

Alaska Statewide Freight Plan Briefing

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RPO Participation (Why & How)

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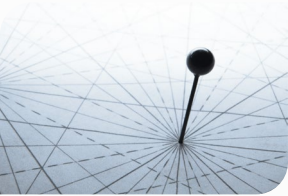
Alaska's Prioritization Process Update

 *Your perspective is essential for informing the statewide freight plan.*

Project Purpose and Overview



The Alaska Statewide Freight Plan will guide investments, policies, and priorities for freight transportation over the next 30 years



Examine how goods currently move across Alaska



Identify strategies to improve safety, reliability, economic competitiveness, and infrastructure resilience

Project Schedule

Alaska Freight Plan Update, 2026-2056

Project Schedule

2026-27						
Task	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
1 Project Management						
2 Affirmation of Background Profile (System Analysis)						
3 Stakeholder Engagement						
4 Affirmation of Objectives						
5 Identification of Action Strategies						
6 Scenario Planning						
7 Waterways Plan						
8 Truck Parking Evaluation						
9 Draft Plan						
10 Adoption Process						
11 Final Plan / StoryMap						



Federal Requirements

- Federal law (49 U.S.C. § 70202) requires states to develop and maintain a State Freight Plan.
- State Freight Plans must address 17 required elements identified in federal statute.
- Stakeholder engagement is a required component of the planning process.
- Alaska DOT&PF is gathering input through:
 - Mode- and issue-specific focus groups
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meetings
 - A 30-day public comment period on the Draft Alaska Statewide Freight Plan
 - *Feedback received through these activities will help inform the final plan.*



Alaska's NHFP Funding Allocation

- Alaska receives ~ \$19 million annually from the **National Highway Freight Program (NHFP)**.
- Program is designed to improve the movement of freight on the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN). It can fund:
 - Highway/bridge projects (recon and new capacity)
 - Truck climbing lanes; truck parking
 - Rail-highway grade separation
 - A portion (30%) can be used a marine highway corridor, connector, or crossing
- Alaska must develop and maintain a state freight plan to be eligible for the funding.



Plan Components

- Introduction and Context
- Review of Alaska Moves 2050 Freight Plan (Completed in 2022)
- Existing Conditions and Trends
 - Economic Influences
 - Transport modes (truck, waterborne, etc.)
 - Special topics (military freight, e-commerce, etc.)
- Strategic Direction
- Implementation / Progress Monitoring
- Waterways Plan
- Truck Parking Study



Freight Plan Goals *(Current)*

Safety:

Increase safety for all modes during the movement of freight

Mobility and Access:

Move goods safely, reliably, and cost-effectively across Alaska

Economic Vitality:

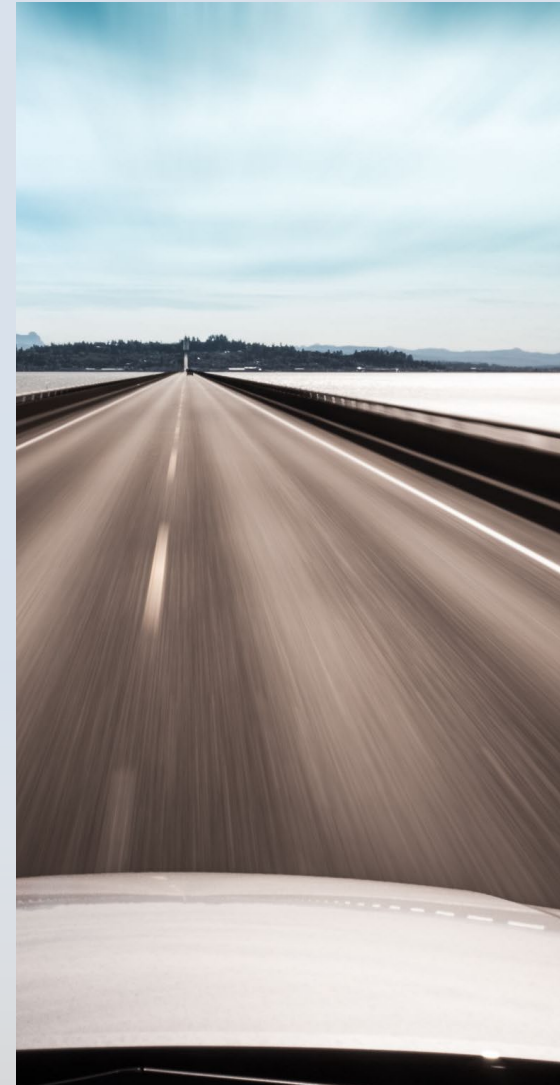
Facilitate economic growth and lower the cost of goods and services

State of Good Repair:

Keep what we have in a state of good repair

Resiliency:

Have a freight network that can recover quickly from disruptions



Freight Plan Goals *(Current)*

Sustainability:

Promote a sustainable, clean, equitable freight system

Strategic Partners:

Collaborate with other levels of government, industry partners, and the public

Stewardship of the Transportation System:

Find the best, most affordable ways to improve the freight network

Performance-Based Management:

Have stable, flexible, and long-term funding sources

Transportation Innovation:

Leverage innovations that benefit safety, efficient freight movement, and workforce needs



Why does RPO participation matter?



Positioned to identify regional freight challenges, bottlenecks, infrastructure deficiencies, and economic development opportunities.



Help identify regionally significant projects.



Identify and designate freight corridors that are most important to regional and statewide goods movement.



Assist DOT&PF designate rural freight corridors.



How can RPOs participate?

- Review materials on the freight plan webpage:
<https://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/freightplan/>
- Participate in 30-day public review/comment period
- Consider a prioritized list of projects to be considered in the Freight Investment Plan (FIP)
- Provide input on the memos:
 - Freight Investment Plan (FIP)
 - Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFC)



Truck Parking Study

- Evaluate the availability, location, and adequacy of truck parking facilities across Alaska.
- The study will:
 - Identify current and future truck needs
 - Assess challenges facing commercial drivers
 - Recommend strategies that improve access to safe, secure, and convenient truck parking
- Enhanced truck parking supports freight efficiency, driver safety, and the reliable movement of goods.



Waterways Plan

The goal is to better understand the role of Alaska's marine transportation system in supporting freight movement.

- Alaska Marine and Riverine Infrastructure Plan (AMRIP)
- Establish a comprehensive baseline of existing conditions
- Identify opportunities to improve reliability, resiliency, safety, and multimodal connectivity
- Support Alaska's economic vitality and access to essential goods



Alaska LRTP 2055 Project Update



LRTP 2055
Keep Alaska Moving!
LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

As a pilot, I want maintained runways so that I can go hunting.

As a runner, I want more sidewalks so that I don't have to run on the road.

Share Your User Story

A user story is a simple way to share your experience with transportation – what you need, what challenges you face, and what matters most in your daily life.

By connecting your role with your needs, you help shape a transportation system that works better for all Alaskans.

How it works:

- As a [your role or perspective],
- I want [what you need],
- so that [the benefit or outcome].

Share your story at:

<https://publicinput.com/alaskaLRTP2055>

Join The Public Review Group

Visit our website to sign up for the Alaska LRTP 2055 mailing list to join our Public Review Group and stay informed about plan development and opportunities to provide input.



Explore more on our LRTP 2055 webpage at publicinput.com/alaskaLRTP2055



Alaska's Project Prioritization Process

A statewide effort to make transportation project evaluation clearer and more transparent.

The project will:

- Listen across Alaska: surveys, public meetings and a comment map will help identify needs and transportation barriers.
- Develop a shared criteria library: DOT&PF and AML will define data sources and ways to evaluate proposed projects.
- Explain priorities: the public will be able to see how projects are scored and considered for the STIP.



Thank you for investing your time.

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