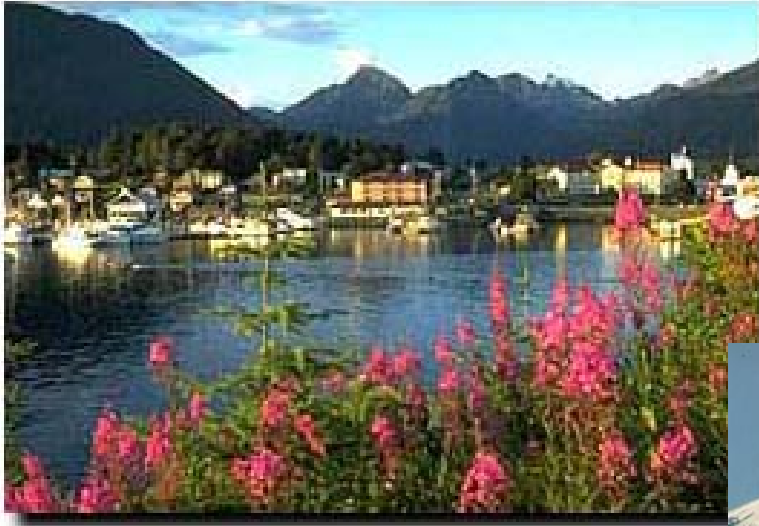


Sitka, Alaska



1999 - Local Committee Begins...

- Tribal Organizations
- Businesses
- Schools & Universities
- Non-Profits Organizations
- City Officials
- Hospitals



Operations Begin - Sept. 2002

➤ CFC Awarded
FIXED ROUTE
CONTRACT to Sitka
Tribe of Alaska. STA
bought 2 used transit
buses to give RIDE
an identity.



➤ CFC awarded PARATRANSIT SERVICES award
to Southeast Senior Services (Care-A-Van)

TRANSIT addresses local Needs & Problems



- Employee Transportation Needs
- Parking
- Family Transportation Needs
- Senior Citizen Transportation Needs
- Access to Health Care and Social Services
- Quality of Life –access to events, trails
- Limited Existing Transportation

Transit Impacts the following:

- Parking
- Employee Transportation
- Welfare to Work
- Visitor Transportation
- Family Transportation
- Senior Citizen Transportation
- Cultural and Spiritual
- Quality of life
- Ferry Services
- Limited Existing Service
- Lack of Coordination
- Social Services
- Health Care Services

2007

- Sitka Tribe of Alaska is awarded funding to enhance and expand the existing services, by a federal transit grant directly to Tribe
- RIDE adds the Green Line route, and expands the route coverage of the Red and Blue Lines.

Expansion Project One: Grew from 2 to 3 Fixed Routes.

- New GREEN line serves every $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, downtown and Island (medical, education, & residential emphasis)
- STARTED 11/26/2007 when Sitka Tribe implemented its new federal to tribe, Tribal Transit Grant.
- BLUE and RED lines extended to Whale Park and Ferry Terminal, with more stops in residential neighborhoods (& schools).

RIDES (one way)

- FIXED ROUTES: started in 2002 at 50 a day.
- March 2008: 110 rides per day.
- June 2014: 239 rides per day.
- Yearly total end June 2014: 60,606..
- PARATRANSIT = 51 rides per day.
- Yearly total end June 2014: 15,473

Current CONTRIBUTORS for operational funds- fixed route & paratransit

- Center for Community (federal and State Transit grants)-\$722,697 (1 time up from \$614,000 base)
- Sitka Tribe of Alaska—several federal & tribal sources- \$115,000 (down from \$275,000)
- Catholic Community Services—several grant/Medicaid sources-~\$140,000
- City of Sitka-to Swan Lake-\$36,000 + 1 time \$25,000
- Fares from riders- \$49,622 year end June, 2014.

Future Expansion Projects Two and Three

- 2 . Would add evening hours till 11 p.m. on fixed routes.
- 3. Would add Saturday services on three fixed routes (Red, Blue & Green)
- BIG IF: if additional funding is found.

POSSIBLE SERVICE REDUCTION July 2015

Because of federal funding changes, Tribal Transit grant to STA goes down. For year starting July 2015, Sitka Tribe will have only about \$150,000 instead of \$240,000. (Goes down another \$70,000 the next year).

CFC will not have 1 time extra money.

Only possible new funding: the City?

(Ketchikan Borough -\$450,000 yearly transit)