

RESOLUTION 2014 - 05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS
PROGRAM (FLAP) GRANT PROGRAM FOR PRECONSTRUCTION PLANNING AND
DESIGN OF THE SITKA SEAWALK PHASE II.**

WHEREAS, a grant from the Alaska Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), if awarded, will fund the planning and design of the Sitka Sea Walk from the O'Connell Bridge to the Harrigan Centennial Building with a connector to Lincoln St and Totem Square; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Sea Walk project is a priority to the community of Sitka since the pathway links cruise ship lightering facilities with downtown shopping, multiple visitor destinations, including Sitka National Historical Park and will function with the new wayfinding system as the main thoroughfare for visitor circulation and flow within Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Sea Walk is a publicly identified priority in the 2002 Sitka Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Sitka Tourism Plans 1.0 and 2.0, Sitka Downtown Master Plan and 2011 Sitka Outdoor Recreation Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, surveys of cruise ship visitors and independent travelers completed for the Sitka Outdoor Recreation Plan in 2010 indicate a desire for more walking and hiking activities and tours and these survey results also found that the majority of cruise ship visitors choose to walk during their visit; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Sea Walk Phase II upon construction will complete the Sitka Sea Walk, a visitor enhancement and marketing tool as well as a very popular walking opportunity for residents; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Sea Walk Phase II will be also be a safety improvement by reducing uncontrolled visitor crossings of Harbor Drive; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Administrator of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute and administer any and all documents required for the application and acceptance of funding from the Alaska Federal Lands Access Program and to manage those funds on behalf of the City and Borough of Sitka.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 22nd day of April 2014


Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk