

TO: Kim Kiefer, CBJ City Manager  
FROM: Rick Harris EVP, Sealaska Corporation  
SUBJECT: Marine Passenger Fund Request  
Date: December 30, 2012

Dear Ms. Kiefer:

Sealaska Corporation has worked very hard over the last few decades to be a good corporate citizen, providing aesthetic landscaping and a pedestrian friendly setting for tourists and the Juneau community. Additionally, Sealaska has always allowed the public utilize its parking lot after office hours and on weekends, without any costs or fees to the public. Sealaska Corporation has never requested funds from the Marine Passenger Fund in the past, but we feel that the "Redesign of Sealaska Plaza" is an extraordinary project that is of immense benefit to cruise ship passengers.

With the purchase of "the pit," Sealaska filled it and landscaped it. We have found that this improved space has become enormously popular among tourists and locals for everything from taking a rest, eating their lunch, or even providing space for performances, dances, etc. When the Walter Soboleff Center is built, this space will disappear unless Sealaska restructures its current parking lot to accommodate for this lost space.

Sealaska has been considering a dramatic redesign of the Sealaska Plaza parking lot in order to better use the space available and provide for a pedestrian friendly environment. By making these changes, Sealaska could provide for a 25' by 140' foot space for a pedestrian friendly area-inclusive of benches, landscaping, and some modest artwork-and would increase the amount of parking spaces available. Additionally, the restructuring of the parking lot would lower the elevation of the entire plaza area to a more street friendly level.

The renderings for what this project would look like as well as the total cost for this project are attached. The total cost for the project today would be \$665,308. Sealaska would like to respectfully request \$400,000 towards the cost of this project from the Marine Passenger Funds.

We have included additional information and would like to be able to discuss this further with you at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Sealaska Corporation,

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Richard P. Harris  
Executive Vice President  
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