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Welcome to the Draft SEATP Review



What is the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan (SEATP)?

- The updated Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan will guide transportation investments across Southeast Alaska for the next 20 years.
- The plan evaluates regional transportation needs, including travel between communities and local transportation needs with broader regional importance.
- The plan considers all transportation modes, including roads, ferries, airports, trails, transit, freight, and active transportation.
- Community priorities, needs, and potential projects help shape the plan's recommendations.
- The SEATP helps inform future transportation funding decisions, including the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Airport Improvement Program (AIP).



Why It Matters: The Draft SEATP provides a long-range vision to support a safe, reliable, resilient, and interconnected transportation system that strengthens Southeast Alaska's communities, economy, and quality of life.

Southeast Alaska Today



Regional Snapshot



Communities:

- 38 communities
- 8 boroughs
- 2 census areas
- 18 federally recognized tribes
- 1 Indian reservation (Metlakatla)

Population: 70,613



Aviation: 63 airports and seaplane facilities



Marine:

- 15 Southeast communities served by AMHS
- Extensive freight, harbor, barge, and passenger transportation networks

Transportation Network



Roads: More than 2,100 roadway miles

Bridges: 756



Active Transportation: Sidewalks, trails, and transit systems support local mobility



Challenge: Southeast Alaska's geography creates unique transportation challenges and increases reliance on marine and aviation connections between communities

Key Industries: Seafood, mariculture, tourism, mining, forestry, healthcare, construction, government

What We Heard



Input from community members, Tribal organizations, agencies, stakeholders, and transportation providers helped shape the Draft SEATP.



What Southeast Alaskans Told Us

- Transportation Reliability
- Resilience
- Connectivity
- Infrastructure Maintenance
- Economic Vitality
- Safety



Key Transportation Priorities

- Reliable transportation connections
- Infrastructure preservation
- Climate and hazard resilience
- Safe and equitable access
- Better connectivity between transportation modes
- Economic sustainability

These themes directly informed the Draft Vision, Goals, Strategies, and Recommendations.

Challenges & Opportunities



Southeast Alaska faces unique transportation challenges, but the region also has significant opportunities to improve connectivity, reliability, and resilience.

Challenges

- Aging Infrastructure
- Workforce Shortages
- Landslides & Flooding
- Population Decline
- Transportation Costs
- Service Reliability

Opportunities

- Federal & State Funding Programs
- Tribal Partnerships
- Technology & Innovation
- Growing Mariculture Industry
- Regional Coordination
- New Planning Partnerships

These challenges and opportunities helped shape the Draft SEATP goals, strategies, and recommendations.

Draft SEATP Vision & Goals



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.



Safety and Accessibility:

Provide safe access to transportation options for all users.



System Reliability:

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



Cost-Effective Intermodal System:

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



Economic Vitality:

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



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.

Recommendations: Strategies, Plans & Studies



The Draft SEATP identifies strategies and actions to improve transportation reliability, resilience, connectivity, and long-term system performance throughout Southeast Alaska.

Partnerships

- Strengthen coordination with communities, Tribal governments, and regional partners
- Leverage the new Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SE-RPO)
- Pursue funding opportunities through partnerships

Operations

- Improve emergency response preparedness
- Focus maintenance resources on critical assets
- Improve winter maintenance coordination

Planning & Studies

- Airport planning and resiliency studies
- Active transportation network gap studies
- Regional transportation connection and mobility studies
- Infrastructure risk assessment and mitigation planning

These recommendations support the Draft SEATP Vision and Goals and help guide future transportation investments and decision-making.

Recommendations: Regionwide Project Priorities



The Draft SEATP identifies regionwide investment priorities that support safety, reliability, preservation, connectivity, and resilience across all transportation modes.

Roads & Highways

- State of Good Repair
- Safety Improvements
- Resilience Improvements (*rockfall, erosion, avalanche, and landslide mitigation*)

Airports

- State of Good Repair
- Weather & Resiliency Improvements
- Environmental Improvements

AMHS & Marine Facilities

- Harbor & Terminal Facility Improvements
- Alignment with AMHS 2045 Long-Range Plan Recommendations

Active Transportation

- Safety
- Accessibility
- Network Connectivity

Bridges

- Bridge Preservation & Rehabilitation
- Resiliency Improvements

These investment priorities focus on maintaining existing transportation assets, improving resilience, enhancing connectivity, and supporting Southeast Alaska's communities and economy.

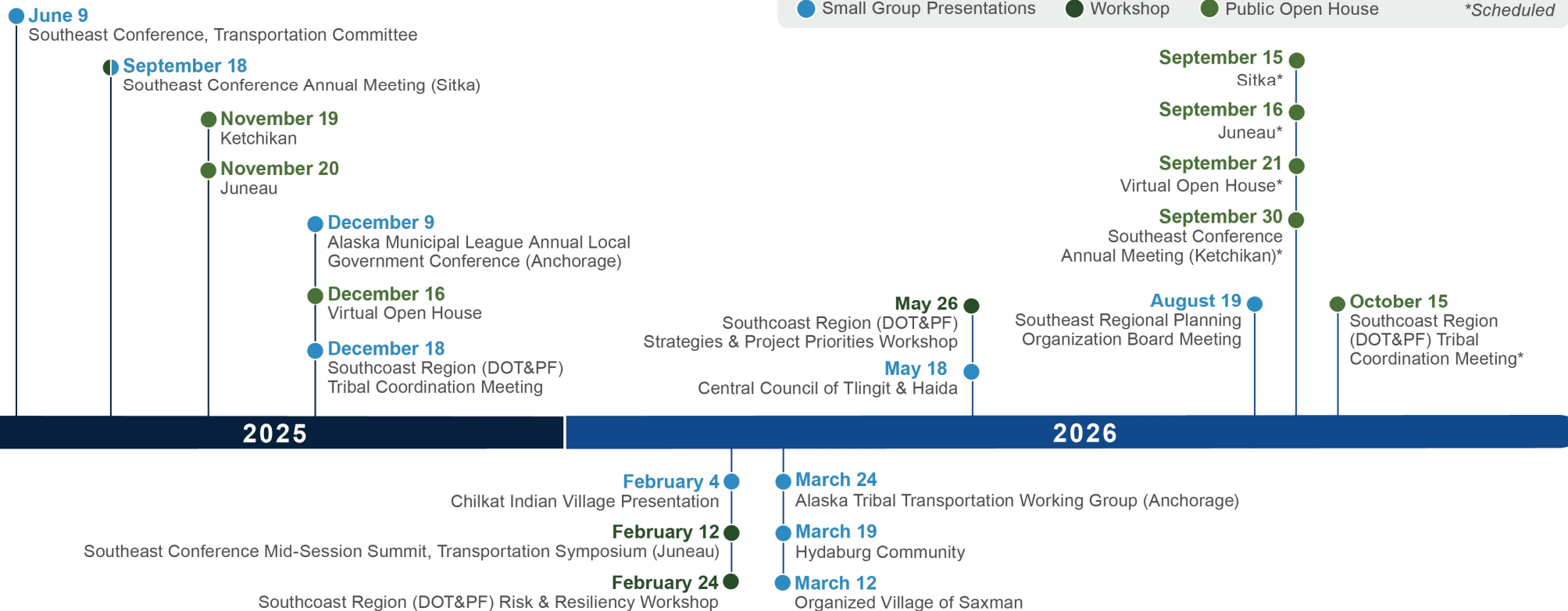
Recommendations: Capital Project Priorities



The Draft SEATP identifies specific capital priorities across transportation modes and communities throughout Southeast Alaska.

Mode	Borough/Census Area	Project
 Airports	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	Angoon Airport
 Roads and Highways	Juneau, City and Borough	Glacier Lemon Spur Extension (connection to McNugget)
 Roads and Highways	Skagway, Municipality Borough	Klondike Highway Rehabilitation: Skagway River Bridge to Canadian Border
 Bridges	Juneau, City and Borough	Juneau-Douglas North Crossing
 Bridges	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Complete the South Tongass Highway and Water Street Viaduct Project that includes repairs to Tongass Ave (#0997) and Water Street (#0797) Viaducts.
 Bridges	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Water Street Viaduct (#797) Replacement
 Bridges	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Tongass Avenue Viaduct (#997) Replacement
 Ferry Terminals and Harbors	Juneau, City and Borough	Cascade Point Ferry Terminal
 Other	POW-Hyder Census Area	Hyder Levee

Public Engagement



Steps and Schedule



What We've Heard Since the Public Comment Period Started



- Lots of feedback appreciating the amount of public involvement, and that the plan clearly reflects public comment
- Appreciation for community-identified transportation needs (*intend to include additional projects identified in Final SEATP*)
- A lot of feedback on AMHS
- Mixed feedback on Cascade Point Ferry Terminal
- Strong desire for connection to Canada and road system (*intend to update Final SEATP to better reflect this*)
- Mixed feedback on Baranof Warm Springs Road
- General lack of support for Katlian Road, concerns for current condition
- Broad support for Glacier Highway Lemon Creek extension to McNugget

Comments on the draft SEATP are due by October 19, 2026

We are on track for a Final Plan in early November!



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Review the Draft Plan and Share Your Feedback



- 1 Does the Draft Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan reflect the transportation needs and priorities of your community? Why or why not?
- 2 Are there any recommendations, priorities, projects, or strategies in the Draft Plan that you support or would like to see revised?
- 3 Looking ahead 20 years, what transportation improvements would have the greatest benefit for your community and Southeast Alaska?

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**Scan to review the
Draft Plan and
Submit Comments**

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