

SATP Mission Statement

To increase system capacity and improve efficiency, shift from a surface network that is based on long-distance ferry runs to a surface network that relies on land highways to connect communities and other destinations. Land highways will dramatically expand activity and mobility by increasing traveler flexibility, choice, and speed while reducing or eliminating toll costs.

Goal 1: Transportation System Efficiency – Provide regional transportation facilities and services in the most efficient and cost-effective way possible

Objectives

- Implement transportation improvements that reduce overall regional system operating costs.
- Develop ferry route options and road-shuttle ferry combinations to improve service at lower cost to the user and the state.
- Develop airport and seaplane facility improvements that improve the efficiency of air transportation.
- Provide public infrastructure and services in support of a healthy competitive commercial environment in the provision of commercial air, marine, and land transportation services in Southeast Alaska.
- Utilize ferries designed to serve specific travel markets in the most efficient manner.

Performance Measures

- Travel time between communities.
- Cost to travel between communities.
- Transportation costs for person trips and for goods movement.

Goal 2: Transportation Mobility and Convenience – Improve the mobility and convenience of the regional transportation system in Southeast Alaska.

Objectives

- Provide more frequent transportation services that reduce duration between opportunities to travel between communities.
- Reduce the time required to travel between communities through faster

modes of transportation.

- Provide more choices of transportation modes or options for travel between communities at convenient times of the day.
- Improve reliability of service.
- Improve connections and scheduling between transportation modes to reduce waiting times.
- Provide convenient “real time” information to travelers so that they can plan their travel more efficiently.

Performance Measures

- Average time required to travel between communities in Southeast Alaska.
- The likelihood that travelers in any community in Southeast Alaska can make the journey to and between the communities of Ketchikan, Juneau, or Sitka in one day, without having to spend the night en route.
- Frequency and timing of regional transportation connections between communities. (Examples include the number of ferry stops per week, number of commercial flights per week, schedule of arrivals and departures of ferries and air service, and ability to drive between communities.)

Goal 3: Economic Vitality – Support local economic development and strength through the provision of adequate and affordable transportation for people, goods, and vehicles

Objectives

- Develop transportation improvements that reduce user costs, increase mobility, and improve level of service.
- Provide public infrastructure and services in support of a healthy competitive commercial environment for the provision of commercial air, marine, and land transportation services in Southeast Alaska.

- Provide public transportation services to bridge transportation gaps that are uneconomic for commercial carriers to serve.

Performance Measures

- Reduction in user costs.
- Improvements in level of service.
- Changes in the amount of travel to and from individual communities following transportation system improvements.
- Post-construction economic impacts of transportation investments in local communities.

Goal 4: Transportation System Safety – Improve the overall safety and reliability of the regional transportation system in Southeast Alaska

Objectives

- Implement improvements in air and marine navigation systems.
- Implement safety improvements to the regional airport and highway infrastructure.
- Provide pilot and driver education safety programs.

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- Support safety inspections of aircraft, vehicles, and marine vessels.
- Increase modal choices.

Performance Measures

- Accident rates per 100,000 people by transportation mode.
- Frequency of incidents that interrupt inter-community travel in Southeast Alaska.
- Frequency of opportunities for isolated community residents to travel to health care providers.

Goal 5: Long-Term Funding Stability – Secure stable long-term funding to implement the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan

Objectives

- Pursue federal funding to the fullest extent possible in support of implementation of SATP transportation improvements.

- Ensure that funds generated by specific transportation facilities and services are returned to support the operation and maintenance of that facility or service.
- Foster partnerships among local communities (public and private sectors) to provide inter-community transportation facilities and services.

Performance Measures

- Total transportation resources by source available for Southeast Alaska.
- Stability and predictability of funds over time.

Goal 6: Consultation with Affected Communities, Tribal Entities, Business, and the Public and Provision of the Opportunity for Public Comment – Inform and provide opportunity for community, tribal, business, and public input

Objectives

- Consider affected community, tribal, business, and public interests in decisions about transportation system needs and investments.
- Encourage participation by affected communities, tribes, businesses, and the public in review and comment on the development and provision of transportation facilities and services.
- Encourage participation by governmental resource agencies and conservation groups in review and comment on the development and provision of transportation facilities and services.

Performance Measures

- Number of meetings and opportunities for local government, community, tribal, business, and public input into the planning and project development process.
- Number of opportunities and media utilized to inform community, tribal, business, and public interests.

Goal 7: Continuation of the Planning Process – As appropriate, integrate political and project (environmental and design study)

decisions into the SATP by amendment

Objectives

- Maintain a continuing and dynamic regional planning process.
- Carry out detailed social, economic, and environmental studies of regional system plan components during project planning and development phase.
- Periodically update the SATP in response to the findings, recommendations, and decisions issuing from project planning, environmental, and design studies.
- Periodically update the SATP as appropriate in response to political decisions with respect to improving the regional transportation system and providing state transportation services.

Performance Measures

- Up-to-date content of the SATP.
- Timely amendments to incorporate new information between periodic updates.