



December 17, 2009

Rod Swope
City Manager
City & Borough of Juneau
155 South Seward Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Subject: Passenger Fee Proceeds Fund Project Request

Dear Mr. Swope,

The Mount Roberts Tramway is requesting a 2010 allocation from the Passenger Fee Proceeds Fund to offset a portion of the costs of operating the public restrooms at 490 South Franklin Street.

The restrooms were constructed and have been operated as part of the 1995 lease agreement between the Tramway and the City. At that time nobody could foresee the level of activity that would eventually represent a normal summer day along this section of the waterfront. One of the primary user groups of our facilities are the employees of the several dozen sales vendors operating under the auspices of the city. Add to that the drivers of commercial vehicles using Cruise Ship Terminal and Tramway staging/parking lots, crossing guards, CVB volunteers, crew from boats moored at the Intermediate Float, Juneau's homeless, etc. and you can appreciate that our bathrooms are packed before we even add tourists to the mix.

These are the largest facilities in the downtown area; the men's restroom offers three stalls, three urinals and three sinks while the women's restroom has 6 stalls and three sinks. The facilities are ADA compliant and worn fixtures, tiles and counters have been replaced on a regular basis. Between early May and late September these restrooms are open to the public over 85 hours a week.

During the 2009 season labor costs to clean and maintain the base bathrooms cost \$8500 (this does not include taxes, worker comp, OT or supervisory costs), \$6312 for paper products and \$2713 in cleaning supplies. Additionally, during the season we paid more than \$5500 to the City in water and sewage fees for the building and incurred expense

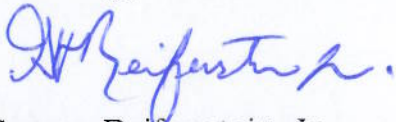
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for added security patrols to address issues arising from indigents using the facilities in ways that were offensive to the general public.

I would suggest that using Passenger fee proceeds to offset a portion of the cost of maintaining and operating the public restrooms at 490 South Franklin Street would be an appropriate use of that revenue source. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Reifenstein Jr.", written in a cursive style.

George Reifenstein Jr.
General Manager

cc: Robert Martin, Vice President of Operations, Goldbelt Incorporated