



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

Meeting Agenda - Final

Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

6:30 PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall

****Special Meeting****

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

(Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, unless the Chair imposes other time constraints at the beginning of the agenda item.)

IV. THE EVENING BUSINESS

A [MISC 21-09](#) Discussion/Direction on Short-Term Tourism Plan

Attachments: [Staff Memo 8.4.21](#)

V. ADJOURNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Spivey and Planning Commission Members

From: Amy Ainslie, Planning Director *AA*

Date: July 30, 2021

Subject: **Tourism Planning – Traffic from Dock to Downtown**

This week's plan focus is traffic planning from the Sitka Sound Cruise Terminal (i.e. the cruise ship dock or otherwise just the dock) to downtown. We would like to hear from the community where improvements in traffic flow and/or pedestrian safety are needed along this critical stretch.

At previous sessions, the following concerns were raised:

- Given developments in the vicinity of the dock (4951 HPR, trail head for the new cross trail extension), there may be more pedestrians on this section of HPR.
 - Are crosswalks and/or crossing signals needed in this area?
 - Are sidewalks or a walking path needed? What can be done to encourage safe pedestrian use of this area?
 - Will other traffic interventions such as a reduced speed zone be needed?
- How will plans for the 2022 summer Sawmill Creek Road project impact bus and other cruise passenger related traffic?
 - Are there plans for detours or opportunities to preview detour/traffic management plans for the project ahead of time?
- Traffic light at Lake/Lincoln/Harbor Drive
 - CBS request for left turn lane (Lake to Lincoln)
 - All-cross/all-walk possibility?

Further conversation on other traffic changes, mitigations, or areas of concern should be discussed as well. We will be joined by two AKDOT traffic planners, as well as CBS Public Works, Fire Department, and Police Department.