

House Transportation Committee
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DOT Critical Route Prioritization



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Clarks Road



A Widespread Issue

- ▶ Interior: Steese Highway, Chena Hot Springs Road
- ▶ Mat Su: Edgerton Parks Road (Fishhook), Wolverine Road (Palmer)
- ▶ Kenai Peninsula: East End Road (Homer), Funny River Road (Soldotna)

An Integrated Solution

- ▶ Leveraging existing local expertise
- ▶ Incorporating right-of-way maintenance into existing systems
- ▶ Using winter maintenance prioritization as a model

Section 1

- ▶ Adds to the duties of DOT&PF that the Department must develop a prioritization program for maintaining roads and rights-of-way in wildland-urban interface areas

Section 2

- ▶ Adds uncodified language requiring the department to create and implement a single-access-route maintenance prioritization program
- ▶ Requires the Department to create a prioritized list of state-maintained routes for wildfire safety and maintenance work, in consultation with municipalities and local organizations
- ▶ Requires the Department to submit its methodology and prioritized list to the legislature

Questions?