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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.

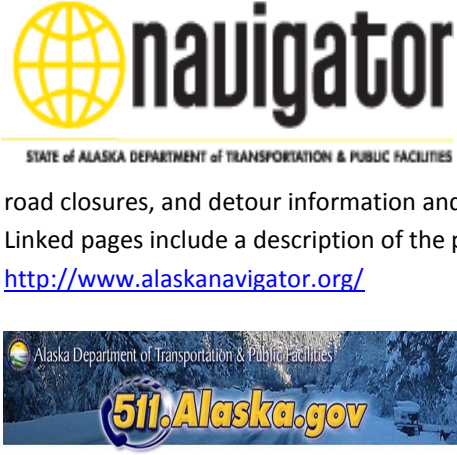
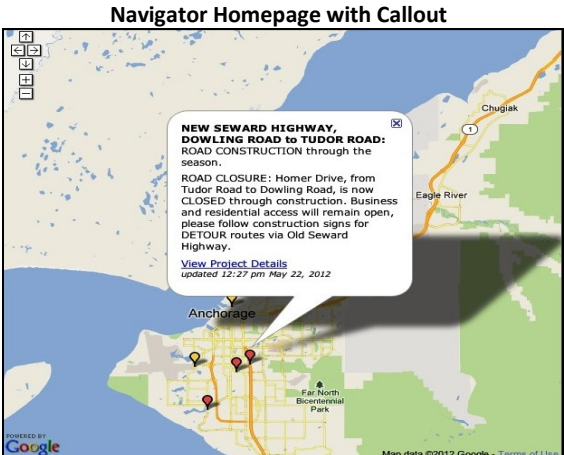
This newsletter is a work in progress. It is intended to be a useful resource tool, and my goal is to make it as valuable a tool as possible. To that end, we need to hear from you as to how you think it hits the mark or is in need of further tinkering. With your help, we can shape this newsletter to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

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

Comments On The Newsletter
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NAVIGATOR and 511

Your Source for Summer Construction and Travel Information



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

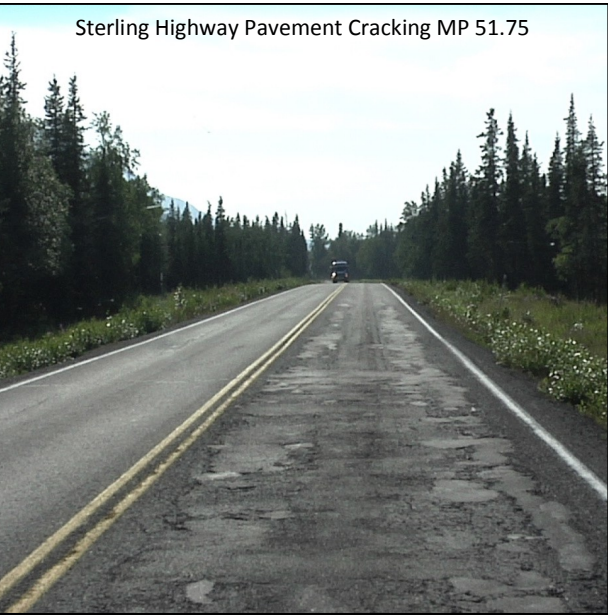
Questions	Answers
• How Do I Find General Central Region Information.....	• http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/
• How Do I Find Websites for Central Region Projects.....	• http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/projectinfo/central.shtml
• How Do I Find Information on all active Central Region Projects.....	• http://dot.alaska.gov/projects-status/index.cfm
• How Do I Find a Project Advertising Date.....	• http://www.dot.state.ak.us/CR/Ad*
• How Do I Find Information about Alaska’s Highway Safety Corridors.....	• http://www.dot.alaska.gov/comm/safety_corridors.shtml
• How Do I Make a Reservation on the Alaska Marine Highway.....	• http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/
• Where can I Find the Kenai Peninsula Traffic Map.....	• http://www.dot.state.ak.us/trafficmaps/2010/Central/KP*
• Where Can I Find Key Department Contacts.....	• http://www.dot.alaska.gov/comm/contacts.shtml
• Where Can I Find Information about my Local Road Service Area (RSA).....	• http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/service-areas
• How Do I Report a Motor Vehicle Crash.....	• http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/acceptapp/index.shtml
	*Link will only work in the electronic version of the Newsletter

WHAT IS THE 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>

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Seward Highway Bridges** - The replacement of the Seward Highway bridges at Trail River, Falls Creek and Ptarmigan will be complete June 2012. For more project information please see http://www.hamilton.com/projects_seward.php Live webcam links of the project available at <http://serviceelectric.workzonecam.com/>
- **Holt-Lamplight Road Resurfacing** - Resurfacing and culvert replacement of this State Funded project is anticipated to begin the last week of June 2012 and will be completed Fall 2012.
- **Kalifornsky Beach Road Pathway** - ADOT&PF Maintenance will be milling and re-paving the travel lanes from milepoint 16 to 22.5 this summer. Roadwork should be complete by September 15, 2012 on this state funded project. We are designing the continuation of a pathway from the existing pathway, just east of Mallard Road to Cannery Road, a distance of 1.9 miles. The majority of the pathway will be separated, but portions will be attached to existing roadway. Construction of the pathway is planned for 2013.



- **Seward Maintenance Station Relocation** - The Seward maintenance station is moving from its current downtown location to approximately 15 miles north of town. This will mean better response times and service throughout the whole Seward maintenance district, from milepoint 0 to 30. Some manpower and equipment will remain in the city of Seward, to serve any maintenance needs in the immediate vicinity.
- **Sterling Highway Resurfacing Projects** - Look for construction this summer and fall from mile points 37-45 and 45-58, with completion expected in 2013. We will be resurfacing and repairing the pavement and subsurface so we can extend the life of the roadway. We will also be improving the bridge rails to enhance safety as well as replacing guard rail and culverts. <http://www.sterlinghighway.net/>
- **Homer Airport** - ADOT&PF is paving the apron and portions of the taxiways this Summer, in addition to replacing lighting. These improvements support the operational integrity of the airport. The project is expected to be complete by October 2012

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS INFORMATION

- **District Wide Guardrail Repair** - Vehicle impacts compromise the integrity and safety benefit of highway guardrails. This summer ADOT&PF Maintenance crews will be using State Deferred Maintenance Funds throughout the Kenai District to replace collision damaged guardrails.
- **Brush Cutting** – Clearing brush and trees back from the highway edge helps improve safety for Alaska’s travelers and protect the road bed. Road kills are the leading cause of moose mortality in Alaska, and reducing moose browse and improving visibility can reduce vehicle-moose collisions by as much as 60%. Keeping shade off the highways helps to prevent icing in the wintertime, allowing for better driving conditions. Clearing brush out of the ditch keeps water and vegetation roots away from the road bed.

Expect to see brush cutting this summer along our major highways.
- Contact and Additional information - http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdmno/mno_cr.shtml



NEWSLETTER ACRONYMS

- ADOT&PF - Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
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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