

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## SENATE FINANCE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

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### Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Fiscal Year 2019 Senate Finance Transportation Budget Subcommittee Narrative Report  
April 3, 2018

#### Subcommittee meetings

The Senate Finance Transportation Budget Subcommittee heard an agency budget overview on March 6, 2018, a hearing on the Alaska Marine Highway System on March 13, 2018, and held a final meeting on April 3, 2018.

#### Recommendations

The chair of the Senate Finance Transportation Budget Subcommittee recommends to the Senate Finance Committee a Fiscal Year 2019 operating budget for the Alaska Department Transportation and Public Facilities as follows:

#### Fund Source (with dollars in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$175,561,700
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$99,972,100
Other Funds	\$306,846,700
Federal Funds	\$2,066,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$584,446,700</b>

#### Positions

Permanent Full-Time	2,912
Permanent Part-Time	337
Temporary	130
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,379</b>

#### Highlights of Subcommittee Actions

- The Senate Finance Transportation Budget Subcommittee version of the agency's budget is \$2,369,800 less in unrestricted general funds than the governor's proposal.
- It reduces the UGF for marine vessel operations by \$2 million and replaces it with a one-time use of the Alaska Marine Highway System Fund.
- It denies a \$369,800 UGF request for marine vessel fuel for the Alaska Marine Highway System.

- It denies House funding of \$742,000 – \$690,000 UGF and \$52,000 federal Adak Airport Operations funding – to transfer Adak Airport operating costs from the capital budget to the operating budget.

### **Request for consideration by the Senate Finance Committee**

- The budget subcommittee requests the Senate Finance Committee consider using the following language or something similar in the Shared Taxes and Fees section of the budget bill:
  - (b) The amount necessary, estimated to be \$182,900 to refund to local governments their share of an aviation fuel tax or surcharge under AS 43.40 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, is appropriated from the proceeds of the aviation fuel tax or surcharge levied under AS 43.40 to the Department of Revenue for that purpose.
- Make appropriate changes, if necessary, elsewhere in the budget to accommodate the above.
- This proposal would help eight municipalities – Juneau, Anchorage (Merrill Field), Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Kenai, Kodiak, Palmer, Soldotna, and Wasilla – that collect aviation fuel taxes.

### **Intent language**

The subcommittee recommends the following intent language:

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities develop criteria to identify critical locations and the types of lighting needed to decrease traffic safety concerns. In addition, the Department should work with local power utilities collaboratively to mitigate the cost of installation and operation.

### **Reports from the Alaska Division of Legislative Finance**

The Senate Finance Transportation Budget Subcommittee has adopted the following, attached reports for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facility's Fiscal Year 2019 operating budget:

1. Agency Totals for Transportation, All Funds, FY19 Senate Structure
2. Transaction Comparison1 for Transportation, FY19 Senate Structure
3. Transaction Comparison2 for Transportation, FY19 Senate Structure
4. Wordage Report for Transportation, FY19 Senate Structure

Sincerely,

Senator Click Bishop, Chair  
Senate Finance Transportation Budget Subcommittee