

# Supporting effective service by coordinating state systems

Governor's Coordinated Transportation Task Force

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# Why are we here?



# To secure your input and guidance

*We will start by talking about*

- Need
- Resources
- Task Force purpose
- Work to Date
- Draft Recommendations, Products, and Discussion Questions
- Q&A

*Then we will*

- Devote the bulk of our time listening to your input and suggestions



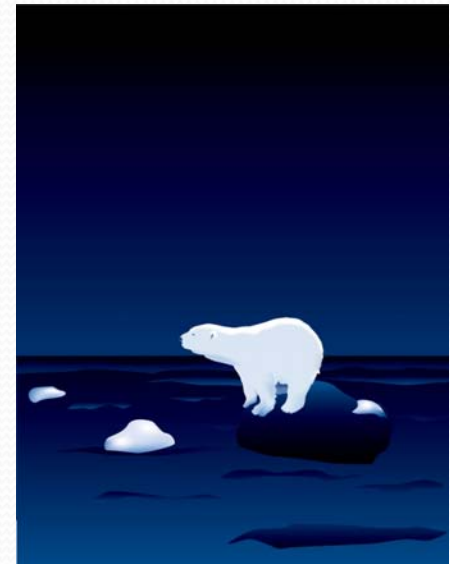
# Alaskans with Special Needs and Special Circumstances

- Persons who require community-based transportation services:
  - Seniors
  - Persons with disabilities
  - Low-income
  - Persons for whom transportation is not available



# Alaskans with Special Needs

- At least 10% of Alaskans are people with special needs
- Conservatively, over 80,000 Alaskans have a need for public transportation to
  - Get to work
  - Participate in society
  - Improve their quality of life
- There is not enough transportation available at a cost they can afford



# Alaskans with Special Needs

- Previous categories encompass multiple groups/not one-dimensional
  - Veterans
  - Alaska Native Tribal Citizens
  - Students
  - Seniors
  - General Public



# Alaskans with Special Needs

- Transportation has been reported as a priority need by
  - *Healthy Alaskans 2020*
  - *Alaska Municipal League 2012 Policy Statement*
  - *Alaska State Plan for Senior Services*
  - *Alaska State Plan for Independent Living 2011-2013*
  - *Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education 2006-2011 State Plan*
  - *Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Advocacy Summit*



# Resources: Touching Almost all Alaskans

- 27+ Federal Programs
- 8+ State Agencies
- Silos: funding, requirements and management



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# Resources: Touching Almost

## All Alaskans

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Programs that fund transportation impact almost all Alaskans</i></p>								
	Other including children	Veterans	Homeless	Low Income	Disabilities	Elderly	Mental Impairment	
								<i>Trust/General fund mental health</i>
								<i>DOT&amp;PF - FTA 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities</i>
								<i>DOT&amp;PF - FTA 5316, Job Access and Reverse Commute</i>
								<i>DOT&amp;PF - FTA 5317, New Freedom Program</i>
								<i>DOT&amp;PF - FTA 5311, Rural Transit Assistance Program</i>
								<i>Labor - Vocational Technical Center</i>
								<i>Labor - Business Partnerships/Youth</i>
								<i>Labor - Workforce Investment Act, Adult</i>
								<i>Labor - Workforce Investment Act, Dislocated Worker</i>
								<i>Labor - State Training Employment</i>
								<i>Labor - Mature Alaskans Skills Training</i>
								<i>Labor - Vocational Rehabilitation Client Services</i>
								<i>Labor - Disability Determination Services</i>
								<i>HSS - Behavioral Health</i>
								<i>HSS - Senior and Disabilities</i>
								<i>HSS - Children's Services</i>
								<i>HSS - Alaska Temporary Assistance Program</i>
								<i>HSS - Pioneer Homes</i>
								<i>HSS - Juvenile Justice</i>
								<i>HSS - Medicaid</i>
								<i>Department of Education and Early Development</i>
								<i>Indian Health Services</i>
								<i>Indian Reservation Roads</i>
								<i>Tribal Transit</i>
								<i>Veterans Affairs</i>
								<i>Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Dev</i>
								<i>FHWA 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Program</i>
								<i>FHWA 5309, Centers for Surface Transportation Excellence</i>

# Resources: Touching Almost

## All Alaskans

	Public	Other including children	Veterans	Homeless	Low Income	Disabilities	Elderly	Mental Impairment	<i>Programs that fund transportation impact almost all Alaskans</i>	2010 funding primarily intended for people with special needs	Other 2010 transportation funding
									<i>Trust/General fund mental health</i>	\$ 1,100,000.00	
									<i>DOT&amp;PF - FTA 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities</i>	\$ 299,704.00	
									<i>DOT&amp;PF - FTA 5316, Job Access and Reverse Commute</i>	\$ 114,114.00	
									<i>DOT&amp;PF - FTA 5317, New Freedom Program</i>	\$ 54,541.00	
									<i>DOT&amp;PF - FTA 5311, Rural Transit Assistance Program</i>	\$ 16,536,572.00	
									<i>Labor - Vocational Technical Center</i>	\$ 10,517.00	
									<i>Labor - Business Partnerships/Youth</i>	\$ 40,690.00	
									<i>Labor - Workforce Investment Act, Adult</i>	\$ 50,566.00	
									<i>Labor - Workforce Investment Act, Dislocated Worker</i>	\$ 28,061.00	
									<i>Labor - State Training Employment</i>	\$ 8,653.00	
									<i>Labor - Mature Alaskans Skills Training</i>	\$ 16,650.00	
									<i>Labor - Vocational Rehabilitation Client Services</i>	\$ 501,254.00	
									<i>Labor - Disability Determination Services</i>	\$ 272,076.00	
									<i>HSS - Behavioral Health</i>	\$ 835,400.00	
									<i>HSS - Senior and Disabilities</i>	\$ 7,564,126.00	
									<i>HSS - Children's Services</i>	\$ 1,750,000.00	
									<i>HSS - Alaska Temporary Assistance Program</i>	\$ 1,523,867.00	
									<i>HSS - Pioneer Homes</i>	\$ 148,042.00	
									<i>HSS - Juvenile Justice</i>	\$ 350,000.00	
									<i>HSS - Medicaid</i>	\$ 48,391,985.00	
									<i>Department of Education and Early Development</i>		\$ 62,371,068.00
									<i>Indian Health Services</i>	\$ 850,000.00	
									<i>Indian Reservation Roads</i>		\$ 47,698,198.00
									<i>Tribal Transit</i>		\$ 307,167.00
									<i>Veterans Affairs</i>		Unknown
									<i>Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Dev</i>		Collecting
									<i>FHWA 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Program</i>		Collecting
									<i>FHWA 5309, Centers for Surface Transportation Excellence</i>		Collecting
									<b>Total (potentially duplicated) dollars</b>	\$ 80,446,818.00	\$ 110,376,433.00

# We're juggling

- Significant need, difficult to identify and quantify
- Silos: requirements and management
- Inability to track data and leverage funding
- Local match requirements
- Local capacity to lead challenging coordinating effort
- Geographical challenges

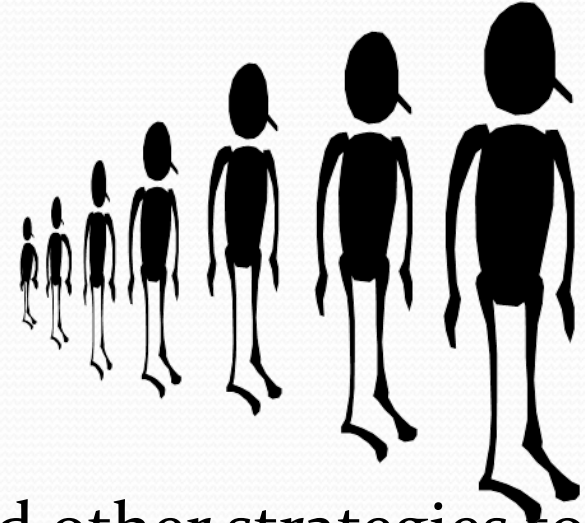


# A Conundrum



# Governor's Coordinated Transportation Task Force

- Administrative Order 243
- Recommendations Report (2/10)
- Administrative Order 254
- Generate legislative proposals and other strategies to coordinate systems to better serve those with special needs and circumstances
- Develop an Action Plan to enhance and sustain coordination



# Governor's Coordinated Transportation Task Force: Members

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# Duties

- Duty 1: Data Gathering
- Duty 3: Needs Assessment
- Duty 7: Draft Legislation to Support Coordination
- Duty 2: Agency and Private Entity Coordination
- Duty 5: Administrative Strategies for Re-Authorization
- Duty 6: Implementation Strategies for Re-Authorization
- Duty 8: Changes in Federal Statute and Regulation
- Duty 4: Action Plan with Statewide Vision
- Duty 9: Final Report





# Process

- Five Meetings
- Three Public Forums
- Three Tours
- Eight Tele-Meetings
- Website
- Community Transit Conference



# What We Heard



- Enable local creativity and flexibility
- Build system that creates opportunity for, rather than hinders, local solutions and collaboration
- Link with economic development and opportunities

# What We Heard



- Capitalize on coordination between communities and tribes
- Explore opportunity for dedicated, local mobility manager
- A state level structure is needed to coordinate and leverage resources
- People making decisions are not necessarily the same people using the system; generate understanding

# Duty 1: Data Gathering

*What's Done:*

Data Spreadsheet:

Current (and developing) draft providing information about funding, rides, ridership, sources and more.

# Duty 1: Data Gathering

*What we'd like to know from you:*

1. State Coordination?
2. Data Needs?
3. Other observations or suggestions?

# Duty 3: Needs Assessment

*What's Done:*

Needs Assessment: information about scope of need for those with special needs and circumstances

Detailed information available at:

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cttf/events.shtml>

# Duty 3: Needs Assessment

*What we'd like to know from you:*

1. Does this resonate?
2. Assessment strategies?
3. Other observations or suggestions?

# Duty 4: Legislative Proposal



## *What's Done:*

We have proposed that a Coordinated Transportation Commission be created through legislation.

- The Commission will implement the Action Plan by working to coordinate funding, identify and eliminate barriers to coordination, in order to more effectively and efficiently meet Alaska's transportation need.



# Duty 4: Legislative Proposal

*What we'd like to know from you:*

1. Support Commission?
2. Impact in your community?
3. Other observations or suggestions?

# Duty 2: Agency and Private Entity Coordination

*What's Done:*

Exploring opportunities and ways to support them.

# Duty 2: Agency and Private Entity Coordination

*What we'd like to know from you:*

1. Opportunities for coordination?
2. How can Commission help?
3. Other observations or suggestions?

# Duty 5: Administrative Strategies to Pursue in Federal Re-authorization

## *What's Done:*

Presented the Governor's Office with a Federal Principles document outlining key messages for any federal action.

# Duty 5: Administrative Strategies to Pursue in Federal Re-authorization

*What we'd like to know from you:*

1. Comments and suggestions regarding Principles?
2. Other applications?
3. Other observations or suggestions?

# Duty 6: Strategies to Implement Federal Program

## *What's Done:*

Because a reauthorization bill has not been approved, we have not yet been able to articulate these strategies. Rather, we have deferred them to the proposed Commission.

# Duty 8: Propose Changes in Federal Statutes and Regulations to help Facilitate Coordination

## *What's Done:*

Presented the Governor's Office with a Federal Principles document outlining key messages for any federal action.

## Duty 4: Action Plan

### *What's Done:*

A Draft Action Plan has been produced. It is intended that the proposed Commission would oversee the implementation of this Action Plan.



# Duty 4: Action Plan

*What we'd like to know from you:*

1. Comment on goals and objectives?
2. Will this help you?
3. Other observations or suggestions?

# Duty 9: Final Report

- To be delivered to the Governor on or before January 15, 2012
- Summarizes Task Force effort, stakeholder input, and presents product

# Discussion Process

- Breakout Groups – color coded
  - Address 1 set of questions
  - Packets provided in breakout group
  - Look for your “color” on easel after break
- Task Force Member facilitates



# Discussion Process

- Agenda
  - 10:00 a.m. - Introductions
  - 10:10 a.m. - Review materials
  - 10:20 a.m. - Round Robin through each question
  - 11:10 a.m. - Report Out
  - 11:30 a.m. - Adjourn

# Discussion Process

- Principles of Meeting Conduct
  - Participate
  - Listen
  - Be Solutions Oriented
  - One person speaks at a time (don't monopolize/avoid side conversations)
  - Help us have a timely start and finish



# Additional Input Opportunities

- Survey Station
  - Transit Table – lap tops ready
  - Opportunity to respond to all questions
  - Drawing for those who complete it there
- Later - survey monkey at:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CTTFProductSurvey>
  - Will send reminder next week
- For more information
  - <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cttf/>



# Questions?

