









AS 44.42.050

- (a) The commissioner shall develop a comprehensive, intermodal, long-range transportation plan for the state. The plan may be developed in multiple documents that address logical components, including geographic areas, modes of transportation, transportation corridors, systems, and other distinct subjects relevant to transportation planning. The components of the plan shall be revised as the commissioner determines appropriate. In developing and revising the state plan, the commissioner shall conform to the requirements for the eligibility and use of federal and other funds, as applicable. Upon approval of each component of the plan by the commissioner, the commissioner shall transmit notice of the approval of that component to the governor and to the legislature.
- (b) In developing and revising the plan, the commissioner shall seek public review and evaluation by any reasonable means and may
 - (1) consult and cooperate with officials and representatives of the federal government, other governments, interstate commissions and authorities, local agencies and authorities, interested corporations and other organizations concerning problems affecting transportation in the state; and
 - (2) request from an agency or other unit of the state government or of a political subdivision of it, or from a public authority, the assistance and data that may be necessary to enable the commissioner to carry out responsibilities under this section; every such entity shall provide the assistance and data requested.



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- (c) Copies of the plan, as revised, shall be kept on file as a public document in the office of the commissioner and at each regional office of the department.
- (d) The commissioner shall develop a list of projects scheduled for design, construction, or other necessary activities for a period of not less than two years that is consistent with the plan developed under (a) of this section. The list of projects is in addition to the long-range plan required by (a) of this section. The list of projects must include an estimate of federal, state, and other funds anticipated to be received to fund the projects and a description, location, and itemization of the estimated cost for each project and the total cost of all projects.
- (e) In evaluating new highways, airports, terminals, ferries, and other major components for inclusion in the plan, the commissioner shall prepare a cost-effectiveness analysis using a consistent methodology. A cost-effectiveness analysis is not required for a project that involves the rehabilitation and maintenance of an existing transportation system or that primarily serves local transportation needs.



Tiered Plan Hierarchy

- Statewide LRTP (system-level multimodal policy plan)
- Modal & System Plans (ex. State Rail Plan, Aviation System Plan, Strategic Traffic Safety Plan)
- Area (or Regional) Transportation Plans (region multimodal needs-based plans)
- Corridor studies



Statewide L RTPP

- *Let's Get Moving 2030* adopted in 2008
- *LGM 2030* data elements recently refreshed thru 2009
- Update to begin in Jan 2013 for target year 2035
- Complete by Aug 2014
- Website:
<http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/areaplans>



Process

- Announcement
- Public Involvement, public review group, advisory group
- Cooperation or Consultation?
 - MPOs
 - Local non-metropolitan officials
 - Tribal governments
 - Land management authorities (federal, state, tribal, local)
- Engagement: Transportation user groups



Process cont'd

- Considerations:
 - Economic vitality of state
 - Mobility & accessibility for people and freight
 - Safety & security of users
 - Integration and connectivity
 - System preservation
 - MPO plans



Process cont'd

- National Performance Goals (MAP-21):
 - Safety
 - Infrastructure condition
 - Congestion reduction
 - System reliability
 - Freight movement & economic vitality
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Reduced project delivery delays



C&PTAB role

AS 44.42.085(a):
The commissioner, in consultation with the 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.



Pertinent Questions to be addressed in SWLRTPP update

- What role and authority is appropriate to the Department in the planning and administration of public transportation programs around the state?
- Is the Department adequately authorized in statute for the transit duties it is expected to perform?
- What should be the State's long-range public transportation strategy?



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in SWLRTPP update**

- What strategies are appropriate for the State/Department to consider in order to:
 - Encourage more local government assumption of transportation powers and ownership of appropriate infrastructure
 - Reduce average project delivery time
 - Manage transportation infrastructure assets more effectively
- What alternative fuel(s) for transportation are appropriate for Alaska to embrace, and what steps/supports are needed by the State to encourage development of and ensure future growth and economic vitality of the market and infrastructure in the state?



Discussion
