



SOUTHEAST ALASKA TRANSPORTATION PLAN VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

September 21, 2026 | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Zoom

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) hosted a virtual public open house for the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan (SEATP) Update on Monday, September 21, 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, and provided an overview of the region's transportation system, key public outreach findings, challenges and opportunities, draft vision and goals, recommendations, transportation priorities, public involvement activities, project schedule, and opportunities for public comment.

During periods without attendee questions, the planning team shared feedback received during the recent Sitka and Juneau open houses and discussed upcoming engagement opportunities at the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting. The Southeast Regional Planning Organization (RPO) was also highlighted as a new mechanism to improve regional transportation coordination and planning.

Planning team members answered questions and shared contact information and links to the draft SEATP to encourage feedback in the Zoom Q&A feature.

A total of 27 participants joined the virtual open house, including project team members.

Questions and Comments Summary

Feedback was received verbally and through the Zoom Q&A.

- Coordination with the Statewide Freight Plan
 - An attendee asked how the SEATP will integrate with Alaska's Statewide Freight Plan update.
 - The planning team noted that existing conditions data, transportation needs, and background analysis are being shared with the freight planning team to help align recommendations and avoid conflicts between the two planning efforts.
- Hyder vs. Prince Rupert Ferry Connection
 - Discussion focused on restoring a transportation connection from Ketchikan and British Columbia. One participant expressed support for a ferry terminal at Hyder, citing:
 - Better access to British Columbia's road network.
 - Economic benefits for southern Southeast Alaska communities.
 - Existing public support in Ketchikan.
 - Potentially fewer political and logistical challenges than a Prince Rupert connection.





- The planning team clarified a preferred option has not been identified. DOT&PF recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Hyder Ferry Terminal Feasibility Study, which will include stakeholder engagement with Ketchikan-area residents. Consultant proposals are due October 6, 2026, with additional activity expected afterward.
- Petersburg South Ferry Terminal
 - An attendee asked about the \$12.4 million improvement project listed for the Petersburg South Ferry Terminal.
 - The planning team explained that the project is included in appendix materials derived from the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) Long Range Plan
 - Inclusion in the appendix does not indicate an active DOT&PF project commitment.
 - Many projects listed reflect long-term State of Good Repair planning needs rather than funded construction projects.