



Open House

Meeting Summary

2025 Alaska Municipal League 75th Annual Local Government Conference

December 9, 2025, 4:30 p.m., Anchorage, AK

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) hosted an open house for the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan (SEATP) Update at the Alaska Municipal League (AML) Annual Local Government Conference. The session took place on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage.

This open house aimed to share information about the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan Update, gather community input, and identify planning priorities.

Attendees started arriving around 4:20 p.m. They signed in, received an overview of the open house purpose and layout, and picked up a project fact sheet and priority project summary. The fact sheet included a QR code linking to the project webpage and the project summary sheet included input gathered from previous transportation workshops. Fact sheets pertaining to high profile projects (Chillkat Connector and Juneau Douglas North Crossing PEL Study) were also made available for interested parties.

Project boards highlighted the planning area, schedule, emerging themes, goals, existing conditions, and public involvement opportunities.

At two input tables, a central question “What are your top transportation priorities for your community?” encouraged attendees to share input directly on boards.

Large roll plots depicting the planning area allowed attendees to discuss specific areas for improvement, identify priorities, and document comments.

Project staff engaged with attendees, answered questions, and provided information. Contact details and comment sheets were available to encourage feedback and capture emerging themes and community priorities. The four question prompts included:

1. Looking ahead 20 years, what changes or improvements would you like to see in your community's transportation system?
2. What are the most important priorities or goals for transportation in your community (e.g., safety, accessibility, sustainability, economic growth)?
3. Are there specific types of infrastructure, such as roads, sidewalks, bike paths, or transit, that you think need attention or improvement?
4. Do you have any other ideas or concerns about transportation in your community?





In addition to members of the project team in attendance, a total of 15 participants signed in.

Questions and Comments Summary

Feedback was gathered through conversations with project staff, notes on roll plots, written comment forms, and community priority boards. Scanned copies of roll plots and comment sheets have been archived.



- **Ferry Service Needs**
 - Communities including Yakutat, Skagway, and Haines need more frequent, reliable, and affordable ferry service. (Roll plot)
 - Safety should be improved on ferry docks and other facilities. (Roll plot and comment sheet)
 - Request for more details about ferry service, including transportation classification and port project details. (Roll plot)
 - Request to understand when the AMHS Ferry Kennicott will go back into service after an extended maintenance period. (Verbally)
- **Roadway Maintenance and Improvement**
 - Review of projects identified by community and general agreement about projects identified for Skagway. (Roll plot)
 - Discussion about whether projects listed by community are in a priority order or just listed for information purposes. (Roll Plot)
 - More paved roads and non-motorized paths are needed in planning area communities. (Comment sheets)
 - Repairs and long-term maintenance plans are needed for roadways, bridges, and drainage. (Comment sheets)
- **Other Comments on the Plan**
 - Increased support and accessibility is needed for low emission transportation options, including electric vehicles and alternative ferry vessels. (Roll plot and comment sheets)
 - Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan has historically been abbreviated to SATP, not SEATP. (Comment sheets and verbally)





Open House Priorities Board

What are your top transportation priorities for your community?



Handwritten notes on sticky notes:

- Klondike Hwy / State St.
- Reliable Ferry for School, Medical
- Affordable
- Wave barrier - at least appropriate protection for safety
- Relia ramp traffic for local needs / fishing
- Highway Study for support Roads & drainage
- long-term maintenance plans