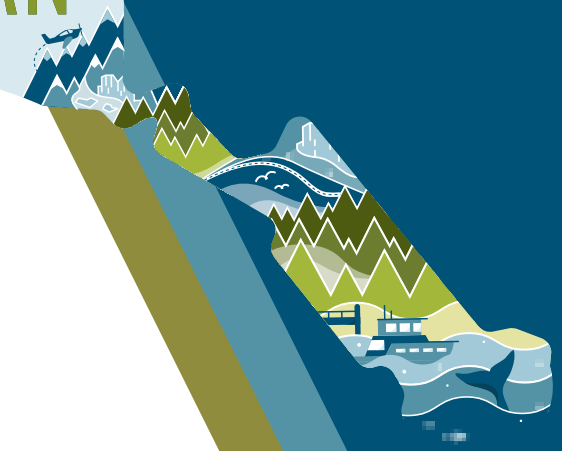
SOUTHEAST ALASKA
TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit

Scenario Planning for Future Transportation Strategies

February 12, 2026



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WORKSHOP PURPOSE AND GOALS

Purpose

Gather input on future transportation strategies for Southeast Alaska to inform the SEATP Update.

Goals

- Explore plausible futures – not predictions, but possibilities.
- Identify risks and opportunities for transportation systems.
- Engage interested parties for diverse perspectives to plan for a resilient transportation system for Southeast Alaska.

AGENDA

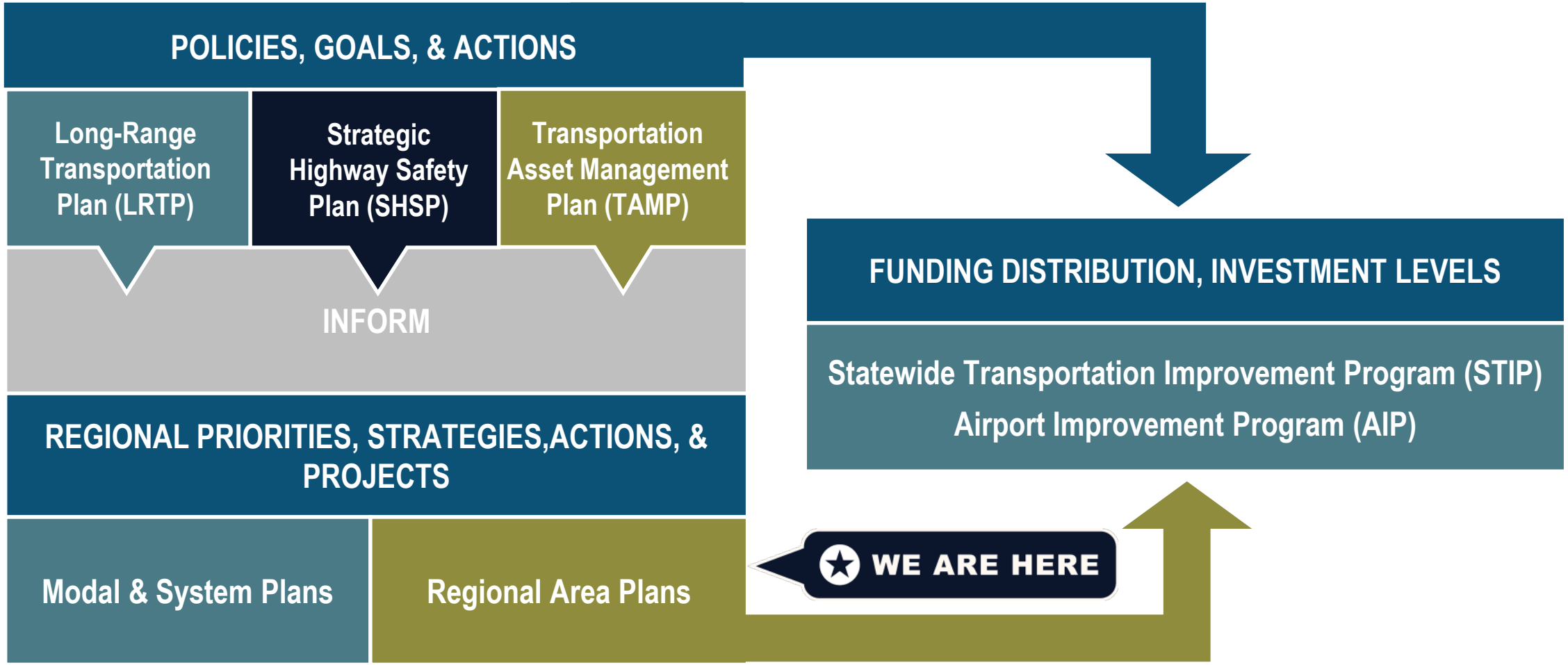
- **Welcome & Overview (25 min)**
  - Purpose and status of SEATP Update
  - Overview of the scenario-planning approach and scenario topics
  - Introductions
- **Round 1 (40 min) - Participants choose Scenario A, B, or C, table**
  - Table discussions
  - Report-Out & Discussion: Each table shares its top three insights or priorities
- **Round 2 (40 min) - Participants choose Scenario A, B, or C, again**
  - Table discussions
  - Report-Out & Discussion: Each table shares its top three insights or priorities
- **Close & Next Steps (15 min)**
  - How participant input will inform SEATP Update
  - Upcoming SEATP events or key milestones

OVERVIEW

What is the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan (SEATP)?

- The updated Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan will guide transportation improvements for the next 20 years. It looks at both travel between communities and local needs that affect the region.
- The plan covers all types of transportation - roads, ferries, airports, trails, to help direct future public investments.
- Area transportation plans identify community priorities and potential projects to meet those needs.
- These plans also help inform the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which funds transportation projects across Alaska.

DOT&PF FAMILY OF PLANS



WHAT THE PLAN CAN DO

The SEATP Update Can:

- Set goals that guide Alaska DOT&PF's transportation investment priorities within the region
- Describe unique transportation characteristics, trends, and other factors that are projected to influence the needs of the region's transportation system over a 20-year planning horizon
- Identify and capture key transportation needs in all modes for community and agency use in advocating for, planning for, programming, and funding improvements.
- Recommend projects, programs, and policies of greatest regional significance and identify recommended funding and implementation strategies.

The SEATP Update Cannot:

- Change future land use
- Change ferry, transit, or air service levels, schedules, or fares
- Change the posted speed limit on roads in the region
- Guarantee project funding
- Design projects
- Make decisions or set priorities for local or tribal transportation infrastructure

What We've Done…

- ✓ Scope and schedule for the remainder of the plan confirmed
- ✓ Public Involvement Plan completed:
  - Website launched
  - Fact sheets and other engagement materials developed
- ✓ Existing Conditions Report published
- ✓ Population and economic updates advanced
- ✓ Public Meetings:
  - Two in-person (Ketchikan and Juneau), Two virtual
- ✓ Small Group Meetings & Conferences:
  - Southeast Conference Annual Meeting & Workshop
  - AML Conference
  - Tribal Engagement Meeting

What's Up Next…

→ Transportation System Analyses & Plan Alignment

- Coordinate with AMHS Long-Range Plan, 10-Year Plan, Statewide LRTP, and other relevant plans

→ Mid-Plan Updates

- Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit
- Tribal & Community Meetings
- Additional conference opportunities

WHAT DID WE HEAR?

- Transportation Reliability and Connectivity
- Infrastructure – Maintenance and Resiliency
- Community and Tribal Engagement
- Environmental and Sustainability
- Safety and Accessibility
- Air and Ferry Service
- Active and Public Transportation
- Economy and Freight
- Lynn Canal Projects – Cascade Point and Chilkat Connector

PROPOSED VISION STATEMENT

An integrated land, air, and marine transportation system that provides safe and equitable access, fosters economic growth, provides efficient and cost-effective intermodal connections, and remains resilient and well-maintained.

PROPOSED GOALS

Safety and Accessibility:
Provide safe and equitable access to transportation for all communities in Southeast Alaska

Economic Vitality:
Support regional economic growth by enhancing transportation infrastructure and services that facilitate commerce and tourism.

System Reliability:
Improve the reliability of air, marine, and land transportation systems to ensure consistent and dependable service.

Resilience and Preservation:
Support a transportation system that remains resilient to hazards and is maintained in a state of good repair for long-term sustainability. .

Cost-Effective System:
Strengthen intermodal connections between land, air, and marine modes to create an integrated and efficient transportation network.

STEPS AND SCHEDULE

Fall 2025 - Winter 2026

- **Defining Vision, Goals, and Objectives**
- **Data Verification and Analysis**
  - Economic and population forecast updates
  - Transportation system analyses
- **Issues and Needs**

Sharing Information and Seeking Feedback

Round 1 Outreach Meetings

- Southeast Conference Annual Meeting
- Community Meetings
- Virtual Meetings

Spring - Summer 2026

- **Resiliency Analysis**
- **Needs Identification and Prioritization**
- **Implementation Strategies**
- **Developing Draft Plan**

Sharing Information and Seeking Feedback

Round 2 Outreach Meetings

- Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit
- Small Group Meetings

WE ARE HERE

Fall 2026

- **Draft Plan-Out for Public Comment**
- **Final Plan Anticipated November 2026**

Sharing Information and Seeking Feedback

Round 3 Outreach Meetings

- Southeast Conference Annual Meeting
- Community Meetings
- Virtual Meetings

Agency, Community, and Interested Party Involvement

Throughout Plan Update Process

SCENARIO PLANNING

- Scenario A – Weather Events
- Scenario B – Funding
- Scenario C – Population

SCENARIO A — WEATHER EVENTS

The deadly landslide that crashed through the outskirts of Wrangell on the night of Nov. 20, 2023, is seen from the air on the following day.

-Photo provided by Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

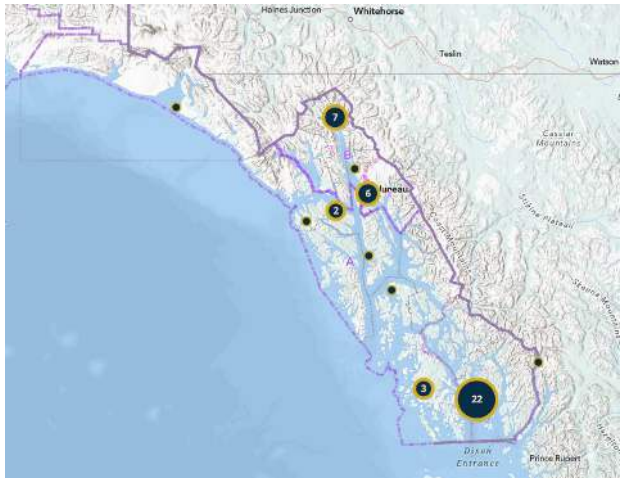
Flooding from a release of water and snowmelt at Mendenhall Glacier covered some roads and threatened homes along the Mendenhall River in Juneau, Alaska on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2025

- City and Borough of Juneau via AP

Heavy snowfall is piled up on Main Street in the town of Haines, Alaska on Dec. 28, 2025.

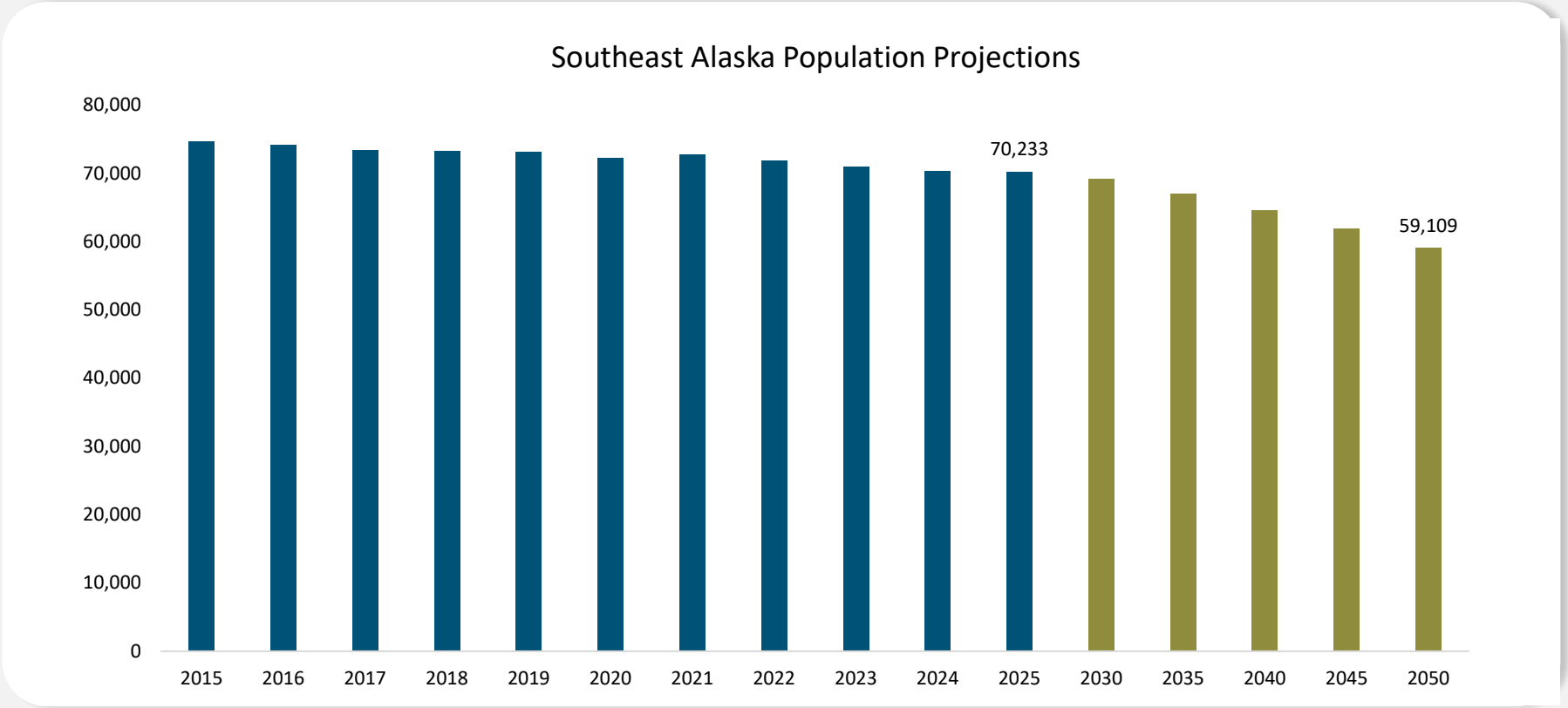
-Courtesy Rachelle Galinski

SCENARIO B – FUNDING



Southeast Alaska STIP Amendment 2 Map

SCENARIO C – POPULATION



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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Keep an eye out for public meeting opportunities

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