State Reconsiders Near Island For Ferry Terminal

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A new Alaska Ferry Terminal in Kodiak might not wind up on Near Island after all. The city and the state had more or less agreed on a spot at the bottom of Dog Salmon Bay Road for the new terminal and loading dock, but at last night’s city council work session, it was revealed that may change.

-- (Ferry 1 9 sec “What he was … is that true? Well…”)

That was Kodiak Senator Gary Stevens asking the council about the potential change, after speaking with the head of the Alaska Marine Highway System. City Manager Linda Freed filled he and the council in:

-- (Ferry 2 38 sec “I talked with their … it’s a very large cost.”)

The location in question is the 12-hundred-foot-long breakwater that extends from Shelikof Street and protects the seaward side of downtown’s Saint Paul Harbor.

Freed said the discussions are still in the early stages:

-- (Ferry 3 38 sec “But they are at this … say, they’re changing sites yet.”)

Regarding replacement of the Tustumena, Stevens says it is not high on the state’s priority list, with a few others ferries due to be replaced first.

-- (Ferry 4 22 sec “And the Tustumena is … size is so good for us.”)

Freed said she will be providing more information to the Kodiak Ports and Harbors Commission at its next meeting.

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