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RE: Sawmill Creek Road Upgrade Phase 3
Project MGS-STP-BR-0933(21)/68216

Mayor Cheryl Westover
City & Borough of Sitka
100 Lincoln Street
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Dear Mayor and Assembly Members:

I am the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (Department) Project Manager for the Sawmill Creek Road Phase 3 project, which includes a separated pedestrian facility. As I mentioned in the update I gave at the November 9, 2010 assembly meeting, we have developed a revised preliminary design based on the input we received from the City and Borough of Sitka (Borough) and the public. The current design includes features, such as picnic tables and benches, which will require a maintenance agreement between the Borough and the Department, but also includes features that will reduce the Borough's current maintenance responsibilities.

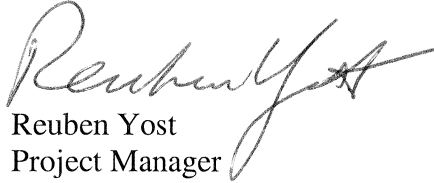
Nathan Leigh is the Project Manager for USKH, Inc., the engineering firm preparing the design plans for this project. Nathan and I look forward to discussing the project with you at a work session prior to the November 30, 2010 assembly meeting. We will be meeting with the Sawmill Cove Industrial Park Board early in the afternoon on the same day to discuss potential new parking designs at the administration building.

I am enclosing the Proposed Action Typical Section and plan sheets for the areas that relate to potential maintenance items. I will have a Power Point presentation with these graphics as well as slides of the entire project from Whale Park to the Sawmill Creek Bridge, so we can explain any part of the project that is of interest. We have been in contact with Borough personnel

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regarding inclusion of underground transmission line conduit in the road construction project and can discuss that issue jointly at the work session.

Sincerely,



Reuben Yost
Project Manager

Enclosures: Proposed Action Typical Section
Maintenance Area Plan Sheets

cc: Chris Brewton, Borough Utility Director
Gary Davis, Southeast Region Director
Michael Harmon, Borough Public Works Director