SOUTHEAST ALASKA
TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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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
- Safety

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	Airports	AMHS & Marine Facilities	Active Transportation	Bridges
▪ State of Good Repair ▪ Safety Improvements ▪ Resilience Improvements *(rockfall, erosion, avalanche, and landslide mitigation)*	▪ State of Good Repair ▪ Weather & Resiliency Improvements ▪ Environmental Improvements	▪ Harbor & Terminal Facility Improvements ▪ Alignment with AMHS 2045 Long-Range Plan Recommendations	▪ Safety ▪ Accessibility ▪ Network Connectivity	▪ 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

Small Group Presentations | Workshop | Public Open House | *Scheduled

June 9
Southeast Conference, Transportation Committee

September 18
Southeast Conference Annual Meeting (Sitka)

November 19
Ketchikan

November 20
Juneau

December 9
Alaska Municipal League Annual Local Government Conference (Anchorage)

December 16
Virtual Open House

December 18
Southcoast Region (DOT&PF) Tribal Coordination Meeting

2025

2026

February 4
Chilkat Indian Village Presentation

February 12
Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit, Transportation Symposium (Juneau)

February 24
Southcoast Region (DOT&PF) Risk & Resiliency Workshop

March 24
Alaska Tribal Transportation Working Group (Anchorage)

March 19
Hydaburg Community

March 12
Organized Village of Saxman

May 26
Southcoast Region (DOT&PF) Strategies & Project Priorities Workshop

May 18
Central Council of Tlingit & Haida

August 19
Southeast Regional Planning Organization Board Meeting

September 15
Sitka*

September 16
Juneau*

September 21
Virtual Open House*

September 30
Southeast Conference Annual Meeting (Ketchikan)*

October 15
Southcoast Region (DOT&PF) Tribal Coordination Meeting*

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

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

WE ARE HERE

Agency, Community, and Interested Party Involvement
Throughout Plan Update Process

What We've Heard Since the Public Comment Period Started

- Lots of feedback appreciating the amount of public involvement, and that the plan clearly reflects public comment
- Appreciation for community-identified transportation needs *(intend to include additional projects identified in Final SEATP)*
- A lot of feedback on AMHS
- Mixed feedback on Cascade Point Ferry Terminal
- Strong desire for connection to Canada and road system *(intend to update Final SEATP to better reflect this)*
- Mixed feedback on Baranof Warm Springs Road
- General lack of support for Katlian Road, concerns for current condition
- Broad support for Glacier Highway Lemon Creek extension to McNugget

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

We are on track for a Final Plan in early November!

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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?
2. Are there any recommendations, priorities, projects, or strategies in the Draft Plan that you support or would like to see revised?
3. Looking ahead 20 years, what transportation improvements would have the greatest benefit for your community and Southeast Alaska?

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Scan to review the Draft Plan and Submit Comments

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