



SOUTHEAST ALASKA TRANSPORTATION PLAN VIRTUAL SMALL GROUP MEETING SUMMARY

September 28, 2026 | 3:00 p.m. | Teams

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) hosted a virtual small group meeting for the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan (SEATP) Update on September 28, 2026. The purpose of the meeting was to gather public feedback on the draft SEATP.

The planning team presented the draft SEATP, a 20-year multimodal transportation plan for Southeast Alaska. The presentation included an overview of the region's transportation system, key public outreach findings, transportation challenges and opportunities, draft vision and goals, recommendations, transportation priorities, public involvement activities, project schedule, and opportunities for public comment.

The planning team answered questions, shared contact information, and provided links to the draft SEATP to encourage additional public feedback.

Nine participants attended the meeting, including project team members.

Questions and Comments Summary

Feedback was received verbally and through the Teams Chat.

- Alaska Marine Highway System 2045 Long-Range Plan (AMHS 2045 LRP)
 - Participants asked how the AMHS 2045 LRP is incorporated into the SEATP.
 - The planning team explained that the AMHS 2045 LRP informed the Waterways, Ferries, and Freight technical memorandum ([Appendix E](#)) and related recommendations, with consistency maintained between the two plans. The draft SEATP generally aligns with the AMHS 2045 LRP and adds consideration of a comprehensive strategic road-link feasibility study (in addition to alignment with three specific road link feasibility studies recommended by the AMHS 2045 LRP) and continued discussion of the Cascade Point Ferry Terminal project.
- Tribal Priorities
 - An attendee noted that written comments would be submitted on behalf of the tribe and highlighted priorities including:
 - Juneau second crossing
 - Fish Creek Road improvements
 - Public transit expansion
 - Improved regional connectivity between Sitka, Angoon, Kake, and other Southeast communities
 - Transportation investments that support cultural, educational, healthcare, and economic needs





- Cascade Point Ferry Terminal Project
 - Discussion focused on the Cascade Point Ferry Terminal project, including:
 - Its inclusion in the SEATP and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
 - Concerns regarding project costs and changing funding estimates.
 - Concern that Cascade Point was specifically referenced as a gubernatorial priority and that a future administration may wish to reevaluate project priorities.
- Participants asked about timing of the final SEATP relative to the upcoming gubernatorial transition.
 - The planning team noted the draft SEATP reflects leadership direction as well as community and tribal input received during the planning process. Future administrations may review and reprioritize projects as needed.
- Participants asked about public review requirements for major STIP amendments, including federal requirements for public comment when significant funding or scope changes occur.
 - DOT&PF noted that these questions and concerns would be shared with the STIP team and provided a link to the STIP public comment webpage in the Teams Chat, observing that public comment is currently open for the STIP.
- Need for stronger transportation connectivity between Southeast communities.
- Importance of workforce recruitment, training, and retention, particularly for transportation operations and ferry services.
- Concern regarding project prioritization, public transparency, and coordination among transportation planning documents.
- Continued support for public involvement and opportunities to provide feedback on transportation investments.

The meeting concluded with a reminder that public comments may be submitted through October 19, 2026, and that all comments will be documented and considered during preparation of the final SEATP.

