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Sent: Wednesday, December 03, 2008 11:42 AM
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Subject: SATP Comments

Receive_newsletter Yes

Community Pelican, Alaska

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Patricia Phillips

Thoughts

"Enhance regional mobility: Improve the opportunity to make appropriate modal choices based on traffic demand, urgency, and cost." If DOT prioritizes based on traffic demand, then larger, more urban communities will always score higher than smaller, more isolated, rural communities. "Provide the basic infrastructure needed to encourage new business and growth throughout the region." Does this include the deferred maintenance of already existing transportation infrastructure? There are facilities in place that were built during the last big oil boom that are deteriorating and are near the end of useful life. Yet these infrastructure are key to community economic development. "Develop a transportation system that is sustainable for the future of Southeast Alaska." Access to container shipping capability is crucial to coastal communities with fish processing capacity. Many small communities with residents that rely on commercial fishing for sustenance need container shipping access. Be that through the AMHS ferries or barge lines. Natural resource development will also need container shipping access. Additionally, nothing is mentioned about the importance of our coastal harbors. Numerous vessels transit the region and utilize the numerous harbors within the region.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Receive_newsletter Yes

Community Juneau

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Charles Collins

Thoughts

Go back to the 2004 plan. It is time to build a road project, up-date our AMHS and move to the future. SE Alaska is being left behind. Transportation Infrastructure needs to move forward not back. The Lynn Canal Highway is not the only road that needs to be built in our region. In order to move forward into a productive future we need to get moving on these projects that have been in the SATP for decades. Build the road.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Malia McInerney

Thoughts

I think the Alaska marine Hwy system needs to be improved upon to provide greater access to and within SE Alaska; however strongly disagree that the Lynn Canal Hwy will be beneficial in the long run. I think members of this community have strongly underestimated the quality of life that is sustained by the fact that Juneau is more protected by its remoteness. It will lose much of its appeal to many of us if that is destroyed.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Deb Senn

Thoughts Keep moving forward for the benefit of the entire Southeast Alaska Region. Improving access and creating jobs in our region are the most important issues for our communities. Help our communities to thrive and give the kids a reason to stay in Southeast and raise their families here.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Mike Race

Thoughts

Please build the road for safety and security. Safety is having a secondary escape plan or route for resupply. security is two computer systems checking for past indiscretions by the Canadian and US customs. Traditional trans boundary travel for the First Nations people and the Alaskan Native would be less expensive. The increase of value to our Alaska fish product could benefit the South East Fishermen and women. Thank Mike

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Brenda Hewitt

Thoughts

Please move forward on building the access road north from Juneau, even if we just do a mile at a time, we will get there. As I drove the Seward Highway last week, I imagined that our road would be similar...a warning sign here or there about avalanche danger but beautiful, scenic and a vacation in itself. It will lower the cost of goods in our Capital City, improve access for individual, has a border crossing to prevent criminals from coming in, and will stop this silly "move the Capitol" statements you hear because people can't drive here without taking a ferry. geez. Thanks for letting me vent. This road would be a benefit to ALL Alaskans, not just Southeast. Please give it high priority.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname PeggyAnn McConnochie

Thoughts The Lynn Canal Highway needs to be a priority for completion in any transaporation plan.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname dan p miller

Thoughts please move forward with the lynn canal highway as soon as possible. we are desperate for improved access and i am completely convinced this is the best way to improve it.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Wasilla

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Jim Weber

Thoughts

In 2004 then Gov Murkowski took a positive position relative to SATP. I would strongly urge Gov Sarah Palin take a similar strong position of support over the SATP. The SATP is in a position now to move forward and commence construction of the road to conclusion. This road is vital to the overall well being of The Capitol City and all of Southeastern. Please do all possible to finish the job. /s/Jim Weber

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Scott Spickler

Thoughts I have read the 2004 Mission statement and goals and tried to compare it to your proposed 2009 statements and I feel you were more on target back in 2004. I think it is time to quit talking, studying, and "consensus building". The road is the best long term solution to our transportation needs and most economical option to our residents for generations to come...if we pussyfooted around like this in 1942 the Alaska Highway would never have been built. The Governor can do something great for this State and region and go forward now with construction. Put our residents to work and help stabilize our economy across the state by building infrastructure projects...the future is the road to Skagway, fast day ferries through out the rest of SE Alaska, so lets get it done now. It will cost us all more by waiting.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Michael H Wilson

Thoughts I think the goals are consistent with a plan to improve the transportation in SE Alaska, I would like to see more surface roads that would increase the ease of access to our unique communities, especially the State Capital

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname David C. Summers

Thoughts A road connection between Juneau and the road system in Northern Lynn Canal is critical to our future transportation needs. Build roads where we can and use ferries where we have to - BUILD THE JUNEAU ACCESS ROAD - TODAY!!

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Shawn Morrow

Thoughts Patients that live in Northern Southeast Alaska would benefit from a road that runs from Juneau to Skagway. I hope this can be moved from the planning phase into the building phase.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Benson, Stephanie V (DOT)

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Receive_newsletter Yes

Community skagway

Website_informative Yes

Fullname mark schaefer

Thoughts I think we should have a road. Although there may be some negative impacts with a road, I think if infrastructure is not continued to be developed and money is not invested in the region, that we will continue to see a population decline in southeast and the capital will continue its creep.MS

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname joanne wiita

Thoughts

Is it possible for the standard, generic, public service announcements on the Southeast Ferry System to be announced in the Tlingit language with pre-recorded announcements? If so, please feel free to contact me in order that I may assist your staff in preparing the recorded messages with fluent Tlingit speakers; Nora Daunhauer, Florence Sheakley, Walter Soboleff, Matilda Gamble, Jim Marks, Anna Katzeek, Lydia George, Lena Farkas, etc... there are many fluent speakers who will be willing to assist in this effort.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Wasilla, AK

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Jim Weber

Thoughts Gov Palin and the DOT Commissioner need to publicly support the Draft Plan for 2009 with written support along with all the necessary funding to carry forward with the Plan. Swift and deliberate action is necessary on the Administrations' part.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Skagway

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Emily Rauscher

Thoughts

As a young person living in Skagway, I would love to see the Lynn Canal Highway built. Skagway residents must go to Juneau for all medical attention. The road would offer an extra, more cost effective way get to Juneau for medical attention. It would allow for emergency travel on the days when it's too windy for the ferry to dock or too foggy for the planes to fly. Certain opposers state how the road would not be open in the winter, but the White Pass Summit is located 3,000 feet above sea level and we manage to keep that highway open, so I don't foresee it being a problem in keeping the proposed Lynn Canal Highway open during the winter months.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Receive_newsletter Yes

Community Sitka

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Dennis and Jane Demmert

Thoughts

Is this the appropriate location for comments on the revised SATP statement we received today from DOT? Re: this statement, "Mobility is a function of available transportation, capacity, frequency speed and affordability at any point in time. Ultimate mobility means affordable travel and transport of goods, resources, energy and information when desired and as fast as desired. Mobility improvements will be balanced with respect for our environment, our health, and the unique character of our communities." We urge that you add "frequent, convenient and reliable access" as traits of effective mobility.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Benson, Stephanie V (DOT)

From: zmorrison@gci.net on behalf of Zoe Morrison [zmorrison@gci.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2008 9:51 AM
To: Benson, Stephanie V (DOT)
Subject: RE:

Hi Stephanie,

I had a look at the goals for the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan.

My comments are about how non-motorized transportation fits in to this planning process. I assume that non-motorized transportation is included in the definition of "appropriate modal choices". If this is true, then I think it would be good to be explicit about this – actually say that part of regional mobility is being able to get around safely and efficiently on foot or by bike.

Thanks,

Zoë

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Community Juneau

Website_informative No

Fullname joyce levine

Thoughts

I am very interested in the future of the Department of Transportation in the State of Alaska. As the price of oil increases and the availability of oil decreases, I ask that the State of Alaska prepare for the transformation of transportation from an industry dependent on oil for fuel, to an industry that uses alternative means of energy to fill transportation needs. As we watch automobile companies begging the government for bailouts, the struggles to keep our supplies of gasoline at the pump at a rate that the average person can pay, and our environment warming up at unheard of rates, I ask that the Department of Transportation look to other means of transportation and other sources of energy to fuel those transportation needs. Hydro-electricity in Alaska is plentiful. Although a rail system would be expensive, in the long-run, it would be cheaper to operate and less affect on the environment. I also think that light rail would be a wonderful attraction to tourists to our State, and also provide transportation to residents so that they didn't have to drive. A rail system is a much more feasible and safer idea than any road we could ever build. I would like to see the State invest in more public forms of transportation such as the ferry system also. As the vessels get older and more in need of repair, it would make sense to replace those vessels with newer ones, which would cut down on the time of maintenance and lost hours. As we step into this next century, this new millenium, I look forward to the changes that take place in transportation in the State of Alaska, and not to our keeping old methods and old ideas, as those dinnosaurus have seen their day. Thank you

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Petersburg

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Richard Underkofler

Thoughts Consider more emphasis on "sustainability" when considering new road projects. I fear sufficient future appropriations won't be available for M&O of planned road projects. Avoid use of the word "subsidization" when comparing M&O expenditures of the Marine Highway System to air and land transportation M&O expenditures.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Mike Mauseth

Thoughts

The State of Alaska has an excellent opportunity to finally create a sustainable transportation plan for Southeast Alaska. America just proved by electing Obama for President that it wants us to move to a Greener infrastructure and to reduce our dependency on foreign oil. Building the Juneau access road would be a courageous example of what Obama is currently championing. It creates jobs, it's mostly permitted, it's mostly funded, and it creates a greener more sustainable method of travel between Haines and Juneau. We've made our mistakes in the past and learned from them. We can build a road that is environmentally conscious. That creates an energy corridor for linking upper Southeast Alaska power together. Sure it is going to take lots of courage to back this project. But, 100 years from now... our great grandchildren will be thankful we had the courage and the vision to build a sustainable method of transportation up Lynn Canal. And, afterall... that is what we should be thinking, we should be thinking of our future generations.

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Bruce Abel

Thoughts I would like to think that the State of Alaska is finally ready to stop talking about the SATP and start implementing this exceptional plan. SE Alaska has a third world transportation system and there are NO practical alternatives to a road system with short haul ferries. Build the Northern Lynn Canal now and perhaps SE Alaska can finally be part of the State of Alaska.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Benson, Stephanie V (DOT)

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Receive_newsletter Yes

Community Haines/Skagway

Website_informative No

Fullname Thomas Ely

Thoughts The draft SATP is missing the point. Improved and efficient ferry transportation, increase of funding to upgrade our roads for bicyclists and pedestrians and maintaining our existing roads are the priorities of SE Alaska residents. Please reflect that in the mission statment. The draft sounds like it was written by a road engineer and his contractor buddy.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Receive_newsletter Yes

Community ALL

Website_informative No

Fullname Don Poulos

Thoughts I have looked at a few of the plans and projected projects but you are almost 5 years late with all your data this all needs to be updated to move forward with any and all construction. I would like to know were you are in the planing stage, what is going on with this project.

Comments_regarding The Plan and the Website

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Community Haines

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Lynn Canal Conservation

Lynn Canal Conservation, Inc. Box 964 • Haines, Alaska 99827 December 24, 2008 Comments on Draft Mission Statement and Goals for Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan Mission Statement The SATP Mission Statement should be - but is not - compatible with the statewide mission: the safe movement of people and goods and the delivery of state services. There is no mention of safety in the SATP mission and there is no mention of moving “goods”. The phrase “maximizing mobility” is a sneaky way to favor roads over ferries. We again request you go back to the 1999 SATP mission statement, which is compatible with the statewide DOT mission. DOT Articulated Goals The goals should reflect the need to provide convenient, efficient, reliable, safe and affordable service, as articulated in 1999, and as requested by the vast majority of comments posted on your website. The draft goals, like the mission statement, use fuzzy language which favors roads over ferries. Goal #1, for example, stresses making “appropriate modal choices” (i.e. whether to build a road or provide air or ferry service) based upon capacity (a road has limitless capacity), frequency “at any point in time” (again travel on a road can happen at any point in time versus a fixed point in time for ferries), and affordability (where we fully expect DOT to justify building a Juneau Road by again dragging out DOT’s pet example of ferry costs for a vehicle and a family of 4). Goal #2, economic vitality, will be the natural outcome of a convenient, efficient, reliable, safe and affordable transportation system. If DOT sticks with its mission of providing for the safe movement of people and goods, commerce will be a side benefit and does not need to be an articulated goal. It is not in DOT’s mission to support the construction and maintenance of utilities, unless power generation, communication facilities and transmission lines are state owned. Efficient systems, Goal #3, are both cost and energy efficient, not just cost efficient. What can “utiliz[ing] modes of transportation in combinations” possibly mean except roads with shorter ferry crossings? DOT apparently feels a need to mask its preference for roads in this goal in the face of an overwhelming majority of comments posted on the DOT website supporting community-to-community ferry service. Better Goals – Please Try Again Goal #1: Maintain or Improve Safety: provide adequate maintenance and apply sound engineering techniques. Goal #2: Improve System Efficiency and Reliability: Develop a sustainable system that is safe, reliable, and efficient. Marine transportation is important in Southeast Alaska because inclement weather can shut down both air and land modes, leaving only a marine option. Goal #3: Consult with Affected Communities, Tribes, Businesses, and the Public: These entities will be impacted most by decisions made and are the greatest resources for developing a workable plan. Therefore, public hearings in the affected communities are a must. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Nancy Berland Conservation Director

Thoughts

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Haines

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Laura Mastrella

Thoughts

I don't know how many comments I've submitted about the SATP, but they've all said the same thing. My family and I use the ferry system all the time. Ferry travel really works for us. We want to see it continue. We want to see the ferry run efficiently as we believe it can when proponents of road building aren't intentionally sabotaging it. We support funding the ferry system and exploring options for replacing old ferries with fuel efficient, not fast, ferries. We do not want to see new road building projects in Southeast Alaska. The absence of roads is what makes SE AK a unique treasure that people come from all over the world to visit. I know it's frustrating for folks who like to quantify things, but you can not place a dollar value on intact wilderness; it's priceless. Yes on ferries, no on roads. Yes to ferries, no to more roads. The Juneau Road is an especially wasteful, unwise project that should be scrapped now for all the obvious reasons: not going all the way, avalanche hazard, difficulties providing emergency services, maintenance costs, destruction of pristine wilderness and wildlife habitat, etc. You've heard all this in your many comment periods. Thank you.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Haines

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Lawrence Jurgeleit

Thoughts

I am in disagreement about a road to nowhere. That would be the Juneau road traveling north and south on the Lynn Canal and ending nowhere (the Katzehin Flats). The ferry system provides not only economical transportation for vehicles in the Southeast, but also for foot travelers, and those with bicycles. The ferry system has a proven safety record, which is not probable for a road traversing over 20 documented avalanche chutes. I would like to see state funds used for improving our ferry system.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Haines

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Nelle Jurgeleit-Greene

Thoughts I am very happy with using the ferry service as my mode of transportation throughout Southeast Alaska. Building a road that does not even connect to another town is not sensible, i.e. the road from Juneau to the Katzehin Flats (as in "nowhere"). Improved ferry service is the logical solution, as the ferries help pay for themselves. No other highway in Alaska does this.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Haines

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Russell J. Lyman

Thoughts As a resident of SE. AK, I would like to see the SATP focus on providing us with safe, reliable, convenient, efficient, and affordable transportation for the region. I've been a resident of Haines for 15 years now, and have seen how ferries make the most sense for steep, mountainous, water-bound terrain. I hope the dangerous and wasteful Juneau Road fiasco will NOT be part of the plan. Thank you,

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Wrangell

Website_informative No

Fullname Sylvia Geraghty

Thoughts

This new approach to transportation in SE Alaska is extremely user-unfriendly. Please tell me how taking a ferry to Mitkof Island, then a bus or something to Petersburg, then a ferry to Juneau, then a bus or something to town, then another ferry to Haines and another bus or something is going to be an improvement on the existing system, where I get on the ferry in Wrangell and off in Haines. If road access was so important to me, I would not live here. Our ferry system is the number one priority for us here. Your plan is horrible.

Comments_regarding The Plan and the Website

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Community Haines

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Kip Kermoian

Thoughts

I would like your mission to be the following: provide convenient, efficient, reliable, safe and affordable transportation throughout the region by providing community-to-community ferry service and scrapping DOT's preference for building roads (including a Juneau road) with shorter marine shuttle service. Re-instate the pre-Murkowski 1999 SATP. Your reconstituted "new" mission statement to "maximize mobility" is yet another attempt to mislead the public and pursue policy (more costly, seasonally unsafe, high maintenance-you cannot adequately maintain existing state roads-less reliable roads, requiring new ferry terminals, and shorter ferry runs, less convenient and more complicated logistics). Travel by water has been proven to be the safest, most cost effective means of transportation. Do not continue to waste state dollars on a far less desirable means of transportation. Sincerely, Kip Kermoian

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Haines
Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Patty Kermoian

Thoughts

I find your new plan indadequately defines DOT's intentions and may, in fact, be purposely misleading to further your agenda of more costly, inefficient, less safe road building. It is clear that the majority of residents in the region, MYSELF INCLUDED, want DOT to provide convenient, efficient, reliable, safe and affordable transportation throughout the region by providing community-to-community ferry service and illiminate DOT's preference for building roads (including a Juneau road) with shorter marine shuttle service. DOT, historically, has been unable to adequately maintain existing roads, creating unsafe - and therefore unreliable - and VERY costly, transportation corridors. Marine travel, utilizing naturally occuring - no maintenance required - corridors, has been proven to be the most safe, efficient and cost effective means of transportation in the region. Your statement to "maximize mobility", is misleading at best and does nothing to adequately inform the public of your specific intentions. Invest state resource and revenues in an improved ferry system not in more costly roads.
Sincerely, Patty Kermoian

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Benson, Stephanie V (DOT)

From: Judy Jacobson [judyhall@aptalaska.net]
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To: Benson, Stephanie V (DOT)
Subject: Re: SATP - draft Mission Statement and Goals

Dear Stephanie,

Could you please include the following comments. Thank you

Dear DOT,

Please accept the following comments on 2030 Let's Get Moving, Alaska's Statewide Long-Range Transportation Policy Plan Update.

According to the SATP Mission Statement, DOT would like to /"increase system capacity and improve efficiency, shift from a surface network that is based on long-distance ferry runs to a surface network that relies on land highways to connect communities and other destinations./" We would like to see the mission statement changed to support new ferries not new roads.

In Haines at a meeting held several years ago on the proposed Juneau Access Road, there were roughly 38 opposed to the road and two in favor. Most testified to the need for new and improved ferries, not a land highway. The proposed road may actually decrease our ability to travel, especially if a landslide or avalanche closes the road. Also, contrary to the SATP Goal 2, convenience is not an important reason for building new roads. Building new roads can impact fisheries, wildlife, healthy ecosystems, and tourism. Tourists come to SE Alaska to experience wild lands not to view road scars and the development that will occur when a road is put in.

We are glad DOT does not consider the Juneau Access Road a done deal. We would appreciate it even more if the idea is dropped completely and no new funds put toward this expensive proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Terry and Judy Jacobson
P.O. Box 1158
Haines, AK 99827

Benson, Stephanie V (DOT) wrote:

>
> Greetings. Thank you for signing up for email notices of the Southeast
> Alaska Transportation Plan Update.
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> We received many comments about the Mission and Goals from the
> previous Southeast Plan that we posted on our SATP Update website. A
> new draft Mission Statement and Goals for the coming update are now
> available to view on the website. We look forward to your comments and
> suggestions concerning this important first step in the plan update
> process. Please be sure to submit your feedback no later than December
> 31st . Any changes to the Mission Statement and Goals will be posted
> on or before January 15th 2009.
>
> Please go to our website, <http://dot.state.ak.us/satp/> , for
> additional information.
>
> Stephanie Benson
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Community Juneau

Website_informative No

Fullname Bradley Fluetsch

Thoughts

This mission statement reads like it was created and will be implemented in a vacuum, independent of the communities, Tribal Governments, landowners and people. A statement that incorporates the perspective of the communities and their priorities should be included. Another statement that commits this plan to be a collaborative effort with all current and potential users is badly needed. Lastly, under goals the last sentence in the "Enhance regional mobility" goal should be deleted and replaced with a values statement developed with the communities. Overall I think the goals are good as far as they go. I am glad to see that energy, communication and other utilities are included as part of the transportation plan. I would like to see some action words or an action goal that actually starts improving the transportation system with a timetable.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Benson, Stephanie V (DOT)

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Receive_newsletter Yes

Community Juneau

Website_informative No

Fullname Brad Fluetsch

Thoughts DOT should push the Juneau Access road project as part of the Economic Stimulus package expected to be passed in the first days of the Obama Administration. The Juneau Access road is the first step to improved ferry service to Island communities. More roads, shorter ferry rides as outlined by the Taylor plan is in Southeast Alaska's best interest. The more of that plan we can get built now the better.

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Jolene Shelton

Thoughts

Providing road access in and out of Juneau means a lot to my family. More than just access it is an opportunity for recreation that has not been available to us. We would enjoy being able to drive up the road to camp or picnic in areas that have only been available to a select few with water craft. The most recent inclement weather in Alaska and Seattle has brought forward another reason to have the ability to get out of Juneau. Juneau is isolated with only two forms of access. What happens to us if a natural disaster or a manmade disaster shuts down the existing limited access? How long would Juneau survive? We feel that a few vocal minorities have held this project hostage for far too long. It is time the majority is heard. Thank you for your time in reading my opinion.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community juneau, alaska
Website_informative No
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Thoughts build the road from juneau!
Comments_regarding The Plan
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Community Juneau

Website_informative No

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Thoughts BUILD THE JUNEAU ACCESS ROAD, MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Gabe Strong

Thoughts

I support the road between Juneau and Skagway. Currently my family and I cannot afford to take trips out of Juneau as the cost for ferry tickets for me, my wife and our three kids as well as for a vehicle make it very expensive. If there was a road , we would be able to take weekend camping trips to other parts of Alaska (maybe Skagway?) and help their economy as we would be spending money in their town as well. It would also make it easier for us to travel north. I used to drive to Fairbanks back and forth for college (UAF) and I spent more on my ferry ticket than I did for gas from Haines to Fairbanks or Fairbanks to Haines. Families in Juneau that do NOT happen to have a good paying state job like to get out too! But many of us just can't afford the price of plane tickets or the costs of transporting our vehicles on the ferry added on to the driving costs. I feel that the road would be very beneficial for the lower income members of this community! Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Steven Stewart

Thoughts Please build the "Road". It will have a great impact to Juneau's economy, in a positive light, and it will boost Southeast Alaska as a destination rather than an isolated tourist area.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Kara R Altman

Thoughts I have lived in Juneau since 1975, and watched it grow in many ways. All ways, but one, in fact - no road out. Although i had previously been against a road, The events of 9/11 changed my mind. Our planes were grounded. No ferries in or out. How to get away, if necessary, with my children?? It was a very scary time. Many other reasons for building a road have surfaced since then. It is time! Build THE ROAD! PLEASE!

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Gary Patton

Thoughts Plain and simple. The political games have gone on long enough. Build the Juneau access road now.

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname John Perry

Thoughts

I feel we need both a road north from Juneau and better ferry service to Juneau from outlying community's. I for one would love to be able to drive up to Whitehorse for the weekend. It's just not feasible with the current system. It's not just cost prohibitive, but also time prohibitive with having to plan by the ferry schedules. Build the road, all SE community's could use the economic boost. Build the road and build it now!!!

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Michael Love

Thoughts

Please build the Juneau access road along with other southeast improvements that result in shorter ferry runs which will save operating costs in that arena. Also it seems to me the less ferries are used, the easier it will be to manage them and make them "traveler friendly". I have no doubt that SEACC and friends have bombarded this comments board with anti road propaganda. Don't believe for a moment this is how the majority of South East Alaskans feel. Thank you.

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Community JNU

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname John O'Brien Jr.

Thoughts

Our family has been in S.E. Alaska forever.[5 Generations]. We are long time JNU property owners. We are VERY familiar with transportation issues STATEWIDE. We use the ferry and drive between Haines and southcentral/ northern Alaska frequently, year-round, to visit family up north. We are seasoned ,EXPERIENCED Alaska HWY drivers. We have been in favor of building the JNU Access Road for many years. We are very tired of discussing "the road" .Buid it NOW. Thank you.!

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname gus david adams

Thoughts i was born in Juneau in 1968 i was raised here and graduated high school here i think that Juneau akses road is one of the most important project for the future of southeast ak it is one way to bring down cost of transportation cost to Juneau and other citys around southeast Alaska.A road link to Juneau will also help free up alaska ferrys to serve the rest of southeast. thanks Gus adams uneau resident

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Dominic Branson

Thoughts We need more roads...especially the Juneau Access Road! Don't let the SILENT majority be reason for your inaction on these projects that will bring jobs and a better lifestyle to folks in Southeast Alaska!

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Kyle Cuzzort

Make the road from Juneau to Skagway a top priority! I moved from the Anchorage area to Juneau in 2006 and have not been on a ferry since. They're just too expensive for short trips! A trip for two to Skagway for a weekend costs hundreds of dollars. I'd love to ride the train in Skagway but I just can't justify traveling in-state for the same as it would cost to fly out-of-state. If the road were built we Juneau-ites would be much less dependent upon the ferry or airline schedules to get out. Those schedules almost never line up with schedules to get anywhere else, either leaving a night in Haines to drive north or an overnight layover in Seattle to fly south. That leaves at least 2 days to get anywhere. A road would significantly reduce that by allowing us to travel on our own schedules.

Thoughts

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Community Juneau
Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Ardyne Womack

I believe the road needs to be built. As our ferry system continues to age the need will be greater. I know that the road can be built in such a manner that it can be used year round in safety. Many people talk of the avalanche areas and the impossibility of overcoming this obstacle. Many roads have been built in areas that are just as bad and worse throughout the world by using tunnels either through the mountain or ones built over the road itself in avalanches areas. Building the White Pass RR wasn't piece of cake and that was done in 1899 and 1900. Building the road out of Skagway wasn't easy either. They both encountered slide areas. Building the road through the Rockies and Cascade were also a monumental task and those were done during the past 2 centuries using less modern equipment and methods than we have now. As for the ferry that's needed to get from the end of the road to Haines come on. Why don't people look at the ferry system in Washington. Those rides are from 15 minutes to 1 hour long and people use them daily. Haines and Skagway say they are worried that business will get pulled out of their communities Maybe to some degree but people already come here to shop for many items but it's not like they are going to come on a daily/weekly basis just to get items they need right away. They might also look at the possible gain by people going there to snowmobile, x-country skiing, hiking, camping and just visiting friends and relatives on a regular basis. People coming from Yukon to here and back to ski or other recreation pursuits would probably use some if not all commercial facilities. Also a lot of people could overnight coming from a trip rather than travel late into the night just to get home or continue their trip to Juneau or elsewhere. That means in both cases the hotels, campgrounds and restaurants will benefit. Even the grocery store and other shops could. People need to think out of the box, out of the negatives and start thinking into the possibilities.

Thoughts

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Community Juneau
Website_informative Somewhat
Fullname Sheila Degener

Thoughts I notice that in your draft mission statement that you do not list specifics. However, I just wanted to put a plug in for bike paths in Juneau. Sitka has a beautiful bike/walking path that is separate from their road that goes on for miles. It would be wonderful if the same were done in Juneau - from De Harts on out the road. I would think tourists would love to use it in the summertime and commuters would use it as well. I currently (in bikeable weather) try to bike to work but find it unnerving - particularly when a truck with a boat on a trailer passes by me. Please consider added a separate biking/walking path whenever you build a new road or modify an existing one. Thanks.

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Community Juneau

Website_informative Yes

Fullname Ivan Womack

Thoughts Build the road,enough is enough. We need the road, all of Alaska will benefit.I have lived for sixty years,in Juneau for fifty two of them and this has been going on for most of that time. We need it let's build it.We must not let the environment people run our state government. Ivan Womack

Comments_regarding The Plan

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Fullname Michael Gravel
Thoughts Build the Road and fight needless wasted money on projects that we dont need
Comments_regarding The Plan
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Community Sitka
Website_informative Somewhat

Fullname Charles Bingham

Hello, my name is Charles Bingham and I am a resident of Sitka, Alaska. I also am a frequent bike commuter and walker. My main comments fall under the topic of making our roads more friendly to cyclists and pedestrians. With increased fuel costs, we have a lot more people riding bikes or walking, and we need to accommodate them in our Southeast roads. If possible, we need to use the Complete Streets model (<http://www.completestreets.org/>) for our streets, especially in the downtown areas where people congregate. We can't continue to treat our pedestrians and cyclists as second-class citizens. This means we need wider sidewalks, without power poles in the middle of the path. We need designated bike lanes that reduce traffic conflicts between cars and bikes. We need better snow clearance of the sidewalks and bike lanes, so the snow on the roads isn't dumped in the sidewalks and bike lanes/gutters. In 2007 and 2008, the Sitka Health Summit (<http://www.sitkahealthsummit.org/>) brought together members of the community to pick our health priorities and launch projects designed to help us meet those goals. In both years we our priorities included projects designed to make Sitka more bike and pedestrian friendly. Sitka has made some progress toward those goals -- for example in May 2008, Sitka became the first Alaska community to earn a Bicycle Friendly Community designation from the League of American Bicyclists -- but we need infrastructure improvements to really make our community bike and pedestrian friendly. By improving the infrastructure it will make it easier for people to make the healthy choice of walking or riding their bike to work, school, the grocery store, etc. That will save the state money in health care costs, and it will save wear and tear on the roads and reduce greenhouse emissions. Please make sure any Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan includes more accommodations for bikers and pedestrians, and that there is community input to decide the best ways to incorporate these goals. Sitka is a compact community that is very conducive to biking and walking, but we need to celebrate this opportunity instead of ignoring it. Thank you for your time, Charles Bingham
Sitka, Alaska

Thoughts

Comments_regarding The Plan and the Website

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From: Nancy Waterman and Bill Leighty [wleighty@ptialaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2008 4:16 PM
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Attention: Vern
From: Nancy Waterman

GENERAL COMMENTS:

1. Delete adjectives like "ultimate"
2. Use a better word than "desired"
3. Be consistent in using third person
4. Maintain AND (not or) Improve Modal Safety 5. Add Goals 5-7: Long-Term Funding Stability, Consultation with Affected Communities,..., Continuation of the Planning Process

SPECIFIC Language suggestions:

Goals:

Enhance regional mobility: Improve logistics and modal choices based on demand and benefit/cost ratio analysis. Mobility is a function of available transportation capacity, frequency, speed, safety, affordability, and route assignment. Mobility improvements will be balanced with respect for the environment, individual and community health, and the unique character of southeast communities.

Support Economic Vitality: Improve regional transportation for commerce. Provide the basic infrastructure needed to support business and growth within each community and throughout the region. The Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan supports planning, construction, and maintenance of utilities concurrent with transportation projects.

Improve System Efficiency: Develop a transportation system that is sustainable for the future of Southeast Alaska. Utilize modes of transportation in combinations that result in a system that is cost effective, energy efficient, and reduces CO2 emissions for the user and the state, and minimizes dependence on subsidy.

Maintain and Improve Modal Safety: Apply sound engineering techniques, including intelligent transportation systems technology; provide adequate maintenance; partner with enforcement, educational, and emergency medical response entities.

(No specific language suggestions for Goals 5-7 from 2004 SATP. It helps that DOT always states the importance of consultation with communities, tribal entities, business and the public, with an opportunity for informed public comment whether on general goals or specific projects. Thank you for including this in someway.)

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