



Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

Transportation Update 2020 Southeast Conference

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Our mission is to *Keep Alaska Moving* through service and infrastructure.

A horizontal banner image featuring three distinct construction-related scenes. On the left, a large yellow crane is visible against a hazy background. In the center, a person wearing a hard hat and safety vest is looking down at a set of plans. On the right, a worker in a yellow hard hat and red safety vest is handling a white pipe or cable. In the background of the right section, an orange truck is partially visible.

Outline

- State fiscal outlook – what that means for DOT&PF
- Federal funding by Region
- Construction projects into Southeast Alaska
- COVID-19 impacts and DOT&PF response
- CARES Act funding
- AMHS Reshaping Work Group
- SATP (SE AK Transportation Plan) revitalization ???

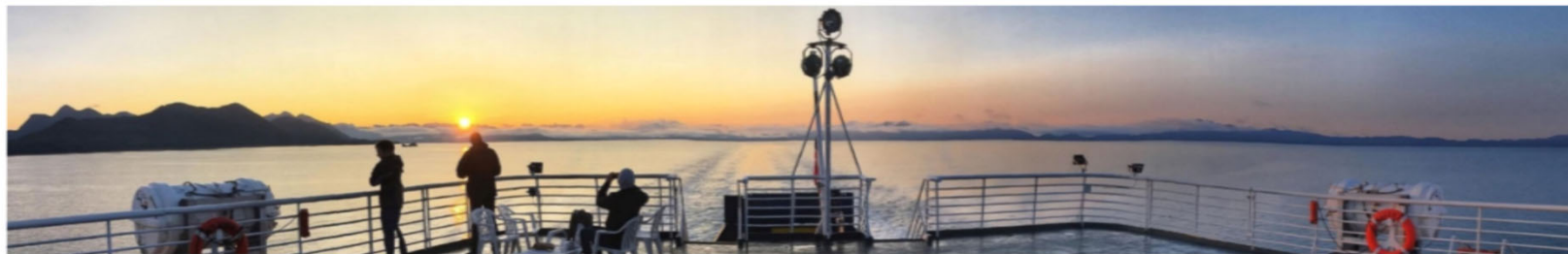


Photo Banner: Sunrise aboard the M/V Aurora along Prince William Sound. Photo by Malcolm McEwen, Alaska DOT&PF.



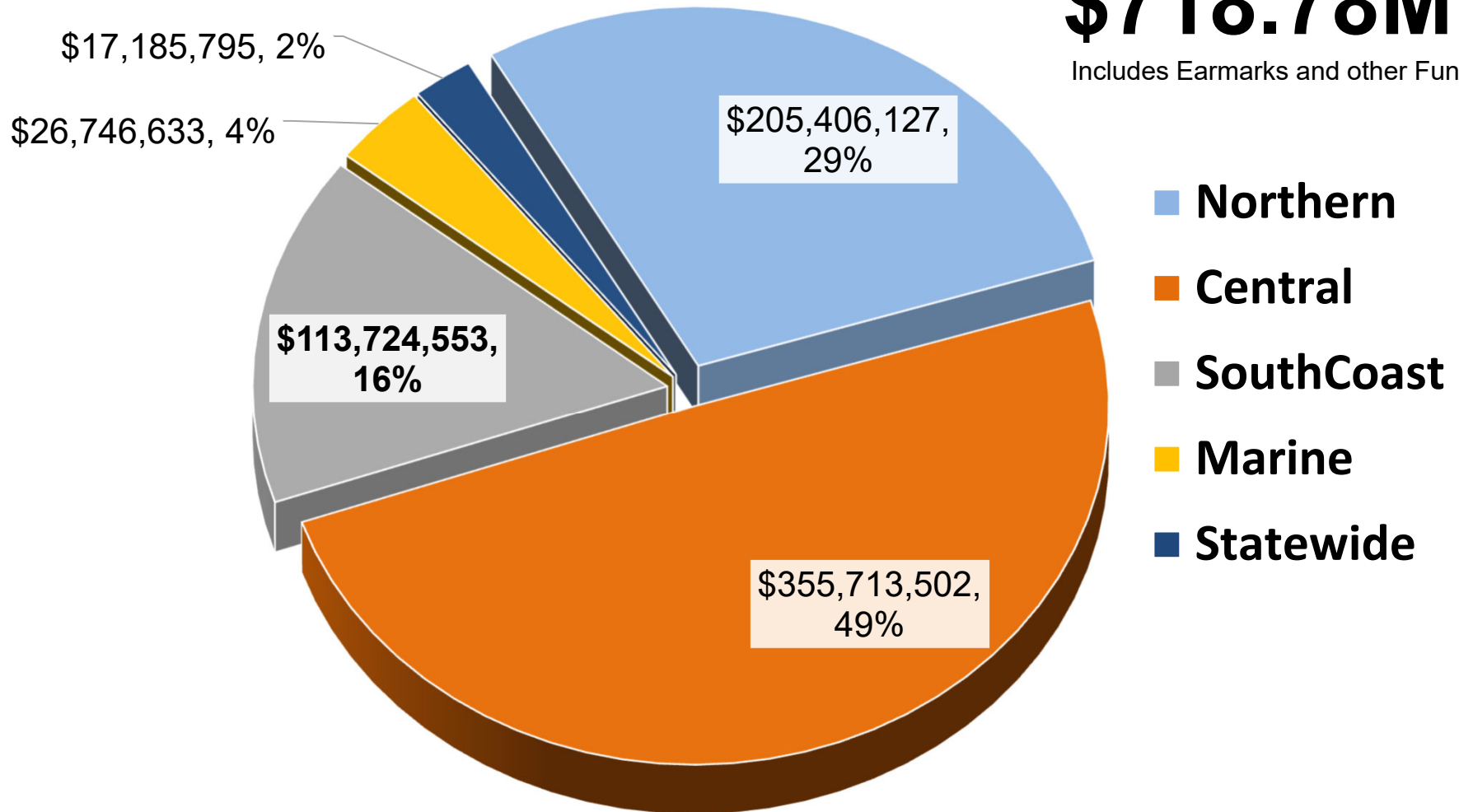
State Financial Outlook

- Difficult budget situation ahead with a roughly \$2 Billion deficit looming and dwindling savings.
- Downward pressure to M&O, AMHS.
- Already operating with significant reductions and service cutbacks from the last several years.
- CARES Act funds have made a difference in the state's ability to respond to the impacts of COVID-19.

Federal Funding Programmed or Spent (by Region)

\$718.78M*

Includes Earmarks and other Funds



2020 Construction Season

- A bright spot of economic activity in Southeast during the 2020 season:

- Juneau Egan Drive 10th-Main (\$18M)
- Juneau Mendenhall Round-about (\$7M)
- Haines Hwy Reconstruction (\$47M)
- Ketchikan/Gravina Island (\$49.5M)
- Sitka Sawmill Creek Rd (\$5M)
- Sitka Katlian Bay Rd (\$30M)



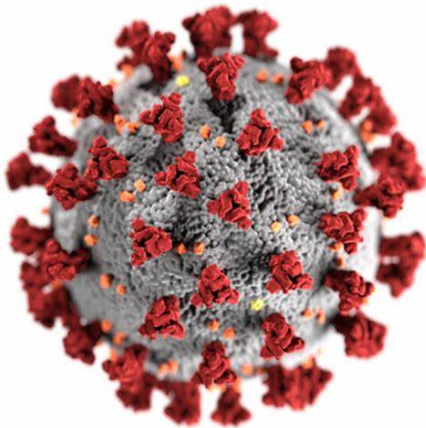


Construction 2021 & 2022

- Projects programmed for 2021:
 - Skagway – State Street Rehabilitation - \$13M
 - Ketchikan – Water Street Trestle #1 Improvement - \$2.4M
 - Ketchikan – Herring Cove Bridge - \$6M
 - Gustavus – Airport Pavement Rehab - \$23M
- Projects programmed for 2022:
 - South Tongass Highway Improvements (Deermont to Saxman to Surf St.) - \$30M
 - South Tongass Highway – Water Street Viaduct - \$11.5M
 - Haines Highway Reconstruction and Chilkat Bridge Replacement - \$18.8M
 - Angoon Airport - \$38M

COVID-19 Impacts

- Certain DOTPF operations, such as the AMHS, rely on ridership and have experienced a significant shortage in revenue this year.
 - AMHS is facing a projected \$45M shortfall of unrealized revenue since COVID-19 started
 - Some revenue loss was offset with FTA CARES Act funding.



CARES Act Funding (Select Examples)

- FTA provided Section 5311 Tribal Transit funding direct to Tribes (nothing through DOT&PF)

| Organization | Total Allocation |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Sitka Tribe of Alaska | \$102,257 |
| Ketchikan Indian Community | \$46,269 |
| Hydaburg Cooperative Association | \$8,982 |

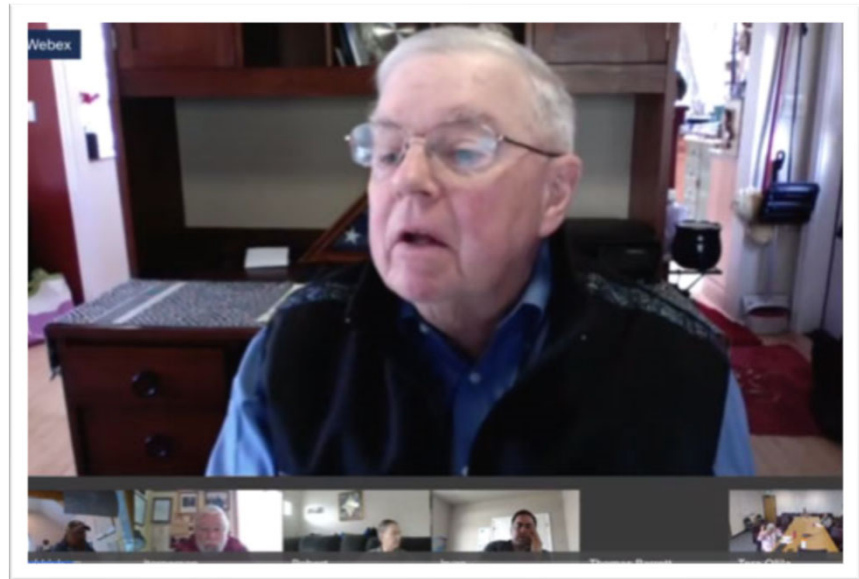
- FTA provided Section 5311 transit funding to DOT&PF to distribute to communities with transit programs: **TOTAL STATEWIDE: \$28,801,429**

| Organization | Total Allocation |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Center for Community (Sitka) | \$1,951,303 |
| City and Borough of Juneau | \$3,212,978 |
| Inter-Island Ferry Authority | \$1,436,349 |
| Ketchikan Gateway Borough | \$2,758,614 |
| Alaska Marine Highway System | \$10,000,000 |



AMHS Reshaping Work Group

- Group has been meeting since February 2020.
- Gathered and reviewed information to reach consensus on potential changes to the AMHS.
- General goal of stabilizing and provide reliability for communities that rely on this service.
- Report due to Governor by September 30, 2020.



Revitalizing SATP ???

- After receiving the recommendations and findings from the AMHS reshaping work group, DOT&PF is going to work toward revitalization of the Southeast

The screenshot shows the DOT&PF website for the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan. The page includes a header with the state logo and navigation menu. The main content area features a title 'Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan', a brief description of the draft plan, a list of project information links, and a section for written public comment records.

Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has completed a Draft of the updated Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan (SATP) and recently held several public meetings to present the Draft SATP. Summaries from the public meetings have been prepared and are posted below. Also posted are comments that were received during the public comment period from June 24 to September 30, 2014. The Department continues to analyze and consider public feedback while working toward a Final SATP. Thank you for your involvement in this update.

The below documents are offered in PDF format.

- [Draft 2014 Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan](#) (14 MB)
- [PowerPoint presented at the August-September Community Meeting](#) (736 KB)

Written Public Comment Record

- [All Comments Received SATP 2014 Draft - Part 1](#) (3.2 MB)
- [All Comments Received SATP 2014 Draft - Part 2](#) (3.8 MB)
- [All Comments Received SATP 2014 Draft - Part 3](#) (4.3 MB)
- [All Comments Received SATP 2014 Draft - Part 4](#) (3.2 MB)

Project Information

- SATP Home
- Mission and Goals
- Formal Notice
- Public Involvement
- Public Comments 2008-09
- Data & Resources
- Scoping Process
- 2004 Plan
- Contact

Southcoast Region

- Home
- Projects
- Contracts
- Public Involvement Calendar
- Contract Bid Calendar
- Contract Bid Results
- Maintenance and Operations
- AsBuilts
- Survey Plats

Alaska Transportation Plan (SATP). As we proceed, we look to communicate with all of the communities and stakeholders.



Thank You.

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Glenn Highway near MP 88 and Matanuska Glacier. Photo by Brock Antijunti

