



SOUTHEAST ALASKA

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

22nd Annual Annual Tribal Transportation Symposium

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OVERVIEW



What is the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan (SEATP)?

- The updated Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan will guide transportation improvements for the next 20 years. It looks at both travel between communities and local needs that affect the region.
- The plan covers all types of transportation - roads, ferry connections, airports, trails, to help direct future public investments. To incorporate 2045 AMHS Long Range Plan.
- Area transportation plans identify community priorities and potential projects to meet those needs.
- These plans also help inform the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which funds transportation projects across Alaska.



DOT&PF FAMILY OF PLANS



WHAT THE PLAN CAN DO



The SEATP Update Can:

- Set goals that guide Alaska DOT&PF's transportation investment priorities within the region
- Describe unique transportation characteristics, trends, and other factors that are projected to influence the needs of the region's transportation system over a 20-year planning horizon
- Identify and capture key transportation needs in all modes for community and agency use in advocating for, planning for, programming, and funding improvements.
- Recommend projects, programs, and policies of greatest regional significance and identify recommended funding and implementation strategies.

The SEATP Update Cannot:

- Change future land use
- Change ferry, transit, or air service levels, schedules, or fares
- Change the posted speed limit on roads in the region
- Guarantee project funding
- Design projects
- Make decisions or set priorities for local or tribal transportation infrastructure

What We've Done...

- ✓ Scope and schedule for the remainder of the plan confirmed
- ✓ Public Involvement Plan completed:
 - Public website launched
 - Fact sheets and other engagement materials developed
- ✓ Existing Conditions Report published
- ✓ Population and economic updates
- ✓ Public Meetings:
 - Two in-person (Ketchikan and Juneau), Two virtual
- ✓ Small Group Meetings & Conferences:
 - Southeast Conference Annual Meeting & Workshop
 - AML Conference
 - Tribal Engagement Meetings

What's Up Next...

- Transportation System Analyses & Plan Alignment
 - Plan Alignment: AMHS Long-Range Plan, 10-Year Plan, Statewide LRTP, and other relevant plans
- Mid-Plan Updates
 - By Request: Tribal & Community Meetings
 - 22nd Annual Alaska Tribal Transportation Symposium



WHAT DID WE HEAR?

- Transportation Reliability and Connectivity
- Infrastructure – Maintenance and Resiliency
- Community and Tribal Engagement
- Environmental and Sustainability
- Safety and Accessibility
- Air and Ferry Service
- Active and Public Transportation
- Economy and Freight
- Lynn Canal Projects – Cascade Point and Chilkat Connector

What are your top transportation priorities for your community?

The whiteboard contains the following handwritten notes:

- Top Left (Pink):** We should prioritize retaining FF and inform the state - not on a road that serves as when mine (Nesqueam)
- Top Center (Yellow):** Bus and paratransit to Auke Bay ferry terminal support at Auke Bay
- Top Right (Pink):** More frequent bus routes every 30 min. More connected routes. ADA accessibility. more sidewalks & bike lanes
- Right Side (Yellow):** IMPROVE + MAINTAIN ROAD SURFACE EG. MORE VISIBLE LANE MARKING
- Far Right (Yellow):** Reliable ferry service
- Far Right (Yellow):** January Lynn Canal Service
- Far Right (Yellow):** Regular ferry service thru other regions including Yakutat
- Bottom Left (Yellow):** Maintain vessels place when needed. NEW ROADS ARE NEEDED
- Bottom Center (Yellow):** Bike paths not just bike lanes
- Bottom Center (Pink):** We can't get to a ferry terminal. Prioritize on maintenance of current (no new) & safety upgrades. more guards!
- Bottom Left (Pink):** REESTABLISH POLICE Support Ferry Service (see letter to P.A. is too short)
- Bottom Center (Yellow):** more Affordable Ferries. Give funding to build them for small driver pickup/drop
- Bottom Center (Yellow):** Maintaining reg. out service
- Bottom Right (Yellow):** Bus to JNU Ferry
- Bottom Right (Yellow):** This ↑
- Bottom Right (Yellow):** Ferry pilot! TERMINAL ONLY AT AUKE BAY (not Cascade)
- Bottom Right (Yellow):** Predictable Ferry Service



PROPOSED VISION STATEMENT

An integrated land, air, and marine transportation system that provides safe and equitable access, fosters economic growth, provides efficient and cost-effective intermodal connections, and remains resilient and well-maintained.





PROPOSED GOALS



Safety and Accessibility:

Provide safe and equitable access to transportation for all communities in Southeast Alaska



Economic Vitality:

Support regional economic growth by enhancing transportation infrastructure and services that facilitate commerce and tourism.



System Reliability:

Improve the reliability of air, marine, and land transportation systems to ensure consistent and dependable service.



Resilience and Preservation:

Support a transportation system that remains resilient to hazards and is maintained in a state of good repair for long-term sustainability. .



Cost-Effective System:

Strengthen intermodal connections between land, air, and marine modes to create an integrated and efficient transportation network.



STEPS AND SCHEDULE

- **Defining Vision, Goals, and Objectives**
- **Data Verification and Analysis**
 - Economic and population forecast updates
 - Transportation system analyses
- **Issues and Needs**

- **Resiliency Analysis**
- **Needs Identification and Prioritization**
- **Implementation Strategies**
- **Developing Draft Plan**

- **Draft Plan-Out for Public Comment**
- **Final Plan Anticipated November 2026**

Fall 2025 - Winter 2026

Spring - Summer 2026

Fall 2026

- **Sharing Information and Seeking Feedback**
Round 1 Outreach Meetings
 - Southeast Conference Annual Meeting
 - Community Meetings
 - Virtual Meetings

- **Sharing Information and Seeking Feedback**
Round 2 Outreach Meetings
 - Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit
 - Small Group Meetings

- **Sharing Information and Seeking Feedback**
Round 3 Outreach Meetings
 - Southeast Conference Annual Meeting
 - Community Meetings
 - Virtual Meetings

★ **WE ARE HERE**

Agency, Community, and Interested Party Involvement
Throughout Plan Update Process

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Reach out to the Planning Team with any comments or concerns

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Keep an eye out for public meeting opportunities



For more information, scan the QR Code

