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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Lance Mearig
Alaska Department of Transportation's (DOT&PF) Southcoast's Regional Director, Lance Mearig, leads planning and operations for state-owned and managed roads, airports, and ferry facilities in Southeast Alaska, Kodiak, and the Aleutians. Lance has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in civil engineering and over 30 years of work in Alaskan construction engineering. Lance is a licensed civil engineer in Alaska and three other states.

At DOT&PF, we take public safety and the safety of our employees seriously. As the summer construction season kicks off, work zone safety is a top priority.

Alaska averages nearly 80 highway work zone crashes each year. The Federal Highway Administration reports that on average 85% of the deaths in highway work zone crashes are drivers and passengers in cars. Our crew members could be your family, friends or neighbors. We want you to get home safely to your loved ones too!

For everyone's safety, please be safe where construction signage, crews, and equipment are present.

Slow down, pay attention, and follow signs and flaggers when you drive through work zones.

Know Before You Go

As construction season ramps up, you can find road updates online:

- Current driving conditions and scheduled road closures at 511.alaska.gov
- Construction project updates at www.AlaskaNavigator.org



CONSTRUCTION



Kake Keku Road Rehabilitation Project

During the 2018 construction season, DOT&PF will continue work on several construction projects as well as break ground on numerous pavement rehabilitation, road reconstruction projects and bridge or trestle replacements.

Projects in Construction

- Haines Airport Drainage Improvements and Pavement Rehabilitation
- Haines Highway Reconstruction Milepost 3.9 to 12.2
- Juneau Glacier Highway Reconstruction, Fritz Cove Road to Seaview
- Kake Keku Road Rehabilitation
- Ketchikan Front, Mill & Stedman Streets Reconstruction
- Ketchikan Shelter Cove Road Stage 2
- Ketchikan Water Street Trestle #2 Replacement
- Skagway Captain William Henry Moore Bridge Replacement
- Sitka Airport Perimeter Fence and Gate Upgrades
- POW Clark Bay Ferry Terminal & Seaplane Float Parking Lot
- POW Island RWIS Installation

Recently Completed Construction Projects

- Haines Klehini Bridge Replacement & Transfer

PROJECT FUNDING & AWARDS

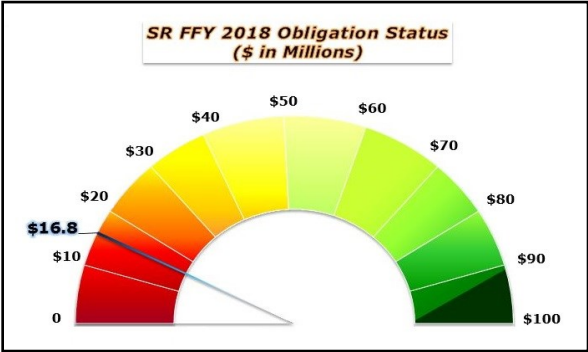
FY18 Project Funding

Total FFY17 funds obligated to date:

\$16,885,978.53

Of which the following are approved:

AMHS = \$923,478.69 SR Only = \$15,962,500.17



Project Awards

- Ketchikan: Front, Mill, & Stedman Streets Reconstruction— Awarded to SECON on January 3, 2018 for \$9,681,105.
- Clark Bay Ferry Terminal & Seaplane Float Expanded Parking— Awarded to Southeast Road Builders on January 17, 2018 for \$1,419,192.
- SR Region-wide Non-NHS Culvert Repair/Replace— Awarded to Admiralty Construction on March 1, 2018 for \$373,425
- King Salmon Airport Main Runway Pavement Rehabilitation— Awarded to Knik Construction on March 27, 2018 for \$16,091,300.

In November 2017, the first phase of Haines Highway MP 3.9-12.2. reconstruction contract was awarded to SECON with a bid of \$36,149,513. This is one of the largest projects SR has put out in recent years. Phases 2 and 3 are still in design and are moving along. Together, all phases of Haines reconstruction are estimated to run roughly \$100 million.

IMPORTANT LINKS

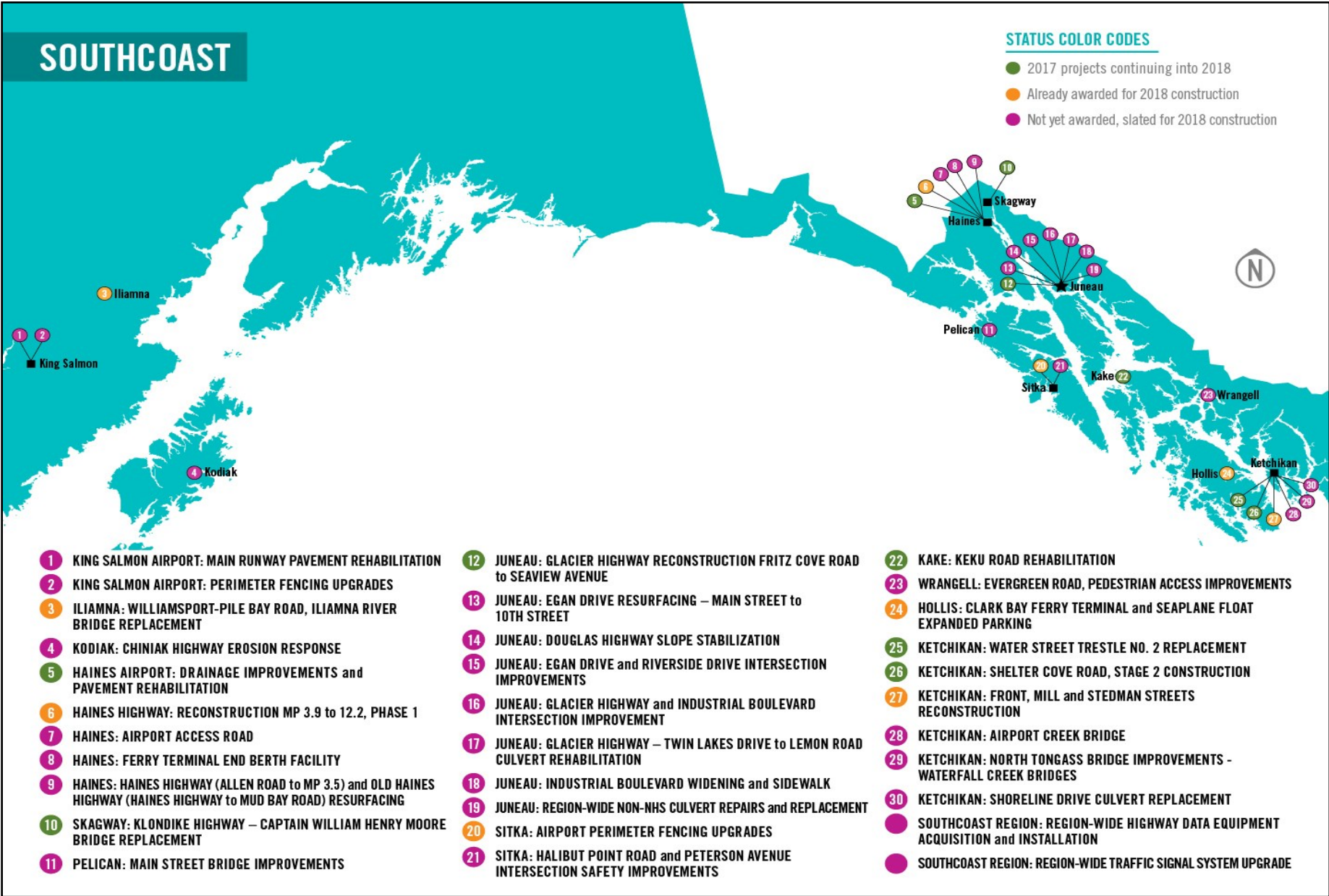
- Construction updates though Alaska Navigator alaskanavigator.org
- Access department news & updates on Facebook & Twitter facebook.com/AlaskaDOTPF [@AlaskaDOTPF](https://twitter.com/AlaskaDOTPF)
- Subscribe to receive news & updates via email public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDOT/subscriber/new?
- Get the scoop on Southcoast Region projects <http://dot.alaska.gov/projects-status/>

PRECONSTRUCTION

Southcoast Region Major Projects

Coming soon...2018 Southcoast Region Construction Projects

- 32 Southcoast Region construction projects
 - 5 new projects already bid
- 6 projects continuing into 2nd year of construction
 - 21 new projects funded and will be ready to bid in time for 2018 construction season



King Cove –Cold Bay Roads Project

The community of King Cove has been anticipating the completion of a road between their community and the Cold Bay Airport for many years. The need for the road connection is identified as the only safe, reliable and affordable means of year-round access to medical services not available in the City of King Cove. Southcoast Region AKDOT&PF is assisting King Cove Corporation with the identifying lands necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Cold Bay to King Cove Road, and with preparing property descriptions of those necessary lands.

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

Kodiak Aleutian District

All the stations have been conducting winter operations. Several stations are short staffed as recruitment/retention at some locations is very challenging. Dutch Harbor is down to one M&O Operator/Foreman and one SEF Mechanic. Kodiak M&O has supported operations in Dutch Harbor by sending two operators out to help during the busy “A” Season for the local fish processors. Phil Smith accepted the position of the Kodiak Foreman.

Hurricane force winds in Kodiak - On 2/26/18 hurricane force winds downed trees which blocked roads and toppled power lines. DOT&PF crews were out with KEA until 3am on 2/26 clearing trees on Rezanof , that took out power lines by the hospital. Crews continued work on 2/27, cleaning up fallen trees and broken utility poles, and opening up other state-managed streets.

Wrangell Zimovia Highway—On Jan 18th at approximately 6:30 pm, a major rock slide occurred at 6.5 mile on the Zimovia Highway in Wrangell, blocking both lanes. The local police department notified the Wrangell Maintenance crew and the crew were on site by 7:30 pm. The crews were able to open the road up for one lane of traffic within a half hour. The remaining closed lane was opened by 4 pm the next day. Some of the boulders were so big, it took two large loaders to move them. Other boulders were broken into pieces before they were moved.



Zimovia Rock Slide

MEET THE SOUTHCOAST REGION

Staff Changes

- Nick Allred** - Engineer Technician, left State service

Andrew Conrad - Project Engineer, left State service

Megan Daniels - New Environmental Impact Analyst in Predesign

Zack Ferrin - Promoted to Engineering Assistant II

Jake Fleetwood - New Engineering Assistant I in Predesign Section

Todd Fleming - Project Engineer, left State service

Emily Haynes - Promoted to Preconstruction Environmental Impact Analyst

Andrew Hills - Transfer to Construction QA, Engineering Assist III

Jeff Jenkins - Promoted to Procurement Specialist V

Robert Lacey - Engineering Technician, left State Service

- Mike Lukshin, P.E.** - Transfer to Construction Group Chief, Engineer IV

Garrett Paul, P.E. - Promoted to Engineer III, Construction Project Manager

Jessica Piukala -Promoted to Administrative Assistant II

Phil Smith - Promoted to Kodiak Airport Foreman

DOT&PF Employee Wins Life Saving Award - The Haines Borough Police Department has notified Haines M&O employee Daniel Fitzpatrick that he has won a ‘Life Saving Award” for his assistance with a 1/10/18 car accident. The award letter also mentions that, while on duty with DOT&PF, Fitzpatrick assisted in recovering stolen property on 2/20/18.