

## **Bushong, Stephanie J (DOT)**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:17 AM  
**To:** Bushong, Stephanie J (DOT)  
**Subject:** Proposed Distribution of SFY12 state match for public transportation

Stephanie,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed distribution of SFY12 state match for public transportation. As you know, although most other modes (roads, ferries, airports) receive state funding, Alaska is one of very few states in our country which does not provide funding for public transportation activities.

The action to establish a State Match Program to provide for a portion of the required local match to Federal Transit Administration and Alaska Mental Health Trust transit grant funds recognizes the important role public transportation plays throughout our state.

I commend ADOT&PF for developing a proposal which helps many human service agencies with purchase of vehicles, purchase of services, planning, start-up, and mobility management; and for allocating funding for rural and urban systems.

Sincerely,

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