

DOT&PF&PF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS LIST AND 2010-2013 STIP FACT SHEET

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is the federally required means by which states receive federal funds for surface transportation projects: roads, ferries, buses and trails.

A new STIP (2010-2013) must be in place by Oct. 1, 2009 to receive federal fiscal year 2010 federal funds. There are 3 important parts to this process:

1. Developing the "Needs List" of local projects nominated by communities
2. Evaluating and ranking the local projects using the "project scoring criteria"
3. Preparation and public notice on the draft STIP list identifying both local and state projects proposed for receipt of federal transportation funds

The "Needs List" is a state-maintained list of surface transportation (road, ferry, bus, trail) priorities including community-owned and maintained infrastructure. The "Needs List" is important, as it is the reservoir of surface transportation projects to be considered for the STIP and thus to be eligible for receipt of federal funds.

A new "Needs List" is being created as the current list is over 13 years old and

- Community priorities have changed reflecting changes in their community
- All the projects need to be re-ranked

Communities **do not need to re-nominate active projects** for them to remain on the "Needs List. An active project is one that has the design and environmental underway using the federal process.

Communities **must nominate new projects** to get them on the Needs List by March 2, 2009.

Forms and further information are available at http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/cip_stip/index.shtml or follow the links from the DOT&PF home page www.dot.state.ak.us (left hand side under highlights is the link "Call for nomination and comments for 2010-2013 STIP)

Projects on the needs list are prioritized and ranked using Alaska specific "project scoring criteria". These criteria have been revised slightly and are available for comment through March 2nd by following the above links.

The STIP will go through an extensive public notice process including public meeting in May and June prior to federal review in Aug/Sept.

Communities having problems completing forms or understanding the process are encouraged to contact their regional planners at:

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