



# Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

## Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

### 2020-2023 STIP

# What is the STIP?

The **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)** is a federally required program that must:

- Cover a period of at least four years.
- Include all Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded projects and regionally significant projects.
- Be fiscally constrained.
- Be consistent with other required transportation plans.
- Approved by FHWA and FTA.
- Follow a public involvement process.
  - New STIP: 45 day public comment period.
  - STIP Amendments: 30 day public comment period.

The STIP may:

- Be modified and/or amended due to changes in project schedules and estimates.
- Include non-federally funded projects.





# What STIP Tools are Available?

<http://dot.alaska.gov/stip/>

1. [Official STIP](#)
2. [Prior Amendments](#)
3. [STIP Search & Report](#)
4. [Project Viewer Map](#)
5. [Needs List Search](#)
6. [Subscribe to GovDelivery](#)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The header includes the DOT&PF logo, the program name, a search bar, and navigation links for Travel, Business, News and Social, Projects, and About Us. A large banner image of a moose on a road is featured. Below the banner is a breadcrumb trail and a secondary navigation menu. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a welcome message and a description of the STIP program. The right column contains news and events. Numbered callouts (1-6) point to specific features: 1 points to the '2018-2021 STIP - Official Copy' logo; 2 points to the 'STIP Plans' link in the secondary navigation; 3 points to the 'Search the STIP' button; 4 points to the 'STIP Project View Map' link; 5 points to the 'Needs & Projects' link in the secondary navigation; and 6 points to the 'Subscribe to Receive News & Updates' button.

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## Welcome to the Alaska DOT&PF STIP

The Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is the state's four-year program for transportation system preservation and development. It includes interstate, state and some local highways, bridges, ferries and public transportation, but does not include airports or non-ferry-related ports and harbors. It covers all system improvements for which partial or full federal funding is approved and that are expected to take place during the four-year duration of the STIP.

### STIP News and Events

**2020 - 2023 Draft STIP**  
Open for Public Comment  
February 4 - March 20, 2020

**Community Transportation Program**  
Nominations to be Announced  
March 2020

**How to Understand the STIP**

**STIP Project View Map**  
Use an interactive map to view and get details on the 2018-2021 STIP projects in Alaska.

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# How to Read the STIP

Need ID: 19119 Name: Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals With							Ph	Fund	FFY20	FFY21	FFY22	FFY23	After 2023
Program	Region	2013	Place	Highway	Primary	Bridge #s	9	3PF	100,128	100,128	105,134	105,134	
REQD	H	99	Statewide		Transit		9	5310	248,993	248,993	261,443	261,443	
Description: FTA Section 5310 monies to be used for the purchase of rides and vehicles for eligible clients and agencies throughout rural and small urban Alaska.							9	STP	318,400	318,400	318,400	318,400	
							Totals:		667,521	667,521	684,977	684,977	684,977

The STIP Intro and the Fund Code Definitions provide insight on how to read the STIP. Each approved STIP includes these informational documents.

Projects are identified by a Need ID and name, then list descriptive information, and show by federal fiscal year planned funding according to phase of work, and funding source.

## 2020-2023 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

*Division of Program Development and Statewide Planning*

### Introduction to the STIP

The Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is the state's four-year program for transportation system preservation and development. Federal statutes (23 USC 135) require that in order to use federal transportation funding, the state must develop a STIP. The STIP must cover all surface transportation

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### Project Programming in the STIP

The STIP is made up of projects, divided into phases, scheduled according to the time estimated to accomplish each phase and the funding needed to complete it. Each funding source has different requirements or objectives, so the final selection of projects for the STIP depends on the available funding.

**Multi-Phase, Phase 0** – This phase identifies programs that have multiple projects and for individual projects where the phases of work required for the improvements have yet to be defined. Examples include;

- Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) and the Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Community Transportation Program Allocations,
- Recreational Trails Program,
- Transportation Alternative Program,
- Pavement and Bridge Rehabilitation Program,
- Highway Safety Improvement Program, and the
- Alaska Railroad and Public Transit System Programs.



# 2020-2023 Public Comment

Public Comment Period: February 4 – March 20, 2020

For all comments please include your name, organization (if applicable), and the project name. The STIP section accepts, reviews, and responds (when appropriate) to all comments received. We kindly ask that you please keep comments courteous and professional as they will be posted on the DOT&PF STIP website.

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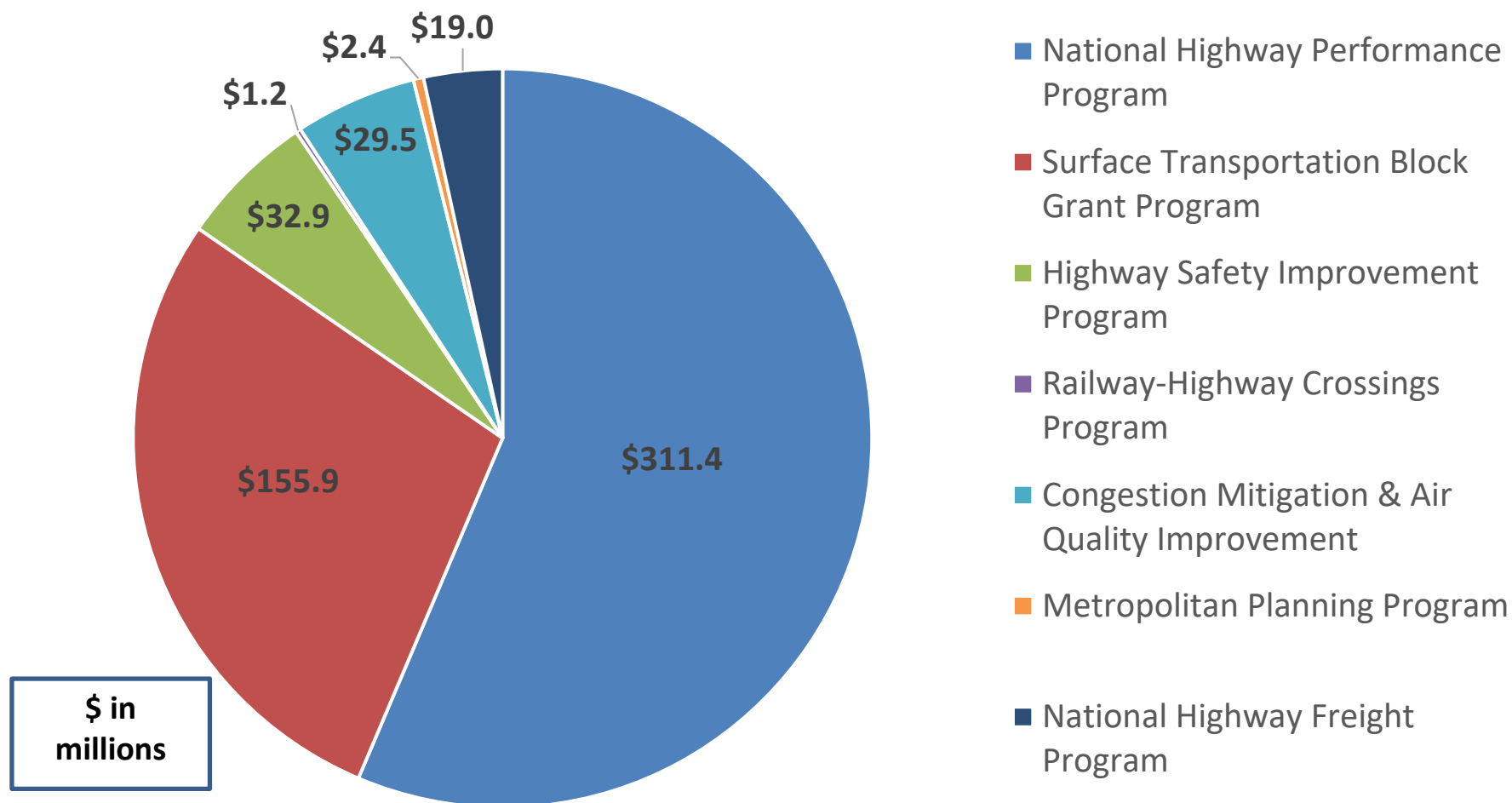
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# 2020 FAST ACT Funding for Alaska



Obligation limitation reduces the amount of funding available. Currently the Federal government is operating under a continuing resolution for FFY 20.





# Funding & Eligibility

Each funding type has strict eligibility requirements:

- **National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)** funding is for routes on the National Highway System (NHS). These routes are primarily state owned and projects are selected with an emphasis on safety, pavement condition, bridge condition, traffic, and other unique benefits.
- **Surface Transportation Program (STP)** funding is the most flexible and availability is low. STP funding is used for required programs and projects, the Community Transportation Program (CTP), and the Alaska Highway System. The two Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs): FAST and AMATS each receive and manage a CTP allocation.
- **Safety funding** is available for projects that are data driven and focus on reducing major injuries and fatalities using proven solutions. The Highway Safety Improvement Program's (HSIP) projects must adhere to an additional strict set of guidelines.



# National Highway Performance Program

- The FAST Act requires performance measures and targets to be established for the NHS related to safety, infrastructure condition, congestion reduction, system reliability, and freight movement.
  - The department has begun to evaluate and use data to score NHS projects. Scores were used to evaluate existing projects in 2017 and new starts in 2018; however, the new starts have not yet been programmed due to lack of available funding.
  - An NHPP Performance Based Project Selection Criteria research project is underway to develop a more robust and informed criteria for future project scoring.

NHS Evaluation Standards
Safety
Pavement Condition
Bridge
Traffic
Project exhibits UNIQUE benefits or needs NOT OTHERWISE RATED.



# Community Transportation Program

**The Community Transportation Program (CTP)** is a competitive program, funded with STP funds, for projects that serve local transportation needs.

- Projects are nominated and evaluated regionally and statewide.
- Routes may be locally or state owned and are typically *not* on the National or Alaska Highway Systems (NHS/AHS) (i.e. serve local needs).
- The 2020-2023 Project Evaluation Board (PEB) met on January 8-9, 2020.
- Project awards will be announced March 2020.
- Projects which scored highly enough will be programmed into 2020-2023 STIP Amendment 1 for the initial design phase in Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2020 and 2021.

Call for projects	February 2019
Project submittal due	September 15, 2019
ADOT&PF regional review and scoring	October 2019
ADOT&PF statewide PEB final project selection	January 8-9, 2020
Announce project awards	March 2020
Initiate project agreement between ADOT&PF and sponsoring agency	Upon PEB approval and prior to project start

# Community Transportation Program

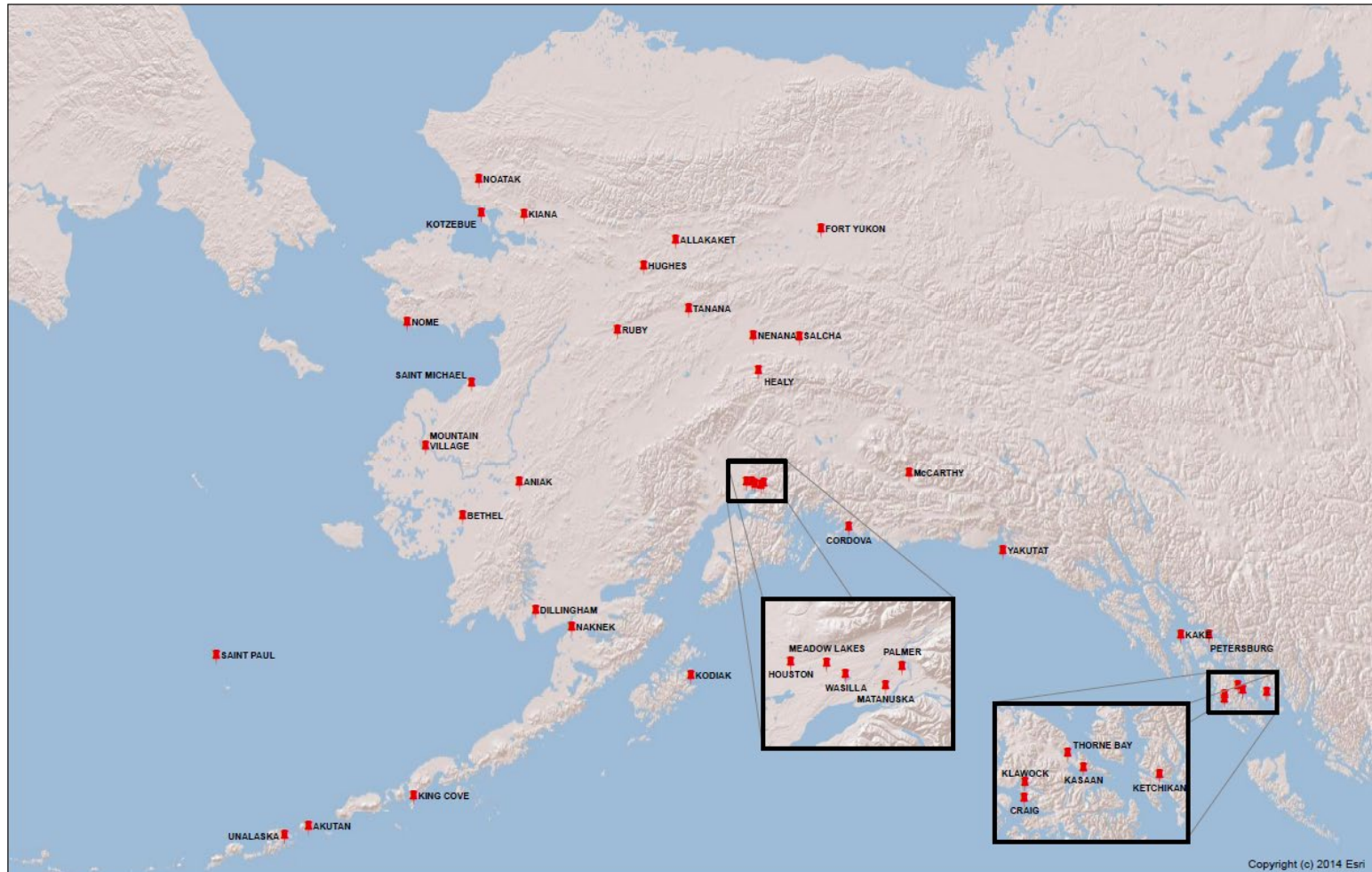
- Call for projects for the 2020-2023 STIP was for \$50 Million of STP funding.
- Applications were scored by two criteria:
  - Remote: **not** connected to road system by road or ferry.
  - Urban / Rural: connected to road system by road or ferry.
- Both Remote and Urban / Rural competed together for available funds.

A total of 46 project applications were submitted; 23 projects advanced to the PEB.



# Community Transportation Program

Communities that submitted project applications





# Transportation Alternatives Program

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a competitive program, funded with Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds (set-aside of STP).

- TA funds are eligible to be used for a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to storm water and habitat connectivity.



# Transportation Alternatives Program

- FFY19 Call For Projects was for \$12 Million (3+ years of funding):
  - Rural (population 5,000 or less) = \$2,640,000
  - Urban (population 5,000 to 200,000) = \$2,040,000
  - Statewide (any area) = \$7,320,000
- Project nominations were accepted from November 1, 2018 – January 31, 2019 and awards were announced in May of 2019.
- Of the 12 project applications submitted, only two projects did not receive funding. Project awards list available: <http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/atap/>

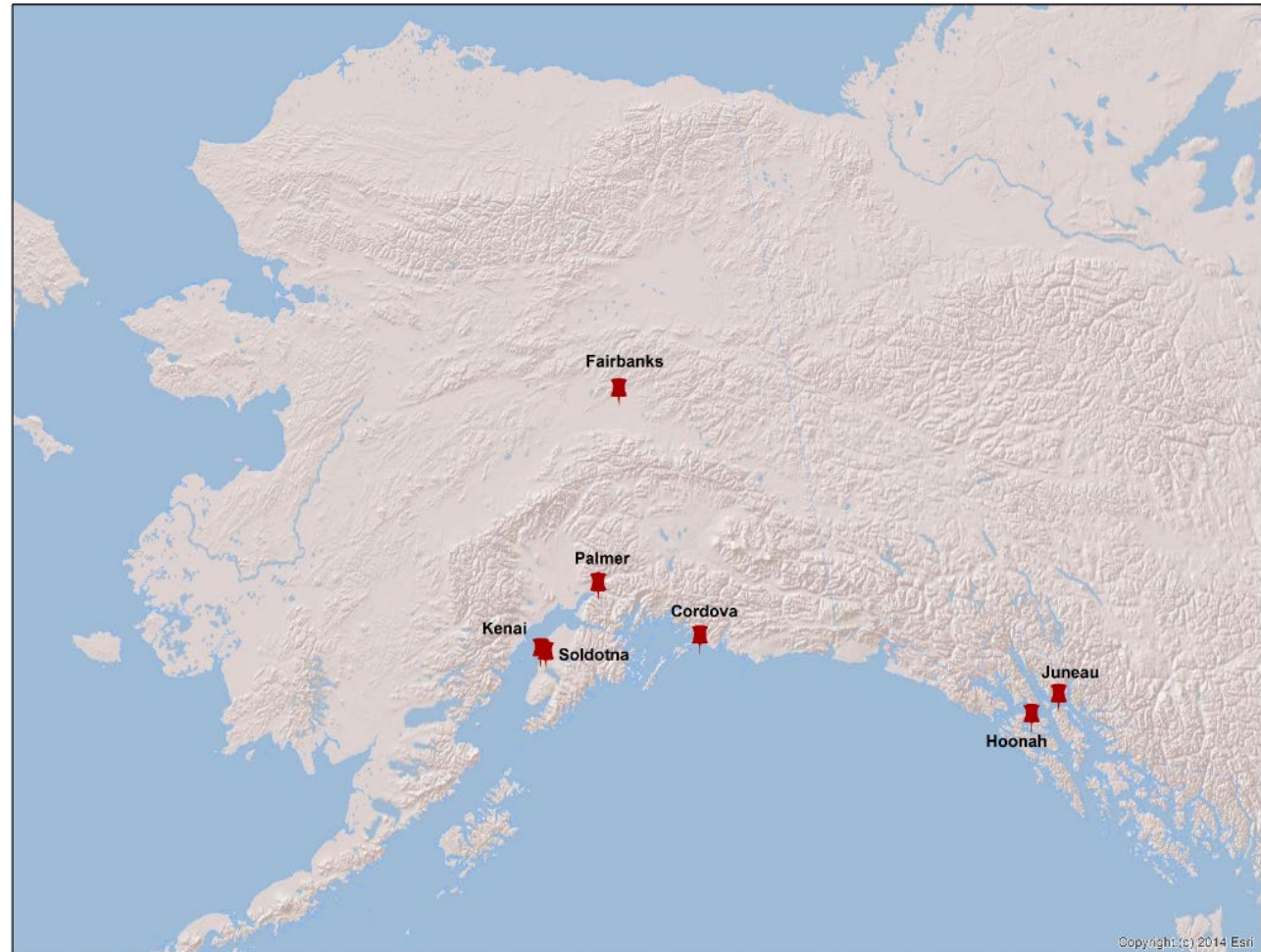




# Transportation Alternatives Program

Positively impacted Alaskan communities:

- Cordova
- Fairbanks
- Hoonah
- Juneau
- Kenai
- Palmer
- Soldotna







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