



Alaska Trucking Association 2025 Legislative Priorities

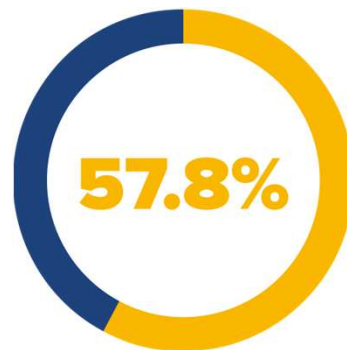
OUR ROLE IN AN ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY...

- Advocating for the trucking industry as a collective voice
- Education and Training
- Commercial services
- Networking Opportunities
- Resources and Support
- Safety & Compliance programs
- 100+ member companies
- Represent Land, Sea & Air



TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY

TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS



of manufactured tonnage
transported by trucks in
Alaska
13,170 tons per day

94.3%

of communities in the state depend
exclusively on trucks to move their goods

Dalton Highway



- Support a long-term funding plan to maintain and improve the Dalton Highway
- Fund operating plan for basic staffing of maintenance crew, equipment and operators



Dalton Highway

ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Vital transportation corridor for
 - North Slope oil and gas activities
 - local communities
- Necessary maintenance allows efficient transport of supplies and resources



Dalton Highway

TRIPS PER WEEK

• Lynden companies	135
• Colville	75
• Black Gold Express	70
• Odyssey	27
• Big Dreams Transport	30

**Data compiled January 2025-not all companies represented.*



Dalton Highway

SAFETY FOR DRIVERS AND TRAVELERS

Regular maintenance = reduced accident risk

- Identify and repair hazardous road conditions
- More truck / bus / RV interactions



Dalton Highway

INFRASTRUCTURE LONGEVITY

- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Consistent maintenance reduces the need for more extensive and expensive repairs or complete overhauls
- **Extended Lifespan:** Regular upkeep extends the lifespan of the highway infrastructure



Dalton Highway

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND ACCESSIBILITY

- Critical Access for Emergency Services: A well-maintained highway allows timely response to accidents, medical emergencies, or natural disasters
- Accessibility for Remote Areas: Maintenance is essential *year-round*, remote communities rely on essential services and supplies



Workforce Development

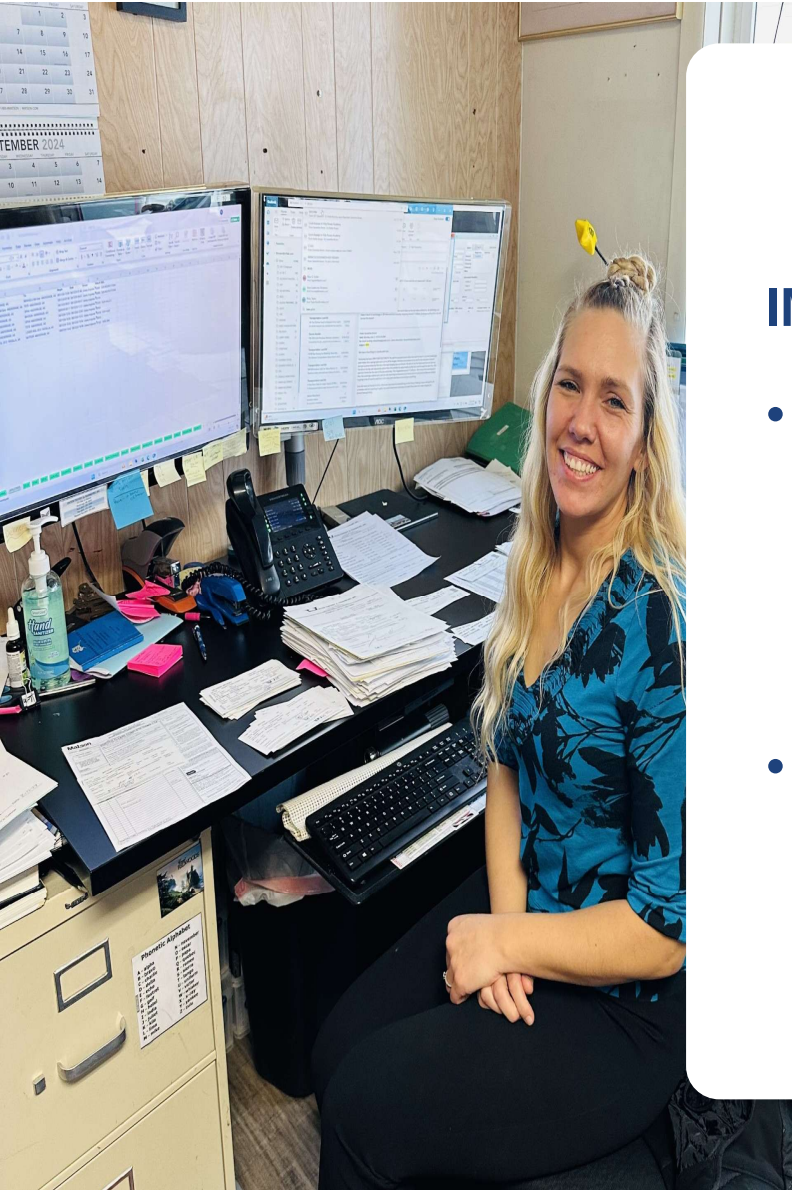
- Enhancing skill sets: training that equips drivers with the latest skills and knowledge to operate safely and efficiently
- Regulatory Compliance: Ongoing education keeps drivers up-to-date with industry regulations and safety standards, reducing legal and operational risks



Workforce Development

CURRENT PROGRAMS IN ALASKA

- Alaska Teamsters Apprenticeship Program
- Northern Industrial Training - Professional Driving Program
- UA Diesel Maintenance Program
- Alaska Vocational Technical Center
- Center for Employment Education
- Alaska Driving Academy



Workforce Development

IMPROVING SAFETY STANDARDS

- Safer Roads: A well-trained workforce is crucial for maintaining high safety standards, which ultimately leads to fewer accidents and safer roadways.
- Emergency Preparedness: Training programs can include emergency response and safety protocols, preparing drivers for unforeseen circumstances



Workforce Development

ATTRACTING YOUNG TALENT

- Career Awareness: Workforce development initiatives can promote trucking as a viable and rewarding career path, appealing to younger generations.
- Promote trade as an alternative to traditional academic pathways.



Workforce Development

BOOSTING ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Increased Productivity: A skilled workforce enhances productivity, leading to more efficient operations and increased profitability for trucking companies
- Supporting Local Economies: A thriving trucking industry contributes to the overall economic health of Alaska by facilitating trade and commerce



Workforce Development

RETENTION OF SKILLED WORKERS

- Employee Satisfaction: Providing training and development opportunities leads to higher job satisfaction and employee retention, reducing turnover costs
- Career Advancement: Clear pathways for career growth and advancement can motivate employees to stay within the industry and in the state long-term



KEY TAKEAWAYS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Support the trucking industry and its partners
2. Fully fund infrastructure maintenance
3. Higher standards for training programs will result in a stronger workforce
4. Keep Alaska moving



Thank you!

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