

From: [Brantner, Maren H \(DOT\)](#)
To: robbrose@gci.net
Cc: [dot.stip](#)
Subject: RE: Comment on STIP Amd 2
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 4:22:25 PM

Good afternoon Mr. Welton,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Please see our responses to your questions on Amendment 2 to the 2020-2023 STIP.

The Juneau Field Office is actively working on developing projects that will bring sidewalks throughout the Southcoast Region into compliance with federal ADA standards. The decrease in funding for FFY21 is simply an adjustment to reflect the amount of funding necessary to initiate design for two ADA compliance projects. Provided is a link to the DOT&PF ADA page if you are interested in learning more about the department's ADA policies;
<http://dot.alaska.gov/accessibility.shtml>.

While it appears there are only a few Juneau projects in the current STIP, several Juneau projects were funded through the prior 2018-2021 STIP
http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/cip/stip/stiplans/1821/1821_Original.pdf. The DOT&PF also has a Preventative Maintenance Program (PM). Juneau has several PM projects including resurfacing of Egan Drive downtown to Mount Roberts Street, Douglas Highway, and Glacier Highway between Willoughby Ave and Channel Drive. We are also investigating adding a segment of the shared-use path to the Glacier Hwy/Willoughby to that PM project.

Thank you for your support of the Recreational Trails Program! If you every have any questions about it, please contact Tara Epperson at tara.epperson@alaska.gov, or visit the RTP website at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm>.

Thank you again for taking the time to comment on Amendment 2. The Department sincerely values your input and support.

Sincerely,

Maren Brantner

STIP Manager, DOT&PF

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From: robbrose@gci.net <robbrose@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 3:38 PM
To: dot.stip <dot.stip@alaska.gov>
Subject: Comment on STIP Amd 2

Hello,

Thanks for letting me know about amendment 2 to the STIP. I have a couple of comments to share:

1. ADA facilities are important. So why is program ID 28549 decreasing from \$2 million to \$800K in FFY 21? I see no shortage of deteriorating curb ramps, etc. that could use help.
2. It's good news to see that program # 12259, the Recreational Trails Program will see an increase from \$1.4million a year to \$2.4 million for FFY21-22-23 and after FY23. I don't know if this is a DOT project, but do know mother nature works on trails, and they too need maintenance. This is good.
3. Looking down the list of projects for Southcoast Region, I was alarmed to note that not a single project is listed for Juneau. I feel as though we have aging transportation infrastructure here, too. So not seeing any increases to funding makes me question the fairness of the amendment.

Of course, I am a lay person and so aren't familiar with the original STIP at this point in time. Thanks for the opportunity to review and comment on the amendment.

Rob Welton

Juneau Freewheelers Bicycle Club

From: [Brantner, Maren H \(DOT\)](#)
To: [dot.stip](#)
Subject: Napakiak multi-modal study
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:38:32 AM

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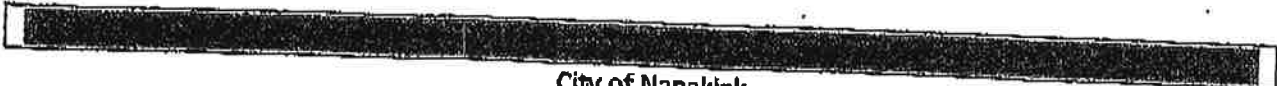
From: "Wuttke-Campoamor, Jessica L (DOT)" <jessica.wuttke-campoamor@alaska.gov>
Date: June 7, 2021 at 8:49:56 AM AKDT
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Subject: **Napakiak multi-modal study**

Ms. Slats,

Thank you for your letter of support for the Napakiak Multi-modal Study. We look forward to working with you on this project!

Sincerely,

Jessica Wuttke-Campoamor, CM
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Message:

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May 14, 2021

To: Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Division of Program Development
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From: Joann Slats-City Mayor

The City of Napakiak would like to extend our thanks to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for including our community in the planning Process. We understand that this will be a multi-modal study with the FAA assessing the airport and the STIP program assessing a road. Our community is grateful this process is moving forward due the imminent threat that we face from erosion by the Kuskokwim River.

Every year we lose ground-and in some years the erosion can accelerate very quickly. Our current airstrip is our lifeline to the outside world and provides much of the goods delivery we need. It is also used for medivacs for needed emergencies. We believe that our airstrip could start to be impacted by erosion in the next few years and starting to plan now for the future is very important. Our community would like to support your work in any way we can.

Sincerely,



Joann Slats
City Mayor

cc: Files

From: [Kreis, Courtney E \(DOT\)](#)
To: [City Of Napakiak](#); [dot.stip](#)
Subject: RE: Mllti-Modal Study
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 10:57:00 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding must be amended periodically to meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the City of Napakiak project, Need ID 33249 in Amendment 2. The Department sincerely values your support.

Thank you,

Courtney Kreis

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From: City Of Napakiak <cityofnapakiak@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 10:00 AM
To: [dot.stip](#) <dot.stip@alaska.gov>
Subject: Mllti-Modal Study

The City of Napakiak extend our thanks to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for including our community process that the FAA to assess the airport and the STIP program assessing road. As we face constant erosion threat to residential and infrastructure's we have been retreating to the east side of the community to the new subdivision site. The

current airport is used as a lifeline that provides much needed goods delivery and medivacs for emergencies.

I am very grateful that this process will start moving forward making it one of the priorities to start the planning before it is impacted by the erosion from the Kuskokwim River that the community faces. We will be supporting to work with you in any way we can.

Walter Nelson
Managed Retreat Coordinator

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From: [Brantner, Maren H \(DOT\)](#)
To: [dot.stip](#)
Subject: Napakiak multi-model study
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 7:58:02 AM

From: "Wuttke-Campoamor, Jessica L (DOT)" <jessica.wuttke-campoamor@alaska.gov>

Date: June 4, 2021 at 3:16:49 PM AKDT
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Subject: **Napakiak multi-model study**

Mr. Andrew, Ms. Pavilla, and Ms. Charlie,

Thank you for your letter of support for the Napakiak Multi-modal Study. We look forward to working with you on this project!

Sincerely,
Jessica Wuttke-Campoamor, CM
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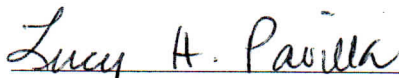
Sincerely,
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May 14, 2021

The Native Village of Napakiak would like to extend our thanks to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for including our community in the planning process. We understand that this will be a multi-modal study with the FAA assessing the airport and the STIP program assessing a road. Our community is grateful this process is moving forward due to the imminent threat that we face from erosion by the Kuskokwim River. Every year we lose ground—and in some years, the erosion can accelerate very quickly. Our current airstrip is our lifeline to the outside world and provides much of the goods delivery we need. Transportation is essential to the survival of Napakiak. We believe that our airstrip could start to be impacted by erosion in the next few years and starting to plan now for the future is very important. Our community would like to support your work in any way we can.

Gratefully,



Lucy H. Pavilla, President



Susan A. Charlie, Treasurer/Secretary

From: [Kreis, Courtney E \(DOT\)](#)
To: [Sally K. Billy, Coordinator; dot.stip](#)
Subject: RE: planning process
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 10:59:00 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding must be amended periodically to meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the City of Napakiak project, Need ID 33249 in Amendment 2. The Department sincerely values your support.

Thank you,

Courtney Kreis

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From: Sally K. Billy, Coordinator <napakiak_epa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 11:56 AM
To: dot.stip <dot.stip@alaska.gov>
Subject: planning process

The City of Napakiak, Native Village of Napakiak. and the Tribal Members of Napakiak would like to extend our thanks to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for including our community in the planning process. We understand that this will be

a multi- modal study with the FAA assessing the airport and the STIP program assessing a road. Our community is grateful this process is moving forward due to the imminent threat that we face from erosion by the Kuskokwim River. Every year we lose ground, and in some years the erosion can accelerate very quickly. Our current airstrip is our lifeline to the outside world and provides much of the goods delivery we need, and Emergency Medivac. Transportation is essential to the survival of Napakiak. Our airstrip will be impacted by the erosion in the next few years and starting to plan now for the future is very important. Our community wants to support your work in any way we can.

Thank You,

Sally K. Billy, Coordinator Napakiak IGAP Program Native Village of Napakiak PO BOX 34075 Napakiak, AK 99634-0075 (907) 589-2140 napakiak_epa@yahoo.com

From: [Kreis, Courtney E \(DOT\)](#)
To: [Melissa Henshaw](#); [dot.stip](#)
Cc: [Administrator](#); [Michael Harmon](#)
Subject: RE: City and Borough of Sitka 2020-2023 STIP Amendment 2 Public Comments
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 12:40:00 PM
Attachments: [Ltr Sitka John Leach 07.14.pdf](#)
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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter in response to your public comment on the 2020-2023 STIP Amendment 2. We greatly appreciate your involvement in the public process.

Thank you,

Courtney Kreis

STIP Planner III

From: Melissa Henshaw <melissa.henshaw@cityofsitka.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 1:33 PM
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Cc: Administrator <administrator@cityofsitka.org>; Michael Harmon <michael.harmon@cityofsitka.org>; Melissa Henshaw <melissa.henshaw@cityofsitka.org>
Subject: City and Borough of Sitka 2020-2023 STIP Amendment 2 Public Comments

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached comments from the City and Borough of Sitka on the State of Alaska's 2020-2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment 2. Thank you for the opportunity.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



Melissa Henshaw
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July 14, 2021

John Leach
Municipal Administrator
100 Lincoln Street
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Dear Mr. Leach,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding must be amended periodically to meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

In regards to your questions on utility relocation and Lake Street/Harbor Drive, please see our responses. The DOT&PF is actively working with the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) to rebuild the utilities and give them to the CBS via a Memorandum of Understanding. The DOT&PF will look into your request to add a left turn lane on Lake Street/Harbor Drive, and if it's feasible we will try to identify funding sources for this request.

We agree with your statement about the importance of the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) and the connectivity it provides to both Bellingham and Prince Rupert. The scheduled ferry service of two to three north and south bound ferries a month, is due to our current budget and vessel availability. Going forward, depending on the AMHS budget, we hope to be able to provide additional service to Sitka.

If you have any additional questions regarding projects in Southcoast Region, please contact Chrissy McNally, the Juneau Field Office Planner, at chrissy.mcnally@alaska.gov or (907) 465-8864. Thank you for taking the time to comment on the draft 2020-2023 STIP. The Department sincerely values your support. For more information about the STIP and to view future STIP amendments, please visit www.dot.alaska.gov/stip.

Sincerely,

Maren Brantner
STIP Manager

Cc: Narciso Flores, Marine Transportation Services Manager, DOT&PF
Marie Heidemann, Juneau Field Office Planning Chief, DOT&PF
Chrissy McNally, Juneau Field Office Planner, DOT&PF



City and Borough of Sitka

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June 3, 2021

[VIA MAIL/EMAIL]

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Re: 2020-2023 STIP Amendment 2 Public Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the extended comment period. The City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) submits the following comments on the 2020-2023 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment 2.

Please include in the Transportation Plan with implementation in the near future:

- 1) The relocation of utilities under the Airport Road that were not moved when the road was realigned to allow for expansion of the airport lease lots. This road realignment was to help support transportation growth at the airport but given the utilities were not moved along with the road, that has not been able to move forward.
- 2) The addition of a left turn lane at the signal on Lake Street/Harbor Drive turning left on Lincoln Street both north and south bound. This would help relieve congestion and is imperative with Sitka expecting to have upwards of 400,000 visitors in 2022.

The Alaska Marine Highway System in Southeast Alaska is essential to transporting people, goods, and services both regionally and inter-state, and connects the region to the North American road system via price Rupert and Bellingham. It must function year-round to enable the Southeast economy to thrive and its citizens to maintain their connections.

Sitka is an urban hub for many smaller communities in Southeast Alaska, especially as it pertains to regional health care at the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) hospital facilities. SEARHC is the largest employer in Sitka and provides critical health care services for these communities. Sitka felt it was substantially under-served most of the year when there was once or twice a week ferry service. Now, Sitka receives only 2 to 3 north and south bound ferries a month depending on the time of year.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

John M. Leach
Municipal Administrator

Cc: Michael Harmon, Sitka Public Works Director via email only
Melissa Henshaw, Sitka Public and Government Relations Director via email only

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From: [Kreis, Courtney E \(DOT\)](#)
To: [Angela Pool](#); [dot.stip](#)
Cc: [Karl Amylon](#); [Lacey Simpson](#); [Mark Hilson](#); [Kara Jurczak](#)
Subject: RE: City of Ketchikan Comments - STIP 2020-2023 Amendment 2
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 12:04:00 PM
Attachments: [Ltr KTN Kara Jurczak 07.14.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter in response to your public comment on the 2020-2023 STIP Amendment 2. We greatly appreciate your involvement in the public process.

Thank you,

Courtney Kreis

STIP Planner III

From: Angela Pool <AngelaP@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us>
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Subject: City of Ketchikan Comments - STIP 2020-2023 Amendment 2

To whom it may concern:

Please see the attached correspondence for the City of Ketchikan's comments regarding proposed Amendment 2 to the 2020-2023 STIP.

Thank you,

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July 14, 2021

Kara Jurczak, P.E.
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Dear Ms. Jurczak,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding must be amended periodically to meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

The DOT&PF is scheduled to begin work on Need ID 27766 South Tongass Highway - Tongass Avenue Improvements and Need ID 28890 Sayles/Gorge St. Viaduct Improvement in 2022. Plans, specifications, and estimate review for both projects is planned for August and will have traffic control as part of that review package. Those plans will be shared with the City of Ketchikan as part of the review package.

If you have any additional questions regarding projects in Southcoast Region, please contact Chrissy McNally, the Juneau Field Office Planner, at chrissy.mcnally@alaska.gov or (907) 465-8864. Thank you for taking the time to comment on the draft 2020-2023 STIP. The Department sincerely values your support. For more information about the STIP and to view future STIP amendments, please visit www.dot.alaska.gov/stip.

Sincerely,

Maren Brantner
STIP Manager

Cc: Chrissy McNally, Juneau Field Office Planner, DOT&PF
Marie Heidemann, Juneau Field Office Planning Chief, DOT&PF



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June 4, 2021

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Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
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Re: Proposed Amendment #2 to the Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Ketchikan is in support of Amendment #2 as it relates to two important infrastructure projects in Ketchikan:

1. ID 27766 South Tongass Highway - Tongass Avenue Improvements,
2. ID 28890 Sayles/Gorge St. Viaduct Improvement

It should be noted that the Ketchikan City Council in February 2021 stated their frustration to the delays already incurred on the South Tongass Highway – Tongass Avenue Improvements Project, and that the community should not be asked to accept any further project start delays beyond FFY 2022. Delays beyond FFY 2022 are simply not acceptable. Additionally, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities acknowledged the construction related impacts the Tongass Avenue Improvements project would have on the 2022 tourism season, and assured that they would present options to address the inevitable disruptions to traffic. As of this date we have not received any further correspondence regarding the disruption to traffic. Staff of both of our respective entities continue to work through these impacts as well as addressing technical aspects of this project such as finding alternatives to the installation of pedestrian islands.

The City of Ketchikan appreciates the opportunity to comment on the STIP, and appreciates ADOT&PF's hard work and commitment to critical infrastructure projects in Ketchikan. Should you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

ADOT&PF
June 4, 2021
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Sincerely,



Kara Jurczak, P.E.
Acting Public Works Director

cc: Karl Amylon, City Manager
Lacey Simpson, Assistant City Manager
Mark Hilson, P.E., Acting Port & Harbor Director