

Alaska Community & Public Transportation Advisory Board

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Welcome

- o Product of much work and commitment
- o Champions:
 - o Alaska Mobility Coalition
 - o Representative Muñoz
- o Like body recommended:
 - o Governor's Coordinated Transportation Task Force
 - o Input provided at 2011 Transit Conference
- o Realize the vision

Authority

- o AS 44.42.095
 - o Structure
 - o Responsibilities
 - o Operations

Structure

- o 13 member board
- o Diverse perspectives/geography
- o Mix of state agency and stakeholder representatives
- o Stakeholder representatives appointed by Governor
- o Staggered 3-year terms
- o Will elect Chair and Vice Chair

Structure: Board Members

Jennifer Beckmann
Transportation Expert/Low Income.
Kenai

Patricia Branson
Transportation Expert/Senior Citizens
Kodiak

Douglas Bridges
Nonprofit Organization/Public
Juneau

Hugh Dymont
(Lower Kuskokwim School District)
Public
Bethel

Camille Ferguson
Public
Sitka

Heldi Frost
Transportation Expert/Disabilities
Anchorage

William (Bill) Herman
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
Anchorage

Nita Madsen
Denali Commission
Anchorage

Duane Mayes
Department of Health and Social Services
Anchorage

Glenn Miller
Municipality
Fairbanks

Jeff Ottesen
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Juneau

Cheryl Walsh
Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Juneau

Carol A Wren
(Cook Inlet Tribal Council)
Tribal
Anchorage

Responsibilities

- o Review list of responsibilities
- o Break them down and understand what that means for the C&PTAB

Responsibilities

1. Produce Strategic Plan
2. Analyze services and needs and make recommendations to the coordination of services
3. Annually review and report:
 - A. Funding available to state, federal and local governments and private entities
 - o Recommend changes to improve effective use
 - B. Funding available from federal sources for the expenses of the Board
 - o Report to Governor and State Legislature

Responsibilities

4. Analyze the use of alternative fuels
 - A. Make recommendations
5. Provide input to state's long-range plan
6. Establish volunteer advisory committees as needed
7. Issue other reports and recommendations

Responsibilities: Detail

1. Strategic Plan

The Alaska Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board ... shall, in cooperation with the department, prepare and submit to the department and the governor for review a strategic plan that includes the mission, objectives, initiatives, and performance goals for coordinated community and public transportation in the state.

Responsibilities: Detail

1. Strategic Plan to include:

- o Mission, goals and objectives of the strategic plan
- o Summary of needs, findings and conclusions
- o Recommendations for Governor and Legislature
- o Recommendations for agencies
- o Suggested performance measures
- o Agency specific actions needed and timeline
- o Recommendations for local governments and transportation service providers
- o Recommended review interval for plan assessment and update
- o Bibliography of referenced publications and useful resources for agencies and local governments

Responsibilities: Detail

2. Analyze services and make recommendations to the coordination of services

The board shall analyze community and public transportation services in the state and make recommendations for improved agency coordination and combining of services to achieve cost savings in the funding and delivery of community and public transportation services. The board shall assess the community and public transportation needs of Alaskans and recommend means for the removal of barriers that prevent coordination of services to meet those needs.

Responsibilities: Detail

3. Annually review and report:

The board shall annually review funding available:

1. to state, federal, and local government agencies and private entities that administer or support community and public transportation services and recommend to the governor and the legislature changes to improve effective use of that funding;
2. and from federal sources for the expenses of the board and report that information to the governor, the chairs of the senate and house finance committees, and the chairs of the senate and house transportation committees.

Responsibilities: Detail

4. Analyze the use of alternative fuels
 - A. Make recommendations

The board shall analyze the use of alternative fuels, including compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, propane, and biodiesel in community and public transportation vehicle fleets and make recommendations for the use of alternative fuel vehicles where cost effective.

Responsibilities: Detail

5. Provide input to state's long-range plan

The commissioner, in consultation with the Alaska Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board, shall

1. prepare a comprehensive long-range plan for the development and improvement of coordinated community and public transportation; and
2. revise and update the plan at intervals determined by the commissioner.

Responsibilities: Detail

6. Establish volunteer advisory committees as needed

The board may establish volunteer regional or local advisory committees. The purpose of the advisory committees is to provide recommendations to the board to address concerns of the regions and local areas of the advisory committee members.

Responsibilities: Detail

7. Issue other reports and recommendations

The Alaska Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board may issue reports and recommendations

Putting this together

- o Resources
 - o Department of Law – legal services
 - o DOT&PF – staff
 - o Facilitation services

Putting this together

- o Work Plan
 - o Meeting Schedule
 - o Teleconference Schedule
 - o Deliverables
- o Study and Scope Activities
 - o Establish Subcommittees as appropriate
 - o Charter/schedule work

Questions and Discussion

Building on CTF Work

- o CTF History
- o Findings
- o Action Plan

CTTF History

- o Multiple state agencies oversee programs with transportation components
- o How can they coordinate for improved efficiency and better service
 - o First CTTF established Oct 2008 - AO 243
 - o Recommendations Report Feb 2010
 - o AO 254 - CTTF Re-established July 2010
 - o Final Report and Action Plan Feb 2012

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CTTF History

- o CTTF processes
 - o Face to face meetings
 - o Public Forums
 - o Tours
 - o Tele-meetings
 - o Website
 - o Interactive sessions at Community Transit Conference

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Findings: Need

- o At least one in nine Alaskans have special needs or circumstances that make them dependent upon public or community transportation services. These include:
 - o Persons receiving public assistance
 - o Medicaid-eligible persons
 - o Persons with disabilities
 - o Persons w/earnings below poverty level
 - o Low wage-earners (below 200% poverty level)

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Findings: Data

- o >\$80 million spent annually across 21 federal and state programs on human services and public transportation
- o “Silo effect” is alive and well in:
 - o Minimal interagency coordination of programs
 - o Little compatibility in reporting requirements – burden on recipient
 - o No uniform standard for quantifying results

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Findings: Services

- o Non-DOT programs lack incentives to coordinate
- o Few communities with accessible taxicabs
- o Better coordination of snow removal needed
- o Large administrative burden on providers

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Products

- o Principles for federal transportation programs
- o Action Plan
 - o State vision
 - o Recommends goals and activities that increase coordination and efficiency

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Principles for Fed Programs

- Priority of public transportation and human service transportation programs
- Human Service and Public Transportation services promote economic vitality
- Unified reporting requirements across agencies
- Program structures must support local coordination, flexibility and efficiency
- Clarify and simplify match requirements across all programs and agencies

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Action Plan: Vision

- Stimulate the economy by coordinating human service and public transportation transit systems so that they are safe, clean, reliable, efficient, sustainable, and affordable for anyone who needs or wants transportation service, with a focus on those who do not have other transportation options.
- Provide residents, visitors, and employees with convenient local, regional and statewide connections.

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GOAL 1:

Secure the commitment of state agencies and stakeholders to leverage their collective resources in a manner that most effectively and efficiently provides transportation services, and particularly so for those who do not have other transportation options.

- A. Establish a Governor appointed Coordinated Transportation Commission ...
- B. Enact a statute...to establish, enable and require coordination of all community-based transportation services that utilize state and federal grant funding. The statute is to capture other initiatives as indicated to ensure the implementation of this Action Plan.
 - 1. Oversee the implementation of the Coordinated Human Service and Public Transportation Action Plan.
 - 2. Prepare an annual report to the Governor and the State Legislature...

GOAL 2:

Performance measures are used as a tool for constant improvement to the system, and evaluate the effectiveness of coordination and the provision of transportation services for people with special needs and circumstances (these measures could look quantifiably different from standard transit measurements typically used today).

- A. Identify a performance model for use by public funded entities, using a consistent reporting tool for defining measures (unduplicated rides and riders, costs per ride, quantity of services providers, measures of the positive impact on peoples' lives.)
- B. Integrate performance measure requirements to guide local coordination planning available to applicant
- C. Begin to measure coordination efforts through a statewide database.

GOAL 3:

The State of Alaska and federally recognized tribes are able to identify and account for resources spent on human service and public transportation, identify and address barriers to the coordination of those resources, and leverage those funds as appropriate.

- A. Identify and document state, federal and tribal regulatory barriers to the coordination of state and federal funds specific to human service and public transportation.
- B. Generate a proposal for a uniform budgeting and tracking structure that is tied to performance measures; produce an action plan for its implementation
- C. Propose specific revisions to state and federal rules that create barriers to coordination
- D. Conduct a human service and public transportation Needs Assessment every four years

GOAL 4:

Authorities for the implementation of the coordinated system are clearly articulated.

- A. Authorize DOT&PF to manage the matching program for FTA and state transit funds according to criteria established by the Commission.
- B. Ensure local entities and organizations have statutory authority to prepare and implement local coordination human service and public transportation plans and are funded to do so.
- C. Begin to measure coordination efforts through a statewide database.
- D. Planning and funding award processes are updated to reflect the state's coordination requirements and new statutory environment....

GOAL 5:

State funds are available to support human service and public transportation operational activities and capital projects.

- A. Establish state funding for public transportation that supports operational activities and capital projects.
- B. Establish programmatic areas and measurable outcomes for funding recipients in order to demonstrate and ensure the benefits of the investment in human service and public transportation.

GOAL 6:

Communities are cognizant of and actively seeking means to improve accessibility.

- A. Propose accessibility standards that meet or exceed federal ADA standards in response to local need and based on the results of the Needs Assessment
- B. Propose accessibility standards or regulations for taxicab businesses that serve state-owned facilities, including a provision for permitted use of designated pick up and drop off zones
- C. Prepare and distribute a model taxicab ordinance for use by municipalities

GOAL 7:

Transit technology provides opportunities that promote coordination and effective service delivery.

- A. Review Alaska Transit Technologies Deployment efforts currently under development to inform potential technology enhancements and make recommendations consistent with the Vision.
- B. Select a coordinated statewide trip planning and payment system where all systems are available within one resource and people can plan their trip via modes and accessibility.
- C. Prepare and distribute a model taxicab ordinance for use by municipalities

GOAL 8:

Minimum statewide standards establish consistent assurances of quality (safe and reliable) throughout transportation systems

- A. Propose minimum training standards
- B. Propose minimum inspection and maintenance standards for publicly funded passenger vehicles

GOAL 9:

Streamlined processes ensure the most efficient use of public resources

- A. Establish a process to streamline the procurement and disposal of publicly funded transportation assets
- B. Identify and address barriers to coordination associated with vehicle insurance

Discussion

- o As a result of its work, what does the C&PTAB want to see in
 - o 2 years?
 - o 5 years?