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Subject: I support HB 26 for improved transit across Alaska
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As a private citizen who supports building more housing and safe transportation infrastructure, I support HB 26. Additional emphasis on transit supportive development and coordinating with transit planning/investment is wise benefit/cost for Alaskans.

2:1 benefits are the DOT's own recent study that documented how beneficial transit is across Alaska- rural and urban areas!

Transit is also safer than driving alone in private vehicles. Grant opportunities in the future will need more robust benefit/cost data to be competitive for USDOT grants. This bill will urge the department to study and track Alaska transit data needed to make informed and comprehensive data analysis for limited funding available for investments.

Transit is widely defined to include buses, handicap services, rail service, and ferry service. All of the above serve Alaskans now and can further improve their lives.

Thank you,
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Key Findings

Statewide Economic Impacts of Transit Expenditures	Transit Commuters and the Alaskan Economy	Transit's Role in Providing Inclusive Mobility	Performance Benefits of Transit
831 Jobs **$113.9 Million in Annual Sales** Supported by transit agency expenditures on operations, maintenance, and capital projects **$1.9 in Business Sales for Every $1** Spent within Alaska on transit	**5,645 Workers** Can get to work because of transit **$203 Million in Annual Wages** Brought home by transit commuters **$941 Million in Annual Sales** Facilitated by transit commuters **2 Percent** Transit commuter share, statewide	**28 Percent** Of AK transit commuters live in households without a car available **$24,826** Median income of AK transit commuters **52 Percent** Of AK transit commuters identify as non-white **24 Percent** Of AK transit trips by young people under the age of 16 **34 Percent** Of AK transit trips by people who are 60+ years of age	**1 Million** Trips enabled by Alaska transit agencies that would not be possible otherwise **$117 Million** On average in annual benefits from Alaska transit Compared to **$56 Million** On average in annual costs

Source: EBP Analysis. Enabled trips do not include Interior Alaska Bus Lines and the Inter-Island Ferry Authority. Benefits exclude Interior Alaska Bus Lines, Inter-Island Ferry Authority, and Gulkana Soaring Eagle Transit. Photo credits: Municipality of Anchorage, dba: Public Transportation, Capital Transit, Hall Anderson, Courtesy of Leslie Jackson, Ketchikan Gateway Borough Transit.

https://dot.alaska.gov/transit/pub/AKEconomicStudy_EBP_05262022_2.pdf

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