge Number:

Show AKSAS Projects

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23 record(s) found.

Need ID	Name	Region	Program	2013 House District	Borough	Bridge #s	Place Name
1 28929	SIT - Halibut Point Road Sidewalk Construction	S	NHS	35	Sitka, City and Borough of		Sitka
Description: This project will construct sidewalk from end of existing sidewalk (near Sea Mart) to one or more of the following destinations: Sandy Beach, Halibut Point Recreation Area and/or Ferry Terminal. Sidewalk can be constructed in phases. Sidewalk estimate is for both sides of road, but with limited funding could be considered on one side of road only. Scope should be refined if project moves forward.							
2 28452	Cross Trail Multimodal Pathway Phase 4 and 5	S	FH	35	Sitka, City and Borough of		Sitka
Description: Design, complete environmental clearance, permit, and build the Cross Trail Multimodal Pathway Trail Connectors ; one from the Cross Trail to Baranof Street, via Pherson Street and another from the main Cross Trail to the Indian River Trailhead, via Yaw Drive.							
3 27410	Sitka - Katlian Bay Road Construction	S	CTP	35	Sitka, City and Borough of		Sitka
Description: This project will provide access to public lands at the head of Katlian Bay from the end of Halibut Point Road near Starrigavan Bay. The approximate 9 mile single lane road will provide access for recreational activities on USFS lands beyond the private lands in Katlian Bay. The road could also provide access to a material source for development purposes in Sitka.							
4 26368	SIT: WWII Causeway Trail and Multi-Use Pathway	S	CTP		Sitka, City and Borough of		Sitka
Description: Design and construct improvements to provide a multi-use pathway access to the historic Fort Rae Causeway.							
5 26111	SIT: Jeff Davis Street Reconstruction	S	CTP		Sitka, City and Borough of		Sitka

						Description: Improve safety and mobility of pedestrians and bicyclists as well as extend the life of the road surface. The proposed project is to reconstruct 24 feet wide, asphalt street which is approximately 0.22 miles in length. The project will add curb, gutter and sidewalks. The project will bring road up to AASHTO standards. If feasible, add a turn lane into Sheldon Jackson College Campus.
6	26110	Sawmill Creek Road Resurfacing & Pedestrian Improvements	S	AHS	35	Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Improve Sawmill Creek Road to make it more accessible to pedestrians including those with disabilities and improve mobility of bikers. This project will widen sidewalks on the north side of Sawmill Creek Road from the roundabout at HPR/LAKE/SCR to Jeff Davis. Narrow travel lanes and add 4' bike lanes. Install concrete median to better delineate SCR and DeGroff. Resurface the entire project length. Make the connection from the existing bike path to the Jarvis crosswalk ADA compliant. <u>AKSAS: 68100</u> (Status: DESIGN) SIT SAWMILL CREEK ROAD RESURFACING & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS
7	26108	SIT: Edgumbe Drive Pavement Rehabilitation	S	CTP		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: The Edgumbe Drive Pavement Rehabilitation project consists of overlaying the existing 40-ft wide, severely degraded paved surface and making minor improvements to include sidewalks, drainage, and possibly traffic calming measures. Most sidewalks along Edgumbe Drive do not currently meet ADA requirements at intersections and curb cuts. Furthermore, approximately 25% of the sidewalks show damage due to either settlement or construction activities. The current project will bring the sidewalks into compliance with ADA requirements. There is also an area along Edgumbe Drive between Cascade Creek Road and Charteris Street that has settled and continues to do so. This project will look to fix this trouble spot. Isolated drainage issues will also be addressed. Traffic calming measures may also be included in school zones or areas with poor visibility. The total project length is approximately 1 mile.
8	25396	Sitka - Sawmill Cove Waterfront Development	S	CTP	35	Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Planning development of the Sawmill Cove Industrial Park, including a deep water dock, marine mooring, transfer systems, staging, parking areas, and related waterfront improvements. <u>AKSAS: 69600</u> (Status: PLANNING) SITKA - SAWMILL COVE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT
9	24408	Sitka: Kirkman Way Improvements	S	CTP		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Upgrade residential/business access road to paved, with pedestrian accommodations if able. Tribe #18
10	24297	Sitka: Blue Lake Road Improvements	S	CTP		Sitka, City and Borough of
						Description: Grade and install guard rails for the existing Blue Lake Road. Repair or reroute road in areas of chronic avalanches.
11	23915	SIT - Public Transportation Bus and Maintenance Facility	S	CTP		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Build a Public Transportation Bus and Maintenance Facility, which will include maintenance bays and a bus wash. Project will include any necessary studies, environmental and archeological studies, rehabilitation and construction. This will be accomplished by a transfer to FTA.
12	23518	Sitka: Halibut Point Road Multiuse Path	S	TRAAK		Sitka, City and Borough of
						Description: Improvements to Halibut Point Road from Cascade Creek to the Ferry Terminal resulting in 12' travel lanes, 5' commuter bike path lanes on both street sides and an 8' multiuse path on the waterside of the road. city #6 svb 3-27-2009
13	23517	Sitka: Baranof Street Sidewalk Improvements	S	TRAAK		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Upgrades to street surface and additions to sidewalk along Baranof Street terminating at the trailhead for Cross Trail. svb 3-27-2009
14	18269	Terminal: Sitka FT Mooring Modifications	M	FERR		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Replace dolphins, catwalks, and platforms to ensure safe linehandling during mooring evolutions with mainline ferries.
15	11630	Parallel Taxiway, Phase I	S	AV		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Construct a partial parallel taxiway to the ultimate general aviation apron (Shee Atika property).
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17	11622	General Aviation Apron and Lease Lot Development, Phase II	S	AV		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Construct access road, access taxiways and apron area to accommodate general aviation aircraft parking demand and lease lot development. A small portion of the Lagoon will be filled in.
18	11621	General Aviation Apron and Lease Lot Development, Phase I	S	AV		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Construct access road, access taxiways, and apron area to accommodate general aviation aircraft parking demand and lease lot development.
19	11084	Sitka: Katlian Area Street Improvements	S	CTP		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Improve and pave the unnamed street that connects the Sitka Tribal offices to Katlian Street. Tribe #17
20	9639	Sitka Mooring Improvements	M	NHS		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Install new mooring dolphins to provide secure mooring of vessels during heavy winds and to allow berthing of two vessels simultaneously. Install new catwalks to improve safety for linehandlers.
21	7363	Sitka: Nelson Logging Road Rerouting	S	CTP		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Construct a new connection a half mile in length between the end of the pavement and the existing road after it crosses Starrigavan Creek, plus upgrading the remainder of the road as far as the national forest boundary. Convert the first portion of the existing road to a recreational path.
22	6732	Seaplane Float Relocation/Upgrade	S	AV		Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Relocate and upgrade the seaplane float in Sitka Harbor in response to conflicts with expanding sea food production and inadequate capacity.
23	3053	SIT - Warm Spring Bay Road and Ferry Terminal Construction	S	NHS	35	Sitka, City and Borough of Sitka
						Description: Construction of a new highway, including a tunnel, that would connect Sitka with a ferry terminal site on Chatham Strait at Warm Spring Bay (approximately 19 miles)

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