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Lynette Campbell, Chief Aviation Leasing
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Dear Ms. Campbell,

We appreciate you taking the time to visit with us in March to discuss our concerns about the potential loss of access to the current gravel long term parking area at the Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport. Proposed airport lease lot development would encompass the existing access road to this parking area. From that meeting, it is our understanding that the State of Alaska views this parking lot as an unauthorized trespass on airport property. Therefore, the viability of this parking lot is not a State consideration in evaluating lease lot development proposals.

We have reviewed the Sitka Airport Terminal Parking Lot White Paper you prepared dated April 7, 2015 and discussed your proposal to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State. Under the terms of the proposal, the City and Borough of Sitka would manage the terminal building parking lot with the State retaining maintenance responsibilities. Unfortunately, without considerations for the approximately 40 parking spaces which would be lost should lease lot development proceed as planned, we are not in a position to accept the proposal.

Our recommendation is that the bulk of the rental car fleets be relocated to an offsite location when their leases expire in 2019 and those areas be made available for sorely needed public airport parking. Alternate rental car lease areas could likely be provided on Charcoal Island. Limiting the rental car parking areas to only that which is necessary to accommodate the rental vehicles being picked up on any given day, will provide the necessary parking for us to reconsider our position on the MOA. We also strongly encourage that an alternate access be provided to the current gravel long term parking area as a requirement of any lease lot development.

Sincerely,

Mark Gorman
Municipal Administrator

CC: Michael Harmon, P.E., Public Works Director
Maegan Bosak, Director of Planning and Community Development
Dan Tadic, P.E., Municipal Engineer