



Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan

WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW

- The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) is updating the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan (SATP).
- A Scoping Report, issued in late August 2011, has six preliminary alternatives for regional road and ferry transportation.
- ADOT&PF is seeking comments on the Scoping Report.

COMMENT DUE DATE

Comments are due no later than Friday, November 4, 2011. Submit by:

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BACKGROUND

The Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan (SATP) is a regional multimodal transportation plan that provides a framework for improving transportation connections between communities within the region. The Plan looks at Southeast Alaska's network of roads, ferries and airports, and at the operating and maintenance costs of the network.

ADOT&PF is preparing an update to the current SATP (issued in 2004) that will consider changes in the Southeast Alaska's industries, economy, population, and infrastructure since that time, as well as current fiscal outlook and costs. This update began in 2008 when a Mission Statement and Goals were developed with public input. Most recently, ADOT&PF has released a Scoping Report for the 2011-2012 SATP update, with six preliminary alternatives.

Public meetings will be held in Southeast Alaska communities in September and October 2011 to explain the preliminary alternatives and answer questions. After these meetings, the ADOT&PF will issue a Draft SATP and conduct another series of public meetings (tentatively scheduled for spring 2012). Issuance of the Final SATP is expected in 2012. Please note not to confuse the SATP with the 2012-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which was recently out for public review.

THE SIX PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

1: Maintain the Existing System

- Identifies the costs to maintain the existing ferry system. It is thus a “baseline” alternative against which other alternatives are compared.

2: Fleet Capacity Management

- Identifies the costs, benefits, and impacts to manage fleet capacity in a way that more closely matches current and projected future traffic demand.

3: Maximize Use of Existing Roads

- Identifies the costs, benefits, and impacts of discontinuing ferry service to Bellingham and across the Gulf of Alaska, including Yakutat.

4: Alaska Class Ferries

- Identifies the costs, benefits and impacts to replace the three aged mainline ferries with three 350 foot “Alaska Class” ferries and a new mainline ferry.

5: Highway Route 7

- Identifies the costs, benefits, and impacts of replacing the existing mainline ferry system with a system based on road segments connected by shuttle ferries.

6: No Action

- Evaluates what happens to the transportation system if no action occurs to replace the three aged mainline ferries.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Public meetings on the Scoping Report will be as follows:

DATE	COMMUNITY	LOCATION	TIME: OPEN HOUSE	TIME: PUBLIC MEETING
Sept 26	Juneau	Centennial Hall, Hickel Room	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sept 28	Gustavus	Gustavus City Hall	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 4	Yakutat	High School Auditorium	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 5	Skagway	Skagway Assembly Chambers	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 6	Haines	Haines Assembly Chambers	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 6	Hoonah	Hoonah City Hall	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 11	Ketchikan	Ted Ferry Civic Center	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 11	Kake	Kake Council Chambers	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 12	Craig	Craig City Hall	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 18	Wrangell	Nolan Center	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 19	Sitka	Centennial Hall, Maksoutoff Room	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 20	Petersburg	Petersburg City Council Chambers	5:30-6:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 24	Angoon	Angoon Senior Center	10:45-11:45 am	12:30-1:45 pm

SATP WEBSITE and CONTACT

Contacts and more information about the Plan, a PDF version to download, or a form to submit comments, can be found at <http://dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/satp/index.shtml>

Have Questions? Contact ADOT&PF planner at Marie.Heidemann@alaska.gov or (907) 465-1775