

# Southeast Conference

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Andy Hughes  
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Dear Mr. Hughes,

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to weigh in on the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan (SATP) revision process. It is important work and we appreciate the time you are spending getting feedback.

Southeast Conference is the regional development organization (ARDOR) for Southeast Alaska and has been designated as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Economic Development Administration. We are a membership organization and our membership includes local governments, visitor bureaus and chambers of commerce as well as businesses, agencies and individuals interested in the economic well being of the region. Our mission is to undertake and support activities that promote strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska. As part of that mission we encourage responsible development in the sector of Southeast Alaska's economy.

Southeast Conference remains committed to the SATP's objectives of providing improved, cost-effective regional transportation in Southeast Alaska.

- Southeast Conference supports continued funding for SATP's proposed improvements and urges the Legislature to provide a funding mechanism and match to spend Federal funds designated for the various components of the SATP, including the Alaska Marine Highway System.
- Southeast Conference supports the updating of the SATP, and encourages ADOT to describe specific goals, objectives and performance measures similar to the format of the 2004 plan.

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Best regards,  
  
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Cc: Commissioner Leo Von Scheben

