Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

2020-2023 STIP

Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure
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**
How to Read the STIP

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 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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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.
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.
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.

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Project exhibits UNIQUE benefits or needs NOT OTHERWISE RATED.
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).
- 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 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
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.
• 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/](http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/atap/)
Positively impacted Alaskan communities:
- Cordova
- Fairbanks
- Hoonah
- Juneau
- Kenai
- Palmer
- Soldotna
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