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Draft SEATP Review
Small Group Meeting
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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



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.

1

Safety and Accessibility:

Provide safe access to transportation options for all users.

2

System Reliability:

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

3

Cost-Effective Intermodal System:

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

4

Economic Vitality:

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

5

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.

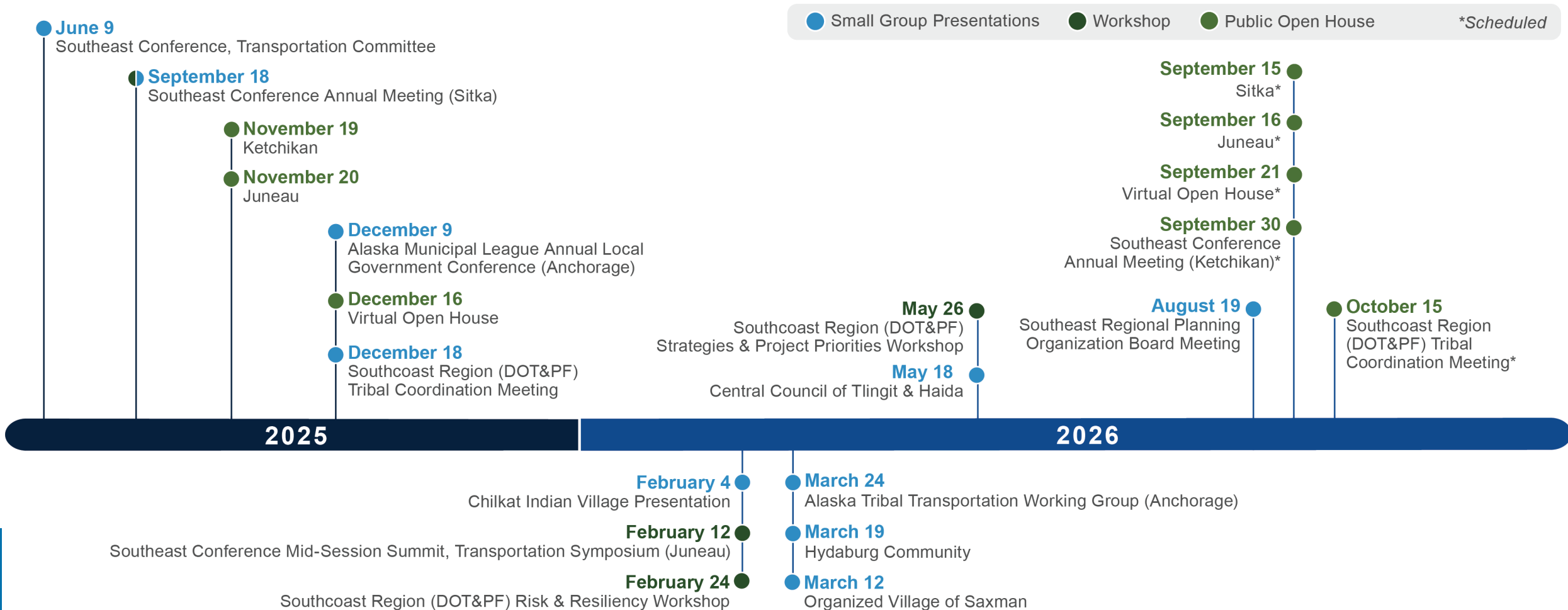
Recommendations: Capital Project Priorities



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



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?

Are there any recommendations, priorities, projects, or strategies in the Draft Plan that you support or would like to see revised?

2 Looking ahead 20 years, what transportation improvements would have the greatest benefit for your community and Southeast Alaska?

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



Scan to review the
Draft Plan and
Submit Comments

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