



SOUTHEAST ALASKA

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribe of Alaska

May 18, 2026





AGENDA

- 1:00 to 1:10 PM — Welcome & Introductions:
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- 1:10 to 1:30 PM — SEATP Update Overview:
 - Presentation
- 1:30 to 1:55 PM — Open Discussion
 - SEATP Update discussion or other topics, welcome
- 1:55 to 2:00 PM — Closing Remarks

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, ferries, airports, trails, to help direct future public investments.
- Area transportation plans identify community priorities and potential projects to meet those needs.
- These plans also help inform the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which fund transportation projects.



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...

- ✓ **Public Involvement Plan completed:**
 - Website launched
 - Fact sheets and other engagement materials developed
- ✓ **Published Reports**
 - Existing Conditions Report, Population and Economic Forecast, and Trails-Easements-ROW
- ✓ **Public Meetings:**
 - Two in-person (Ketchikan and Juneau), two virtual
- ✓ **Small Group Meetings & Conferences:**
 - Southeast Conference Annual and Mid-Session Meetings
 - AML Conference
 - Tribal Engagement Meeting
 - DOT&PF Risk-Resiliency Workshop

What's Up Next...

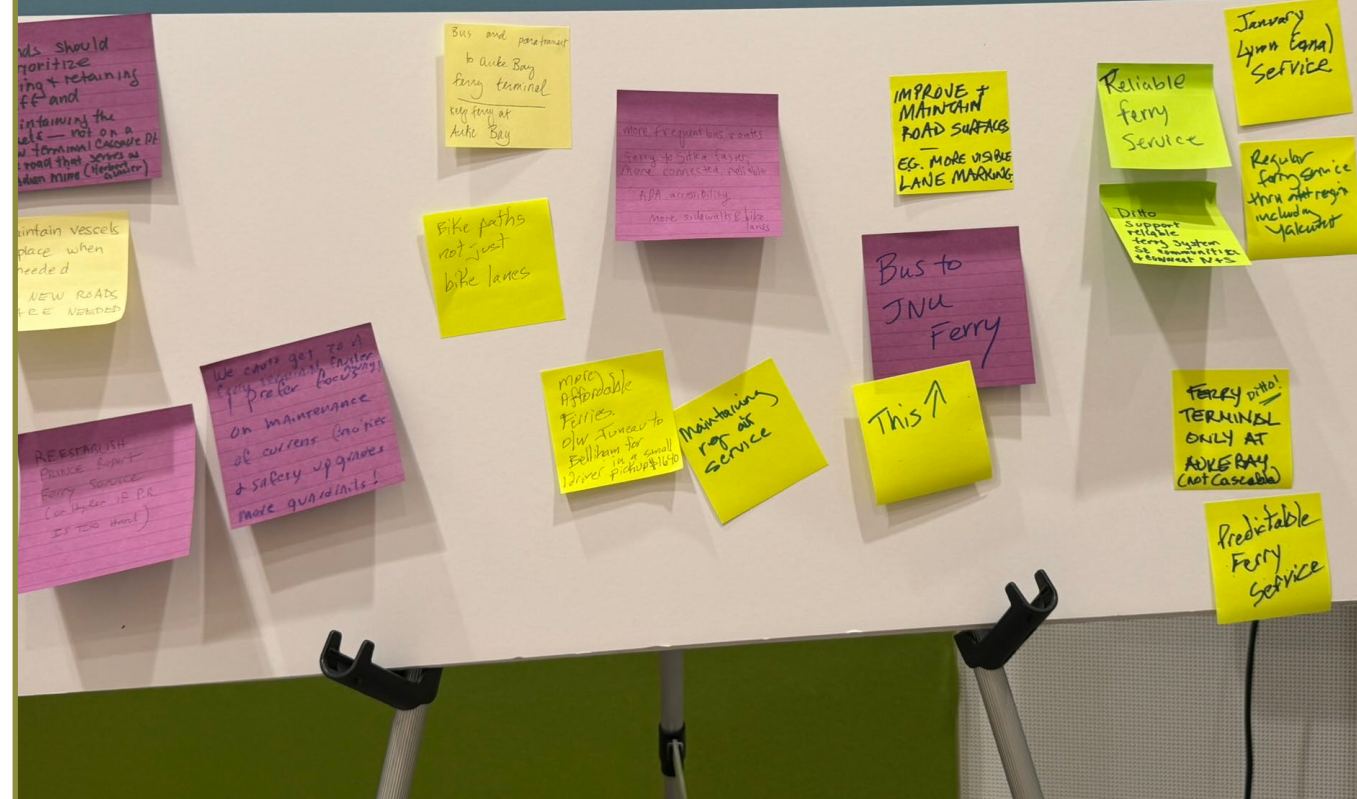
- **Transportation System Analyses & Plan Alignment**
 - Coordinate with AMHS Long-Range Plan, 10-Year Plan, Statewide LRTP, and other relevant plans
 - Evaluate risk & resiliency, funding & implementation
- **Mid-Plan Updates**
 - Tribal & Community Meetings
 - Additional conference opportunities
- **Finalize Vision and Goals**
- **Draft SEATP Update**

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?





VISION STATEMENT

An integrated land, air, and marine transportation system providing safe access to essential services, economic opportunities, and social connections for all users that is more cost-effective, resilient, and well-maintained.



GOALS



Safety and Accessibility:

Provide safe access to transportation options for all users



Economic Vitality:

Enhance transportation infrastructure and services that facilitate thriving communities, workforce access, and commerce



System Reliability:

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



Resilience and Preservation:

Advance efforts to support more routine preservation, resilient infrastructure, and rapid response to hazard events to maintain the system in a state of good repair.



Cost-Effective System:

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



IDENTIFIED RISKS



Natural Hazards, Weather Events



Funding



Population



EARLY RECOMMENDATIONS RISING TO PRIORITY



- **Airports:**
 - Updated Airport Layout Plans, Airport lighting, weather stations
 - Lease lot and landslide infrastructure (i.e.. parking) development
 - Angoon Airport
- **Surface**
 - Feasibility Studies for AMHS recommended road connections
 - Identify additional community connections that use roads to enable shorter ferry routes
 - Preservation focus: rotating bridge maintenance crew, culvert inventory and focus, continued chip seal program
 - Water St / Tongass Ave Bridge
 - Partnerships for bridge funding
- **Waterways**
 - Funding support for state-owned harbors deferred maintenance, support for transfers to local communities where appropriate
 - Support for AMHS recommendations
- **Risk-Resiliency**
 - Surface - Debris flow and rock slope mitigation efforts, avalanche control and detection systems, landslide susceptibility mapping
 - Airports - weather systems and nav-aids as priorities, consider developing locally available materials stockpiles
 - Juneau-Douglas North Crossing
 - Partnerships for advance planning prior to emergency events
 - Continue and increase technology use for emergency response



FEEDBACK



- Looking ahead 20 years, what changes or improvements would you like to see in your community's transportation system?
- What are the most important priorities or goals for transportation in your community (e.g., safety, accessibility, sustainability, economic growth)?
- Are there specific types of infrastructure, such as roads, sidewalks, bike paths, or transit, that you think need attention or improvement?
- Do you have any other ideas or concerns about transportation in your community?
- Email the team **SEATP@dowl.com** or call **DOWL Public Involvement at (907) 562-2000**

STEPS AND SCHEDULE



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Reach out to the Planning Team with any comments or concerns

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