

Marine Transportation Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, May 14, 2018 – 10:00 AM
Teleconference/Commissioner’s Conference Room, DOT&PF Suite 300
Teleconference Call-in Number: 1-800-315-6338 – Conference Code 39051#

Call to Order: Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) Chair Robert Venables called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Board Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Chair Roberts Venables, Gerry Hope, Jack Jensen, Patti Mackey, Robert Arnold, Carlin Enlow, Shannon Adamson, Norm Carson, Greg Wakefield

DOT&PF: Commissioner Marc Luiken, Captain Falvey, Matt McLaren

Public: Doug Ward

Approval of Agenda

Shannon moved to approve, Pattie 2nd (One change, added Executive Session)

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Legislative Overview

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Commissioner Marc Luiken, updated the board on the conclusion of the legislative session. The department does not expect any major impacts to the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) summer schedule, and no major impacts to the departments fall schedule. There was a question from the board, asking if the Commissioner has any knowledge if there will be support from the legislature, for stable funding in the future. The Commissioner is supportive of Governor Walker’s bi-annual budget proposal to the legislatures, and hopes that the legislatures will be supportive as well. Having a bi-annual budget for the state of Alaska will provide stability for AMHS, and other departments. Many states have bi-annual budgets, and the Commissioner will continue to send this message out to the legislatures.

Management Plan

DOT&PF is looking into the Southeast Conference Reform Steering Committee’s recommendations, and are looking at how the department can incorporate those recommendations into next year’s schedule. The department is anticipating delivery of 1 of the 2 Alaska Class Ferries (ACF) this year. There is a planned christening of one of the ACF vessels for July, 2018. The department is currently negotiating with their contractor of the delivery of the second vessel. The Commissioner is anticipating that the negotiations will conclude soon.

Executive Session

The Marine Transportation Advisory Board went into an executive session, and will convene back into the board meeting in 15 minutes.

Commissioner Luiken

DOT&PF is making a transition for the Alaska Marine Highway System’s leadership. They are moving away from the Deputy Commissioner position, to an executive director position, as in line with the recommendations of the Steering Committee. (Which is to have the AMHS to operate more

as a business). Commissioner Luiken has come up with a recommendation to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and to the Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) for a person to fulfill the role. Commissioner Luiken has offered to the board, that Shirley Marquardt to fill the executive director position, for AMHS.

Pattie Mackey has motioned to Approve, and Gerry Hope has second that motion.

Gerry Hope calls to question – No opposition – DOT&PF has full support of MTAB, for Shirley Marquardt to fill the executive director position for AMHS.

Next Meeting - TBD

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at approx. 11:25AM