Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Project Title: **Project Type:** Other

Sitka - Katlian Bay Road Construction

State Funding Requested: $14,000,000 **House District:** 2 / A

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Construct Katlian Bay Road in Sitka.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$14,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	($0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	($14,000,000)
Project Deficit:	$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Construct approximately 6 miles of new single lane, unpaved roadway and bridges along the south shore of Katlian Bay. New roadway will be constructed from the current end of Halibut Point Road near Starrigavan Bay to connect to the existing logging road system at the head of Katlian Bay. Rehabilitate approximately 2 miles of existing logging road at the head of Katlian Bay. Project provides access to Native Corp lands that could provide a rock source for Sitka. Also provides access to mental health trust lands beyond the native lands.

Project Timeline:

FY13-16

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

DOT&PF

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name:	Pat Kemp
Title:	Deputy Commissioner-Highways & Public Facilities
Address:	PO Box 112500
	Juneau, Alaska 99811
Phone Number:	(907)465-3906
Email:	pat.kemp@alaska.gov

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

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

$14,000,000
Approved

3:18 PM 5/2/2012

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Contact Number: 465-3873

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September 15, 2011

The Honorable Marc A. Luiken
Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Office of the Commissioner
3132 Channel Drive
PO Box 112500
Juneau, AK 99811-2500

Re: Roads To Resources Program – Proposed Road from Sitka to Katlian Bay

Dear Commissioner Luiken:

I am writing you in my capacity as the President/CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Shee Atiká, Incorporated to request your support for construction of a road from Sitka to Katlian Bay, and in particular, to request that this road be included in the Roads to Resources Program of your Department. Shee Atiká is the urban corporation organized under ANCSA for the Alaska Natives historically residing in the Sitka area and our land base includes 3000 acres of surface estate at Katlian Bay. The vast majority of our shareholders reside in the Sitka area.

There is a pressing need for a road from Sitka to Katlian Bay. Katlian Bay lies approximately ten miles north of Sitka and is the site of a fully permitted quarry on Shee Atiká lands. This quarry has the capability of producing quality rock, sand and gravel for the Sitka market almost immediately. As you may be aware, quality rock is in very short supply in Sitka, and commercial quality sand and gravel deposits are even rarer. Accessing these materials by road at Katlian Bay will remove one of the largest obstacles to development in the Sitka area. Thus, construction of a road to Katlian Bay to provide access for an important industrial user is precisely the type of project that the Roads to Resources Program was implemented to support.

The road to Katlian Bay has another important advantage. Once the road extends to Katlian Bay, a reasonable extension would be to provide access to the eastern side of Baranof Island. Having a road terminus on the eastern side of Baranof Island will cut almost 100 miles off the existing ferry route between the eastern and western sides of Baranof Island, increasing ferry service to the 9,000 persons that live in Sitka as well as the flow of commerce to and from Sitka. Additionally it will allow reduction in ferry service fares (because of the fuel savings), eliminate the ferry service's ongoing concerns about the dangers to maritime traffic in Peril Strait, and provide relief to the aging ferry fleet. The Forest Service has been looking at such a road through Katlian Bay for almost three decades now and there is substantial local support in Sitka for such a road. Last month (August, 2011) Undersecretary of Agriculture Harris Sherman met in Sitka with approximately 30 local business and civic leaders, and the topic of a road from Sitka to the east side of Baranof Island was repeatedly discussed as a critical need for the Sitka area that the United States Forest Service could help address and several local Sitka area organizations have now adopted resolutions calling for construction of such a road.

We request (1) that you and your Department move the project of a road from Sitka to Katlian Bay to an active planning status, and (2) that funds be allocated to the Department's personnel responsible for Southeast Alaska transportation planning to help get the Katlian Bay project moving.

Commissioner, I stand ready to travel to Juneau to meet with you and your team at your earliest convenience to explore how this project can move forward expeditiously. My personal phone is (907) 738-0590, and my email is ken.sheeatika@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
SHEE ATIKÁ, INCORPORATED

Kenneth M. Cameron
President/CEO; Board Chairman

Cc: The Honorable Bert Stedman
Co-Chair, Finance Committee
Alaska State Senate

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SHEE ATIKÁ, INCORPORATED

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of Shee Atiká, Incorporated has responsibility to oversee the assets of SAI;

WHEREAS, Shee Atiká, Incorporated ("SAI") owns approximately 3,000 acres of surface estate at Katlian Bay and Sealaska Corporation ("Sealaska") owns the subsurface thereunder;

WHEREAS, there is a significant shortage of rock, sand and gravel in Sitka as well as elsewhere in Southeast Alaska and in Western Alaska;

WHEREAS, there are substantial and commercially-valuable quantities of rock, sand and gravel located at Katlian Bay, including within the subsurface owned by Sealaska ("Katlian Bay Rock Resources");

WHEREAS, SAI has an existing permit to maintain a mooring buoy in Katlian Bay, and such mooring buoy can be utilized to moor vessels that could transport the Katlian Bay Rock Resources and otherwise in the operation of a quarry;

WHEREAS, Sealaska has obtained the necessary governmental permits to operate a quarry ("Katlian Bay Quarry Site") within its subsurface at Katlian Bay to access and remove the Katlian Bay Rock Resources;

WHEREAS, the Board believes that long term economic growth in the Sitka area requires that there be an all-weather road to from Sitka to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to permit the transport of the Katlian Bay Rock Resources from the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to markets in Sitka and other points in Southeast Alaska as well as in Western Alaska;

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities ("DOTPF") has a program known as "Road to Resources" that provides funding for roads that access natural resources such as the Katlian Bay Rock Resources;

WHEREAS, there is substantial public support for the operation of a quarry at Katlian Bay, as demonstrated by the granting of permits to Sealaska to operate a quarry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby endorse efforts to obtain an all-weather road to from Sitka to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources and allow transport of the Katlian Bay Rock Resources to markets in Sitka and other points in Southeast Alaska as well as in Western Alaska;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby request all Sitka area organizations to also formally endorse efforts to obtain an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby request all Sitka area elected officials, including Senator Stedman, to support the funding of an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby request Commissioner Marc Luiken and DOTPF to include an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources within DOTPF's Road to Resources program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers and agents of SAI be and hereby are authorized to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of Shee Atiká, Incorporated in accordance with its organic documents at a Meeting of said Board of Directors held on January 28, 2012 and said resolution appears in the record of said Meeting as set forth above. Dated this 31 day of January, 2012.

By: Steffes on FAAO
Pamela Steffes, Vice-Chair

THE GREATER SITKA chamber OF COMMERCE

GREATER SITKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION 2012-01
IN SUPPORT OF ROAD TO KATLIAN BAY QUARRY SITE

WHEREAS, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber") mission statement is to promote, support and facilitate commerce and economic growth in the community; and

WHEREAS, Shee Atiká, Incorporated ("SAI") owns approximately 3,000 acres of surface estate at Katlian Bay and Sealaska owns the subsurface thereunder; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant shortage of rock, sand and gravel in Sitka as well as elsewhere in Southeast Alaska and in Western Alaska; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial and commercially-valuable quantities of rock, sand and gravel located at Katlian Bay, including within the subsurface owned by Sealaska ("Katlian Bay Rock Resources"); and

WHEREAS, SAI has an existing permit to maintain a mooring buoy in Katlian Bay, and such mooring buoy can be utilized to moor vessels that could transport the Katlian Bay Rock Resources and otherwise in the operation of a quarry; and

WHEREAS, Sealaska has obtained the necessary governmental permits to operate a quarry ("Katlian Bay Quarry Site") within its subsurface at Katlian Bay to access and remove the Katlian Bay Rock Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber believes that long term economic growth in the Sitka area requires that there be an all-weather road to from Sitka to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to permit the transport of the Katlian Bay Rock Resources from the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to markets in Sitka and other points in Southeast Alaska as well as in Western Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities ("DOTPF") has a program known as "Road to Resources" that provides funding for roads that access natural resources such as the Katlian Bay Rock Resources; and

WHEREAS, there is substantial public support for the operation of a quarry at Katlian Bay, as demonstrated by the granting of permits to Sealaska to operate a quarry; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chamber does hereby endorse efforts to obtain an all-weather road from Sitka to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources and to allow transport of the Katlian Bay Rock Resources to markets in Sitka and other points in Southeast Alaska as well as in Western Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chamber encourages organizations to also formally endorse efforts to obtain an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chamber does hereby request the Sitka area elected officials, including Senator Stedman, to support the funding of an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chamber does hereby request Commissioner Marc Luiken and DOTPF to include an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources within DOTPF's Road to Resources program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately; and

THE GREATER SITKA chamber OF COMMERCE

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the officers and agents of the Chamber be and hereby are authorized to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce in accordance with its organic documents at a Meeting of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce held on January 19, 2012 and said resolution appears in the record of said Meeting as set forth above. Dated this 20th day of January, 2012.

Signed: _____
Gerry Hope, President

Attest: _____
Jennifer Robinson, Executive Director

Alaska Native Brotherhood - Sitka Camp 1

235 Katlian Street, Suite A **Sitka, Alaska 99835**

RESOLUTION 01-2012

Title: IN SUPPORT OF ROAD TO KATLIAN BAY QUARRY SITE

WHEREAS, the based on the 1994 Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) Constitution, the Sitka ANB Camp #1 has a responsibility to its membership to "cultivate the morality, education, commerce and Civil Government of Alaska.", and

WHEREAS, Shee Atiká, Incorporated (SAI) informed the Sitka ANB Camp #1, their company owns approximately 3,000 acres of surface estate at Katlian Bay and Sealaska owns the subsurface there under, and

WHEREAS, there are substantial and commercially valuable quantities of rock, sand and gravel located at Katlian Bay, including within the subsurface owned by Sealaska (Katlian Bay Rock Resources), and

WHEREAS, SAI has an existing permit to maintain a mooring buoy at Katlian Bay, and such mooring buoy can be utilized to moor vessels that could transport the Katlian Bay Rock Resources and otherwise in the operation of a quarry, and

WHEREAS, Sealaska has obtained the necessary governmental permits to operate a quarry (Katlian Bay Quarry Site) within its subsurface at Katlian Bay to access and remove the Katlian Bay Rock Resources, and

WHEREAS, the Sitka ANB Camp #1 believes a part of the long term economic growth in the Sitka area requires that there be an all-weather road to/from Sitka to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to permit the transport of the Katlian Bay Rock Resources from the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to markets in Sitka and other points in Southeast Alaska as well as in Western Alaska, and

WHEREAS, Sitka ANB Camp #1 joins the other organizational and public support for the operation of a quarry at Katlian Bay, as demonstrated by the granting of permits to Sealaska to operate a quarry, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sitka ANB Camp #1 does hereby endorse efforts to obtain an all-weather road from Sitka to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources and to allow transport of the Katlian Bay Rock Resources to markets in Sitka and other points in Southeast Alaska as well as in Western Alaska, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sitka ANB Camp #1 encourages Sitka area organizations to also formally endorse efforts to obtain an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sitka ANB Camp #1 requests Sitka area elected officials to support the funding of an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sitka ANB Camp #1 does hereby request Commissioner Mark Luiken of DOTPF to include an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources within DOTPF's Road to Resources program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the officers and agents of the Sitka ANB Camp #1 be and hereby are authorized to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Sitka ANB Camp #1 in accordance with its organic documents at a meeting of the Sitka ANB Camp #1 held on Monday, February 27, 2012 and said resolution appears in the record of said meeting as set forth above, by a vote of **_7_IN FAVOR, _0__AGAINST and _0_ABSTAIN.**

Dated this 27th day of February, 2012.

Gerry Hope, President

ATTEST:

Harriet Beleal

Harriet Beleal, Secretary

SEDA SITKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
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RESOLUTION 12-02
Road to Katlian Bay Quarry Site

RESOLUTION OF THE SITKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Sitka Economic Development Association (SEDA) has responsibility to proactively encourage the long term economic growth in the Sitka area; and

WHEREAS, Shee Atiká, Incorporated (SAI) owns approximately 3,000 acres of surface estate at Katlian Bay and Sealaska owns the subsurface thereunder; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant shortage of rock, sand and gravel in Sitka as well as elsewhere in Southeast Alaska and in Western Alaska; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial and commercially valuable quantities of rock, sand and gravel located at Katlian Bay, including within the subsurface owned by Sealaska (Katlian Bay Rock Resources); and

WHEREAS, SAI has an existing permit to maintain a mooring buoy at Katlian Bay, and such mooring buoy can be utilized to moor vessels that could transport the Katlian Bay Rock Resources and otherwise in the operation of a quarry; and

WHEREAS, Sealaska has obtained the necessary governmental permits to operate a quarry (Katlian Bay Quarry Site) within its subsurface at Katlian Bay to access and remove the Katlian Bay Rock Resources; and

WHEREAS, SEDA believes that long term economic growth in the Sitka area requires that there be an all-weather road to/from Sitka to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to permit the transport of the Katlian Bay Rock Resources from the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to markets in Sitka and other points in Southeast Alaska as well as in Western Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) has a program known as "Roads to Resources" that provides funding for roads that access natural resources such as the Katlian Bay Rock Resources; and

WHEREAS, there is substantial public support for the operation of a quarry at Katlian Bay, as demonstrated by the granting of permits to Sealaska to operate a quarry; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SEDA does herby endorse efforts to obtain an all-weather road from Sitka to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to access the Katlian Bay

Rock Resources and to allow transport of the Katlian Bay Rock Resources to markets in Sitka and other points in Southeast Alaska as well as in Western Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SEDA does hereby request all Sitka area organizations to also formally endorse efforts to obtain an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SEDA does hereby request all Sitka area elected officials, including Senator Stedman, to support the funding of an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SEDA does herby request Commissioner Mark Luiken and DOTPF to include an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources within DOTPF's Roads to Resources program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers and agents of SEDA be and hereby are authorized to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Sitka Economic Development Association in accordance with its organic documents at a meeting of the Sitka Economic Development Association held on January 26, 2012 and said resolution appears in the record of said meeting as set forth above.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2012.

Nicchia Leamer, President

Attested by:

Steve Reifenstuhl, Secretary

RESOLUTION 12-01
Road to Katlian Bay Quarry Site

ALASKA NATIVE SISTERHOOD, CAMP #4

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS) has a responsibility to its membership to "cultivate the morality, education, ***commerce***, and Civil Government of Alaska." (ANB Constitution, 1994).

WHEREAS, Shee Atiká, Incorporated (SAI) owns approximately 3,000 acres of surface estate at Katlian Bay and Sealaska owns the subsurface thereunder; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant shortage of rock, sand and gravel in Sitka as well as elsewhere in Southeast Alaska and in Western Alaska; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial and commercially valuable quantities of rock, sand and gravel located at Katlian Bay, including within the subsurface owned by Sealaska (Katlian Bay Rock Resources); and

WHEREAS, SAI has an existing permit to maintain a mooring buoy at Katlian Bay, and such mooring buoy can be utilized to moor vessels that could transport the Katlian Bay Rock Resources and otherwise in the operation of a quarry; and

WHEREAS, Sealaska has obtained the necessary governmental permits to operate a quarry (Katlian Bay Quarry Site) within its subsurface at Katlian Bay to access and remove the Katlian Bay Rock Resources; and

WHEREAS, the ANS, Camp #4 Sitka believes that long term economic growth in the Sitka area requires that there be an all-weather road to/from Sitka to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to permit the transport of the Katlian Bay Rock Resources from the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to markets in Sitka and other points in Southeast Alaska as well as in Western Alaska; and

WHEREAS, there is substantial public support for the operation of a quarry at Katlian Bay, as demonstrated by the granting of permits to Sealaska to operate a quarry; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANS, Camp #4 Sitka does herby endorse efforts to obtain an all-weather road from Sitka to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources and to allow transport of the Katlian Bay Rock Resources to markets in Sitka and other points in Southeast Alaska as well as in Western Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANS, Camp #4 Sitka does hereby request all Sitka area organizations to also formally endorse efforts to obtain an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANS, Camp #4 Sitka does hereby request all Sitka area elected officials, including Senator Stedman, to support the funding for construction and maintenance of an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANS, Camp #4 Sitka does herby request Commissioner Mark Luiken and DOTPF to construct and maintain an all-weather road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site from Sitka to access the Katlian Bay Rock Resources within DOTPF's Roads to Resources program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANS, Camp #4 Sitka does hereby request that all reasonable efforts be made to, when possible, first hire Native Alaskans from within the Community of Sitka, and secondly other residents from the community of Sitka for jobs related to the construction and maintenance of the road to the Katlian Bay Quarry Site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers and agents of ANS, Camp #4 be and hereby are authorized to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Sitka Economic Development Association in accordance with its organic documents at a meeting of the Sitka Economic Development Association held on January 26, 2012 and said resolution appears in the record of said meeting as set forth above.

Dated this 9 day of ~~March,~~ April 2012.

Isabella H. Brady
President

Attested by:

Jean Arnold
~~Secretary~~ Vice President