

Opportunities to increase walking, biking, and rolling in Alaska's communities

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What is Active Transportation?



Sidewalk



Separated grade crossings



Bike boulevard



Separated pathway



Urban greenbelt



Urban single track



Urban ski trails



Shoulder



Multit-use trail



School routes



Boardwalk

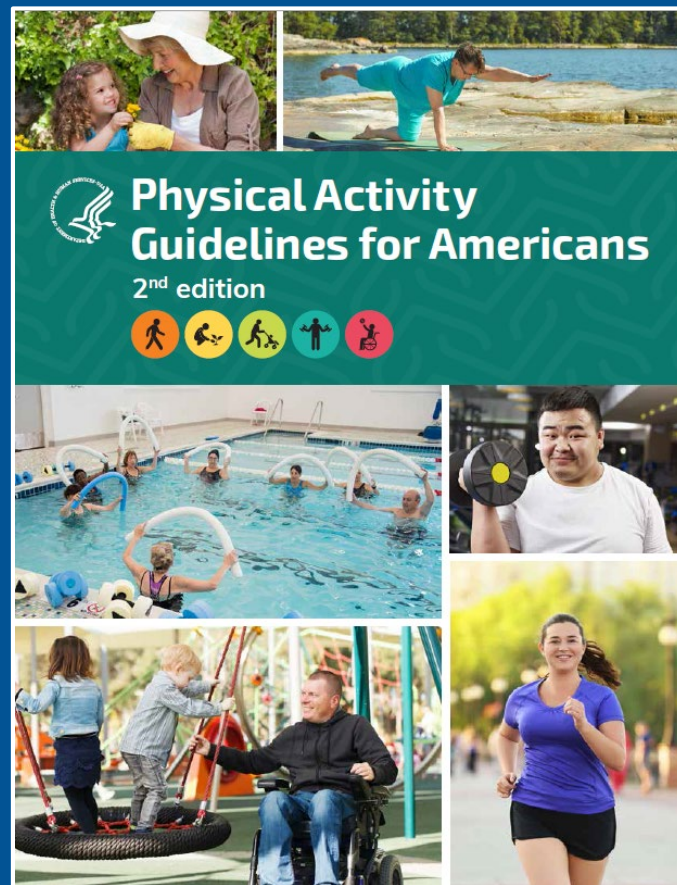
How Active Transportation Improves Health

Short-term benefits of activity:

- ❑ Reduces stress and anxiety
- ❑ Better nighttime sleep
- ❑ Improvement in blood pressure and blood sugar levels

Long-term benefits, reductions in:

- ❑ Type 2 diabetes
- ❑ High blood pressure
- ❑ Heart disease
- ❑ Some cancers
- ❑ Weight gain
- ❑ Depression

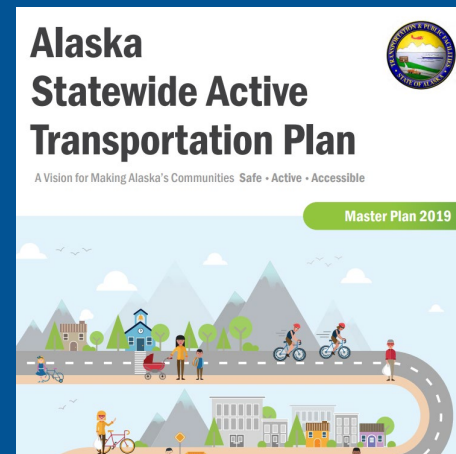


Physical activity increases when everyday destinations are connected by active-transport friendly routes.



Physical Activity and Nutrition Unit Project Summary:

- Promotes Active People, Healthy Nation Initiative
- Runs the Play Every Day campaign
- Initiated Alaska Coalition on Active Transportation



Physical Activity and Nutrition Unit

Project Summary, continued

- Supports Anchorage Park Foundation's Anchorage Trails Coalition
- Promotes Department of Transportation programs that fund active transportation projects in Alaska



Materials courtesy of Anchorage Park Foundation partnership



Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

**Opportunities to Increase Walking, Biking,
and Rolling in Alaska's Communities**

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



Today's presentation

- Introduction to Alaska DOT&PF
- What does it mean to increase opportunities for active transportation in Alaska – a DOT&PF perspective
- How to get a project funded
- Current opportunities
- Snapshot of the latest call for projects
- How to bring about active transportation change on a local level

Introduction

- **Who am I?**
 - Originally from Sweden
 - Been biking all my life (main mode of transportation growing up in Sweden)
 - Picture from my latest bike tour (North Macedonia -> Sweden)
- **What does a Statewide Bike-Pedestrian coordinator do?**
 - Recommendations in the Alaska Statewide Active Transportation Plan (ASATP)
 - Coordinates Alaska's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
 - Addresses statewide challenges/barriers to active transportation
 - Implements strategies and processes to make active transportation safer in Alaska



Intro to Alaska's Department of Transportation & Public Facilities



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TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC FACILITIES

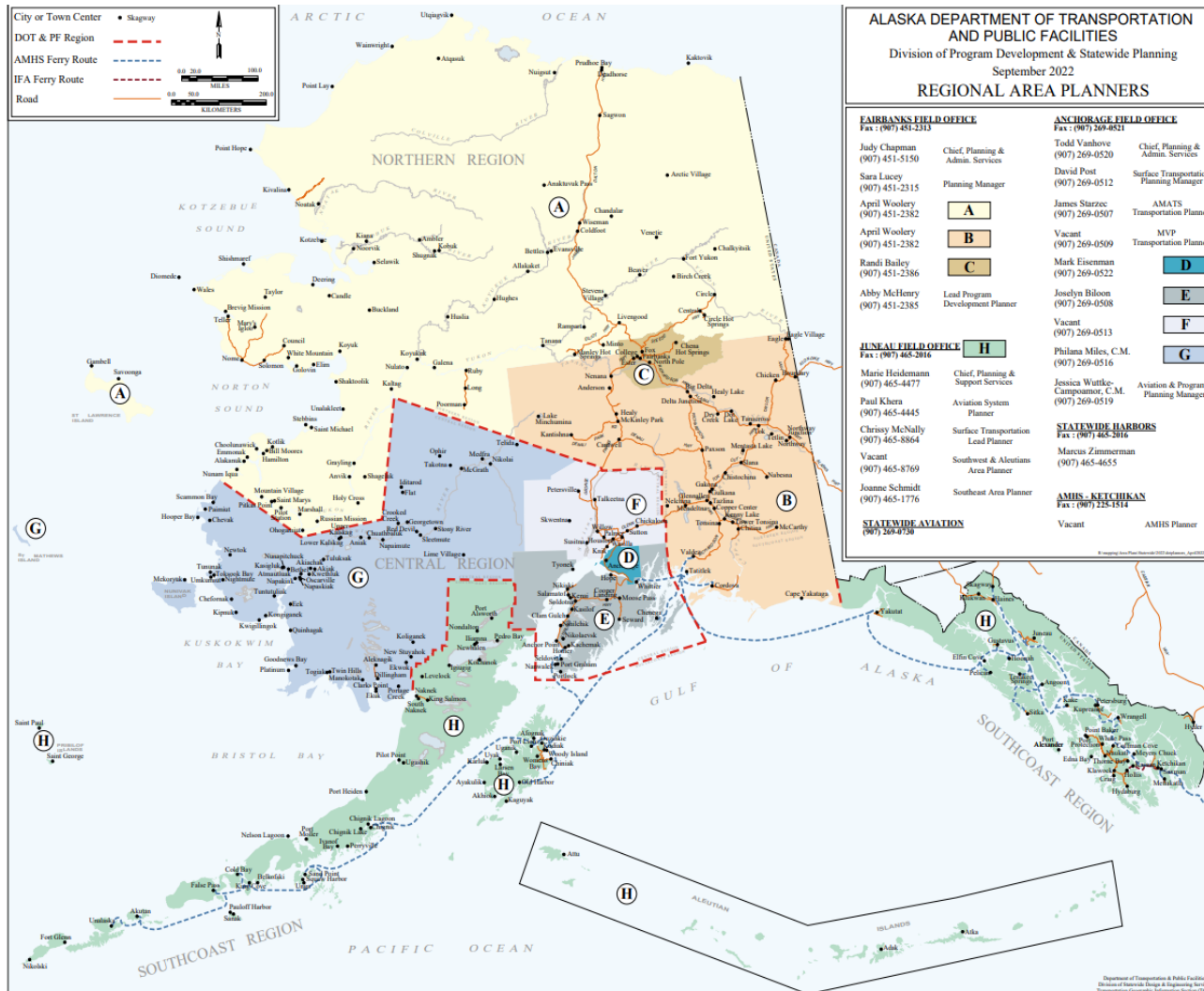
How are we building resiliency for Alaska?
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for Alaska

Learn about the IIJA and how it can help your community.
visit dot.alaska.gov/infrastructureact



The mission of Alaska DOT&PF is to
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Alaska DOT&PF Regions

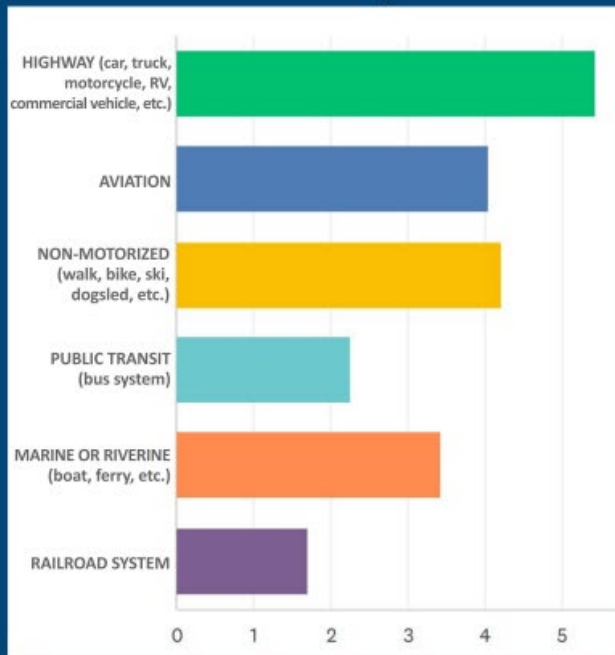


- <https://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/cip/stip/assets/dotplanners.pdf>

What does increasing opportunities for active transportation in Alaska mean?

Provide access to infrastructure to everyday destinations which can be used by all ages and abilities

Q1 Rank the modes of travel you use from the most frequent to the least frequent.



1. HIGHWAY

2. NON-MOTORIZED

3. AVIATION

4. MARINE OR RIVERINE

5. PUBLIC TRANSIT

6. RAILROAD SYSTEM

DOT&PF IIA Public Survey November 2021

Guiding Regulations and Funding

- Federal Highway Governing Bill
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) / Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
 - <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>
- State Regulations
 - 17 AAC 05.155-990



Dalton Highway

Where does one start?

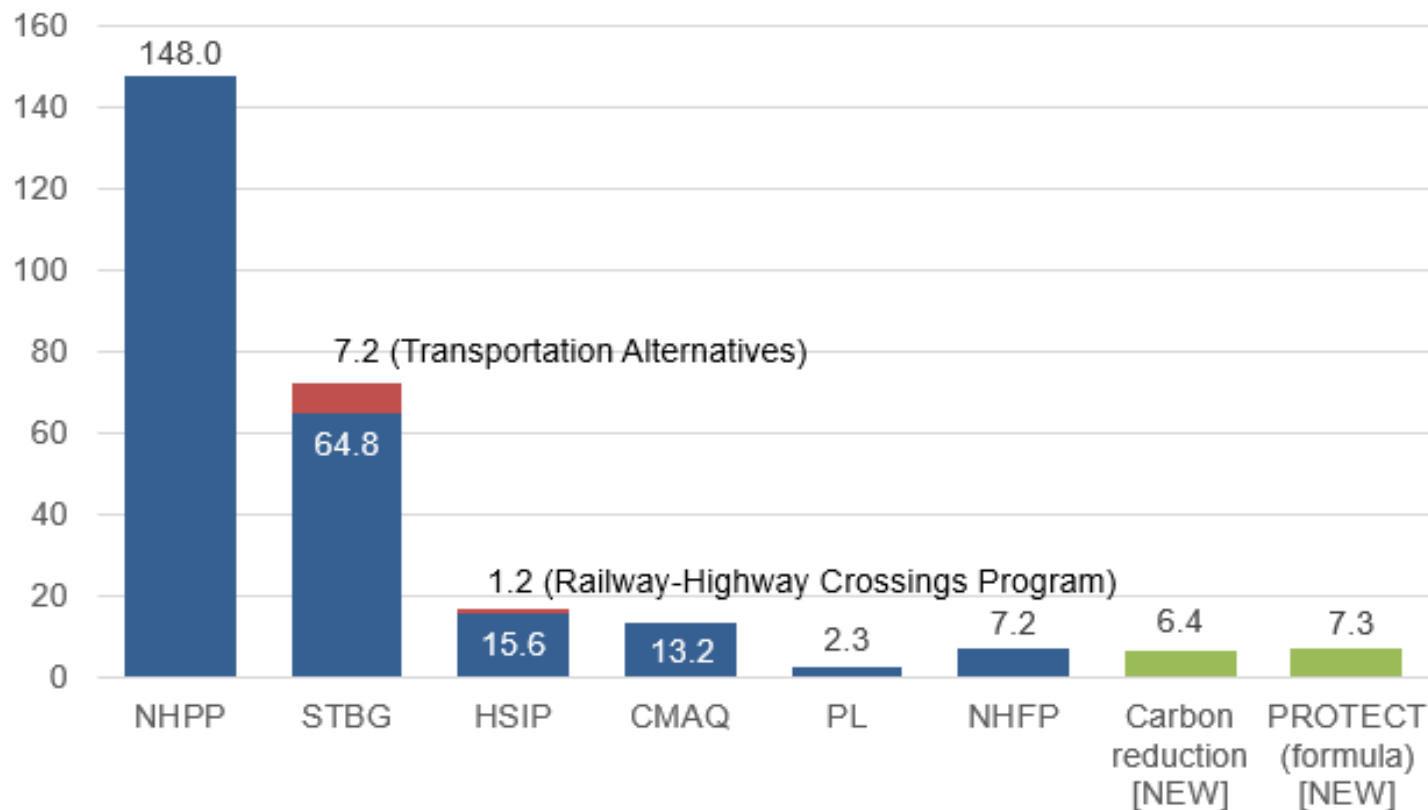


Getting Projects Funded – Step by Step

1. Tell us about it!
2. Needs List (it takes on average 2-5 years from idea to finished project)
3. Justification for Project
4. Consider Discretionary Grant Opportunities also!



Formula Programs – Annual Recurring Funding



Transportation Alternatives (TA)

	FAST Act (extension)	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)				
Fiscal year (FY)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Contract authority	\$850 M	\$1.384 B*	\$1.411 B*	\$1.439 B*	\$1.468 B*	\$1.498 B*

*Calculated (sum of estimated individual State Transportation Alternatives apportionments)



Partnerships to capture infrastructure funding

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AML & DOT&PF Partner to Capture Transportation Funding for Alaska

*National infrastructure law provides transportation grant opportunities for
local & tribal governments.*

- Alaska Municipal League
 - Discretionary Grant Opportunities - www.akfederalfunding.org
 - Such as RAISE, SS4A, INFRA, and many more coming under BIL
- Other organizations and funding programs to consider
 - [Alaska Federal Lands Access Program \(FLAP\)](#)
 - [Denali Commission](#)



Alaska Transportation Funding Opportunity Hub



Alaska Transportation Funding Opportunity Hub

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Welcome

The Alaska Transportation Funding Opportunity Hub provides public access to state programs and federal grants that are available to Alaska communities to support transportation improvement across the state. The clearinghouse additionally provides a dashboard of projects that have been submitted for various funding programs. These opportunities include state regulated funding programs such as Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Community Transportation Program (CTP), as well as federal Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs). The goal is to corral all of the opportunities into one place and help you identify those that are a best fit for your projects.



Submit a Project

Alaska DOT&PF and Alaska Municipal League (AML) have partnered to help you pair your project with a funding program that will best suit your project goals. Once you submit a project intake survey, the information you provide will be used to match the project with opportunities your project is likely to be competitive for. If a match can be found, Alaska DOT&PF or AML will reach out to you to gather more information and help you submit a successful application. The survey is comprehensive in order to help identify the best opportunity match, any information you don't know can be determined at a later date.

[Project Intake Survey](#)



Discover State Programs

The Alaska Transportation Funding Opportunity Hub currently provides information and support for the TAP and CTP programs. From the program page you can view the program application schedule, review evaluation criteria and submit a notice of intent to apply. Not sure which to apply for, or want your project to be considered for all available opportunities? Submit a project intake survey and it will also act as the Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) for state programs. Alaska DOT&PF will add programs as they become available. Be sure and check back regularly.

[State Programs](#)



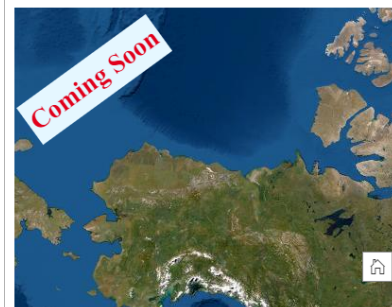
Discover Federal Opportunities

Review the list of currently available federal NOFOs. From the Federal Grants page you can view the grant application schedule, review evaluation criteria and submit a project intake survey. AML and DOT&PF will help pair your project with the best federal opportunities. Not sure if you should apply for state programs or federal grants? Submit a project intake survey and it will be considered for both.

[Federal Opportunities](#)



Project Map



[Project Map Detail](#)

- <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/02a40551dbc64236b5ff6d6c4c43451a/page/Home/>

New process

HOW DOES IT WORK?

You can submit more than one transportation project idea to the Hub and that project can be matched with more than one funding opportunity.



1
An organization has a transportation project idea.



2
Fill out the Project Intake Survey.



3
Choose one or more 'Next Steps' options, then submit the survey and receive assistance.

NEXT STEPS - OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

Choose to have your project evaluated for federal grant and/or state program eligibility.



Pre-screening to match the project with federal grant and/or state program funding opportunities.

OR

Choose to directly access State Program Funding. This option acts as your **Notice of Intent to Apply** for Community Transportation Program and/or Transportation Alternative Program.



Planning Chief review and assignment to regional planners to provide application assistance.



QR code for the
Project Intake Survey
Deadline October 31!

Sign up for
announcements about
this and other program
from Alaska DOT&PF at
dot.alaska.gov/inform



Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Example: Fish Creek Trail Connection in Anchorage

<https://fishcreektrail.com/>

- Smaller-scale active transportation projects
- Current state regulations 17 AAC 05.170 – (TRAAK)
- Competitive projects:
 - Documented safety issue(s)
 - Project bridges a gap or removes a barrier
 - Transfer of Management Responsibility to local government
 - Contribution of cash matching funds (above the required 9.03%)
 - Public support (and local government resolution of support)

Changes to Transportation Alternatives Program

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Changes to Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside

Topic	Changes
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increases funding, setting it at 10% of total STBG funds each FY.Increases from 50% to 59% the portion of TA funds that must be suballocated to areas of the State based on population.States may transfer up to 41% of TA funds to any other apportioned program but establishes new conditions (must demonstrate not enough eligible projects).Allows States to use up to 5% of available funds (after suballocation) to fund TA program administration and to assist applicants
Eligible projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reaffirms eligibility for safe routes to school projects and activitiesAdds activities relating to vulnerable road user safety assessmentsRequires States to establish prioritization for high need areas.
Eligible entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adds as eligible entities MPOs representing a pop. ≤200,000, any nonprofit entities, and States at the request of another eligible entity
Federal share	<p>Subject to certain requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">provides for a Federal share up to 100%allows HSIP funds to be used toward the non-Federal shareallows non-Federal share requirements to be met on an aggregate basis instead of by project
Trail projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recreational trail projects using funds apportioned under 23 U.S.C. 104(b) use Recreational Trails Program procedures: incl. procurement, Federal share.

GUIDANCE: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_alternatives/guidance/



Safe Routes To School (SRTS)

- Safe Routes to School programs aim to make it safer for students to walk and bike to school and encourage more walking and biking where safety is not a barrier.
- NEW in BIL:
 - The BIL codifies the SRTS Program
 - What does that mean?
- Active transportation partners can convey their support of the SRTS program to DOT&PF and communicate the desire for it to continue within existing funding sources.

Alaska Statewide Active Transportation Plan

The vision of the ASATP is that

“People in Alaska will enjoy equitable, accessible, safer walking and bicycling opportunities as an integral part of daily life.”

- What is the plan?
- How can one use it?

Alaska Statewide Active Transportation Plan

A Vision for Making Alaska's Communities Safe • Active • Accessible



Master Plan 2019





How can WE increase active transportation in Alaska?

- Partnerships
 - Local active transportation clubs
 - Professionals (DOT, DPS, School Districts, City Planners etc.)
 - Advocates and other stakeholders
- Got an idea for a project?
 - Submit an NOIA/Contact me and/or your regional planner.
- Stay in touch with current project and efforts and make your voice heard. We would love to hear from you!
 - Listserv
 - <https://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/akactivetranspo>
 - Online Public Notices & Gov Delivery
 - <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx>
 - <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDOT/subscriber/new?>

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