

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities - Southcoast Region

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE & REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Sitka Katlian Bay Road State Project # 67672

DOT&PF invites you to attend an open house for the Katlian Bay Road Project 67672

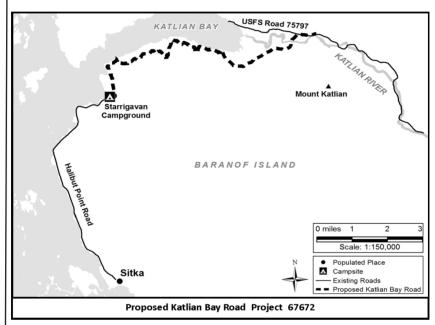
Date: March 18, 2015 **Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Place: Room E, Harrigan Centennial Hall

330 Harbor Drive, Sitka

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Southcoast Region, seeks public input on a proposed new state funded road project in the vicinity of Katlian Bay, in the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on Baranof Island.

The Katlian Bay Road project would construct approximately 9 miles of new single-lane, unpaved road with bridge crossings from Halibut Point Road, along the south shore of Katlian Bay across the Katlian River, ending 4 miles east of the Katlian Bay estuary between Shee Atika and U.S. Forest Service Lands.



The project would

- Construct 9 miles of new unpaved single-lane rd between the end of Halibut Pt Rd & the new USFS trailhead / Parking Area
- Add bridges across Katlian River and other smaller streams
- Rehabilitate part of the existing USES road
- Add turnouts & lookouts to Katlian Bay
- · Be constructed and maintained for year-round use
- Cross Alaska State lands, USFS-managed lands & Shee Atika lands

Construction is projected for late 2016

The new Katlian Bay Road would provide recreational and subsistence opportunities on Baranof Island within the U.S. Forest Service Sitka Ranger District, provide access to Native Corporation (Shee Atika) lands, and may also provide access to material sources for possible future development.

DOT&PF is currently evaluating the social, economic, and environmental impacts of this project. DOT&PF must also determine whether this project would impact cultural or historic properties.

If you have any information that would assist in these determinations, please provide your comments by attending the open house or emailing or mailing your comments to Deborah Holman at the address below.

Written public comments will be accepted at the open house or to the contact listed below

Please send comments to:

Debororah Holman, Project Administrative Coordinator

DOT&PF, Southcoast Region

P.O. Box 112506 FAX: 907-465-2016

Juneau AK 99801-2506 e-mail: deborah.holman@alaska.gov

COMMENTS will be acepted by mail, email or fax, until 4:00 pm on Friday, April 3 2015.

If you or someone you represent requires special accommodations in order to respond to this public notice or to attaend the open house, please call or email the project coordinator or call Alaska Relay and ask the communications assistant to assist you. Call:

(800) 770-8973 for TTY (800) 770-8255 for voice, (800) 770-3919 for ASCII (866) 355-6198 for STS

Ask the communications assistant to call the contact listed in this public notice so arrangements can be made to assist you.

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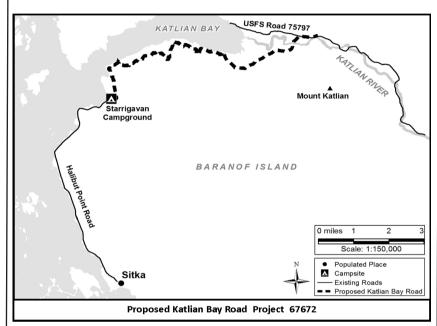
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- Construct 9 miles of new unpaved single-lane road with a design speed of 25 mph between the end of Halibut Point Road & the new USFS trailhead / Parking Area
- Add bridges across Katlian River and other smaller streams
- · Rehabilitate part of the existing USFS road
- Add pullouts & lookouts to Katlian Bay
- · Add turnaround with parking & day use facilities at the new trailhead to USFS lands
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You may email your comments to: katlianbayroad@alaska.gov or you may send comments via fax or mail to:

Deborah Holman, Project Administrative Coordinator DOT&PF, Southcoast Region P.O. Box 112506 Juneau AK 99801-2506 FAX: 907-465-2016

You may also find more project information and submit comments at our website at

http://dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/sitka_katlianbayroad/index.shtml

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