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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.

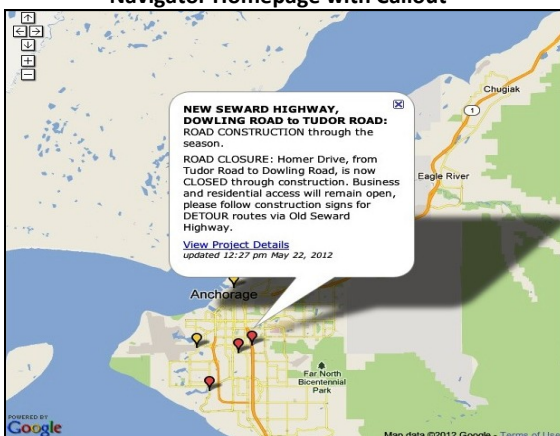
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NAVIGATOR and 511

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 Book a Ferry Trip.....
- How Can I Find Information about the Southwest Transportation Plan.....
- Where Can I Find Information on the Alaska Aviation System Plan.....
- Where Can I Find Key Department Contacts.....
- Where Can I Find Contract Status Award Information.....
- Where Can I Find Capital Projects out for Bid.....

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.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/index.shtml>
- <http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/areaplans/swplan.shtml>
- <http://www.alaskaasp.com/>
- <http://www.dot.alaska.gov/comm/contacts.shtml>
- http://www.dot.state.ak.us/apps/contracts/CR*
- http://www.dot.state.ak.us/apps/contracts/BidCal/CR*

*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

Kodiak Island Projects

- **Rezanof Drive** - This project will resurface Rezanof Drive from its intersection with Carolyn Street to its intersection with Abercrombie Drive/Monashka Bay Road. This project is scheduled for completion by fall 2012.
- **Kodiak Airport Improvements** - This project will remove and replace deteriorated pavements on Runway 7/25, Runway 18/36, Taxiway B, and the terminal area access road and parking area. Project completion anticipated by November 2012.

Rezanof Drive Culvert Installation
Spring 2012



Kodiak Airport Construction placing
Foamed Recycled Asphalt Pavement



Southwest Alaska Projects

- **Akutan Airport Construction** - This project will construct a new 4,500 foot paved runway on Akun Island for the community of Akutan, and is currently underway by Kiewit Construction for \$54.5M. Project is scheduled for completion September 2012.
- **Williamsport - Pile Bay Road: Iliamna River Bridge Repairs** - This project to repair a critical supply bridge for the Iliamna area from Cook Inlet was recently completed. The bridge is a key link for fishing boats making their way to the lucrative Bristol Bay fishing grounds. The project, completed by Southwest Alaska Contractors LLC, cost just over \$600,000, and opened May 29, 2012, 15 days earlier than anticipated.
- **Cold Bay Airport Runway Safety Area & N. Apron Pavement Rehabilitation** - This \$9.0M project will rehabilitate Taxiway C and the North apron, and will also upgrade the runway 14/32 safety areas. This project was awarded to QAP and will be completed this fall.
- **King Salmon Airport Lighting** - This \$7.3M airport lighting project was awarded to Granite Construction and is scheduled for completion October 2012.
- **King Cove Access Road Completion** - This project will construct a 14 foot access road from the Lenard Harbor hovercraft terminal to a terminal site 12 miles northward. The project was awarded to Alaska Interstate Construction for \$17.7M and is in its second year. Completion is anticipated by November 2012.

Kuskokwim Area Projects

- **Chefornak Airport Relocation** - This project will construct a new airport about 1.1 miles south of the existing one along with a new access road. The \$17.4M project is underway by QAP and is expected to be completed and opened by August 2012.
- **Bethel Airport Pavement Rehab** - This project will resurface the north 2/3 of runway 1L/19R, east 1/3 of runway 12/30, north half of taxiway C (which runs the entire length of 1L/19R) and taxiways A, B and D. This \$7.7M project began on May 31, 2012, is underway by Knik Construction Co, Inc., and will be completed before the end of this summer.
- **Kwillingok Airport Surface Maintenance** - This project will grade and resurface the 2,500 foot Kwillingok runway with about 6 inches of gravel. This \$1.1M project has been awarded to Sledge Contracting Inc., will begin in early June 2012 and is scheduled for completion by the end of July, 2012. A future project to address the larger issues at the airport is expected in 2-3 years.
- **Kipnuk Airport Relocation Phase II** - This project will complete a new 3,200 x 75 foot gravel runway, which was a realignment/relocation of the existing runway. The contract was awarded to Knik Construction for \$17.1M and includes runway lighting, a new SRE Building, a new 1,970 foot boardwalk to the cemetery and will convert the existing runway into a taxiway to runway 08.

Akun Island Airport construction
Summer 2011



Kipnuk Airport Embankment
Summer 2009



New Ferry Service!

The AMHS now provides summer ferry service to the communities of Ouzinkie and Old Harbor on a roughly bi-weekly basis.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/>

Chevak Public Meeting

There will be a meeting in Chevak for the Runway Extension project June 12th at 3:00 pm.

For more information contact Luke Bowland, Project Manager, 269-0891 or luke.bowland@alaska.gov



NEWSLETTER ACRONYMS

- ADOT&PF - Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
- AIP - Airport Improvement Program
- AMHS - Alaska Marine Highway System
- 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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