

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Sitka****Federal Tax ID: 92-0041163****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

# Sitka - Eagle Way and Old Harbor Mountain Road Upgrades and Ownership Transfer

**State Funding Requested: \$1,500,000****House District: 2 / A**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Upgrades to Eagle Way Road and Old Harbor Mountain Road in Sitka, and transfer of ownership to City and Borough of Sitka.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$1,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

City & Borough of Sitka (CBS) requests \$1,500,000 in funding to upgrade Eagle Way and Old Harbor Mountain Road. Both roads have gravel surfaces in poor condition, and domestic water and sewer facilities that range from very poor condition to non-existent.

**Eagle Way (\$750,000):** Eagle Way was formerly a portion of the Sawmill Creek Road state highway right of way and is a dead-end road approximately 600 feet in length. Eagle Way provides access to multiple homes and is used by local residents and visitors for access to the mouth of Indian River. Many residents also use this area to launch small boats and kayaks. The proposed project for Eagle Way would include a minimum 24-foot paved surface, sidewalk or asphalt path for pedestrian access, and replacement or upgrade of existing utilities.

**Old Harbor Mountain Road (\$750,000):** Prior to 2000, the Old Harbor Mountain Road provided access to the US Forest Service road to the Harbor Mountain recreation area. Old Harbor Mountain Road is a dead-end road approximately 650 feet in length and provides access to multiple residences. The proposed project for Old Harbor Mountain Road would include a minimum 24-foot paved surface and replacement or upgrade of existing utilities.

In past years, the CBS Public Works Department has done limited surface maintenance on these two roads. The Sitka residents who live along these roads experience difficulties in access and lack adequate water and sewer facilities.

DOT&PF and DNR would transfer ownership of both roads to the CBS for future maintenance.

**Project Timeline:**

FY2012.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

City and Borough of Sitka

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

**FY2013 CBS REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDING FOR STATE FACILITIES**

**Project Title: UPGRADE STATE-OWNED EAGLE WAY AND OLD HARBOR MOUNTAIN ROAD**

<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,000 (100%)</b>
<b>Funding Already Secured:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>FY2013 State Funding Request:</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,000 DOTPF (100%)</b>
<b>Additional Funding Required/Outstanding:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**City & Borough of Sitka requests that the State of Alaska provide funding of approximately \$1,500,000 to upgrade State owned Eagle Way and Old Harbor Mountain Road.** Eagle Way is managed by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. Old Harbor Mountain Road is managed by Department of Natural Resources. Both are essentially unmaintained. Both have gravel surfaces in poor condition, and domestic water and sewer facilities that range from very poor condition to nonexistent.

**Eagle Way (\$750,000):** Eagle way was formerly a portion of the Sawmill Creek Road State highway right of way and is a dead end road approximately 600 feet in length. Eagle Way not only provides access to multiple residences but is also used by local residents and tourists alike for access to the mouth of Indian River. Many local residents also use this area to launch small boats and kayaks. The proposed project for Eagle Way would include a minimum 24-foot paved surface, sidewalk or an asphalt path for pedestrian access, and replacement or upgrade of existing utilities.

**Old Harbor Mountain Road (\$750,000):** Old Harbor Mountain Road was the State owned access road to the USFS road that accessed the recreation area Harbor Mountain prior to construction of the Harbor Mountain Bypass Road in approximately 2000. Old Harbor Mountain Road is also currently a dead end road approximately 650 feet in length and provides access to multiple residences. The proposed project for Old Harbor Mountain Road would include a minimum 24-foot paved surface and replacement or upgrade of existing utilities.

In past years the City and Borough of Sitka Public Works Department has done some limited surface maintenance on these two roads, but only on specific occasions and in the absence of appropriate State maintenance. Sitka based DOTPF maintenance personnel agree that these are State facilities, but are unable to add either maintenance or upgrade of these roads to their regular operating budget. The Sitka residents who live on these roads have not been properly served and continue to request that they receive adequate roads and water and sewer facilities.

**The State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities needs to upgrade or replace the water and sewer mains and services within the rights of way and upgrade Eagle Way and Old Harbor Mountain Road with at least new strip paved surfaces of appropriate thickness for the subsurface conditions and the traffic loading. Also required are storm drain systems to address flows impacting the roadways. DOTPF and DNR can then transfer the roads to the City and Borough of Sitka for ownership and all future maintenance.**

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION 2011-22

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA (CBS)  
SUBMITTING CBS 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
TO STATE OF ALASKA AND 2012 LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka advocates cooperating and sharing resources with the State of Alaska to maximize public infrastructure and services for the citizens of Alaska in the most efficient, cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has inadequately maintained State owned facilities and passed unfunded mandates on to municipalities; and


WHEREAS, municipalities have suffered major budget impacts from State management of the PERS/TRS system, State harbors, State roads and utilities, and other State responsibilities which should be compensated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, adopts the following FY2013 State Legislative Priorities and urges the Alaska State Legislature to support them to the maximum extent possible:


- **State Revenue Sharing/Local Tax Relief** – The City and Borough of Sitka supports the State Revenue Sharing on a sustainable basis to equitably compensate Alaska communities for providing local services.
- **Education** – State funding should be increased to cover escalating transportation expenses, the rising costs of fuel and energy, and reasonable new costs to improve the quality of education.
- **Local Control and Maximum Local Self-Government Guaranteed by the Alaska Constitution** – The Legislature should defeat any legislation that creates new unfunded mandates or takes away existing powers of local governments. The State should fund existing unfunded State mandates.
- **Deferred Maintenance of Harbors** – The State should fully fund the deferred maintenance of State harbors transferred to local governments. In addition, the State should fully fund the 50 percent matching grants legislated by SB 291, the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Fund, to assist with future harbor upgrades.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly submits the enclosed FY2013 City and Borough of Sitka Legislative Priorities, CBS Legislative Capital Project Requests and CBS Requests for State Funding for State Facilities in priority order to the 2012 Session of the Alaska State Legislature and State of Alaska.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

  
Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Colleen Ingman, MMC  
Municipal Clerk