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THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Since my appointment last year to the Central Region Director position, I've had the chance to meet many of you in person and have learned a great deal about your transportation views. One thing that has stood out to me is that information is king, and the more information you have at your fingertips the better; for you, your constituents and the Department. My main goal here is to provide you the tools to get current, up-to-date information when you need it.

This is the first of what I intend to be regular quarterly reports to you on current topics of interest and information specific to your geographic locale. The nature of a newsletter is such that some of the more "newsworthy" stories conveyed may be dated by the time your next newsletter arrives, but the links we provide to the baseline data and information will allow you to stay current. Over time, I hope that my staff can assist yours to access and use an impressive array of links to information resources important to your area.

We are providing you this paper copy and will follow with an electronic version featuring active hyperlinks soon. The hyperlinks in the e-version will allow you faster access to our data.

This newsletter is a work in progress. It is intended to be a useful resource tool, and my goal is to make it as valuable a tool as possible. To that end, we need to hear from you as to how you think it hits the mark or is in need of further tinkering. With your help, we can shape this newsletter to best fit your needs.

Have a great summer. I look forward to hearing from you.

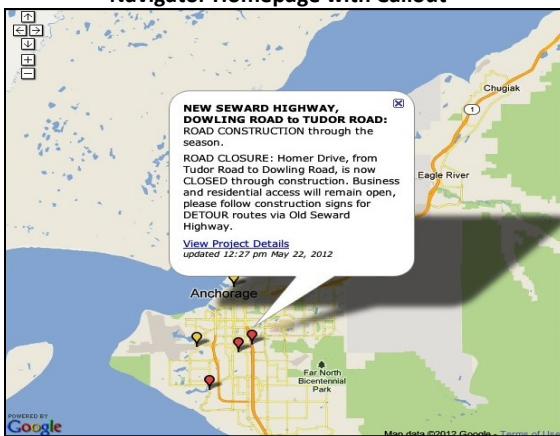
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NAVIGATOR and 511

Your Source for Summer Construction and Travel Information

Navigator Homepage with Callout



STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES
 The ALASKANAVIGATOR website is your best source for the most up to date traffic information about state road projects actively under construction. The page consists of an interactive map that provides travelers with the latest news needed to minimize delays during the short construction season. This site is updated weekly with lane restrictions, road closures, and detour information and allows individuals to sign up for email notification of traffic impacts. Linked pages include a description of the project, a basic map, and project management contact information.
<http://www.alaskanavigator.org/>



For a variety of travel information including weather, traffic incidents, driving conditions, and construction delays: <http://511.alaska.gov/>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Questions

- How Do I Find General Central Region Information.....
- How Do I Find Websites for Central Region Projects.....
- How Do I Find Information on all active Central Region Projects.....
- How Do I Find a Project Advertising Date.....
- How Do I Find Who Owns a Road in the Municipality of Anchorage.....
- Where Can I Find the Anchorage Traffic Map.....
- Where Can I Find the Eagle River Traffic Map.....
- Where Can I Find Information about AMATS, MTP, Meeting Schedules, Agendas, and Planning Documents.....
- How Can I Find Information About Which Projects AMATS has Selected to be Funded Between 2010-2013.....

Answers

- <http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/>
- <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/projectinfo/central.shtml>
- <http://dot.alaska.gov/projects-status/index.cfm>
- http://www.dot.state.ak.us/CR/Ad*
- http://www.muni.org/Road_Ownership_Map_2011.pdf *
- <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/trafficmaps/2010/Central/anchorage10.pdf> *
- <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/trafficmaps/2010/Central/eagleriver10.pdf> *
- <http://www.muni.org/departments/ocpd/planning/amats/pages/default.aspx>
- <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Pages/TIP.aspx>

*Link will only work in the electronic version of the Newsletter

WHAT IS A STIP?

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a schedule of federally funded surface transportation projects and their phases (environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction) anticipated in the next 4 years. The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) develops the STIP through an extensive public process. Please check here to stay abreast of all changes to project schedules and scopes: <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip/stip/index.shtml>

Within federally designated Metropolitan Planning Areas, there is also a separate Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is developed through a process overseen by the State and the local governments. The Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Anchorage and Chugiak/Eagle River area is called Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS). The current AMATS TIP and amendments are available here:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Pages/TIP.aspx>

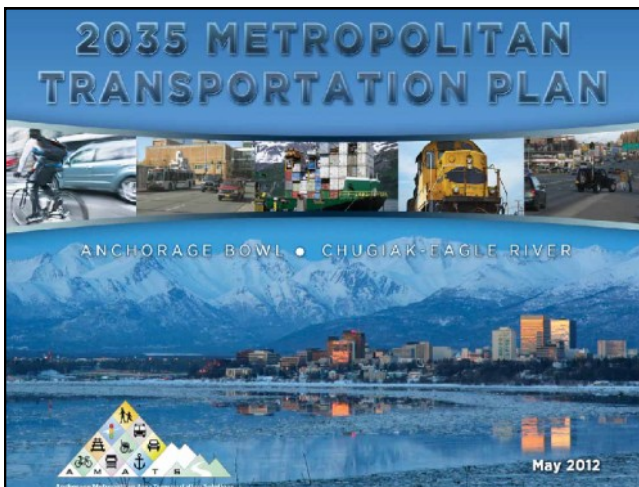
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- **West Dowling Road Phase I Construction Underway** - Project will widen to 5 lanes and extend West Dowling Rd from Old Seward Hwy to C St. Replace Campbell Creek Bridge, install a new traffic signal at C Street and re-align the Campbell Creek Trail to go under the new bridge. <http://alaskanavigator.org/projectDetails.php?id=10>
- **Seward Highway: Dowling to Tudor section in Construction** - This project will widen the New Seward Hwy from 4 to 6 lanes from Tudor to Dowling, provide improvements to both frontage roads (Homer and Brayton Drives) to include multi-use trails and replace bridges over Campbell Creek. This project is scheduled to be complete by June 2014. <http://sewardhighway.info/>
- **Birchwood Airport Runway Pavement Rehabilitation** - This project will resurface the Birchwood Airport in an effort to better maintain and manage airport pavements. Paving to be completed this Summer. <http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/birchwood/>



PLANNING & DESIGN EFFORTS

AMATS MTP Cover

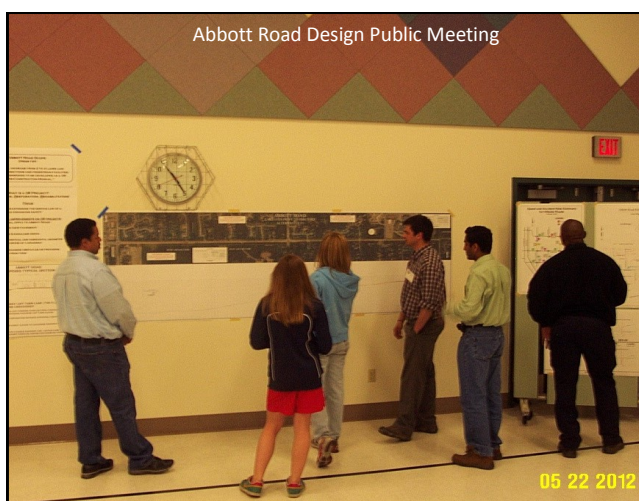


- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Approved** - The AMATS Policy Committee on May 3, 2012 met and approved the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This Plan guides almost \$4 billion in transportation network improvements between 2012 and 2035—from new road connections, additional buses, sidewalks, bike lanes, trails to better streets and improved intersections. <http://www.amatsinfo.org>
- **Abbott Road in Design** - ADOT&PF is developing alternatives for improvements to two miles of Abbott Road between Lake Otis Parkway and Birch Road in Anchorage. The portion of Abbott Road between Elmore Road and Birch Road has the highest crash rate of any Anchorage Hillside collector. Drivers of this corridor currently experience delays and long queues during their morning and evening commutes. <http://www.abbottroadrehab.com/>

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS INFORMATION

- **Eklutna Overpass Girder Replacement and Repair** - Glenn Highway traffic will be routed around Eklutna Overpass via ramps from June 8-10.
- M&O staff have transitioned from winter to summer operations after the heaviest snowfall on record here in Anchorage. This past winter's expenses for snow removal exceeded recent yearly averages by approximately 30%, and nearly maxed out the capacity of ADOT&PF's three Anchorage area snow dumps.
- Street Sweeping - New and more stringent EPA regulations required an increase in street sweeping, storm drain cleaning and sand storage for ADOT&PF in 2012. To ensure proper compliance with the regulations M&O has established a strict street sweeping schedule for Anchorage. More information and the schedule can be found at - <http://dot.alaska.gov/documents/street-sweeping-factsheet.pdf>
- Contact and Additional information - http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdmno/mno_cr.shtml

Raspberry Road Repaving near Minnesota



NEWSLETTER ACRONYMS

- ADOT&PF - Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
- AMATS – Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions
- EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency
- M&O – Maintenance & Operations
- MTP – Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- STIP – State Transportation Improvement Program

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities - Central Region oversees 108 rural airports, 5,400 paved road lane miles, 975 miles of gravel roads, and 2 harbors.

The mission of the department is to **Get Alaska Moving** through service and infrastructure.

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