

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 22, 2026
1:31 P.M.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Jesse Bjorkman, Chair
Senator Löki Tobin, Vice Chair
Senator Jesse Kiehl
Senator Bert Stedman
Senator George Rauscher

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT

Senator Kelly Merrick
Representative DeLena Johnson

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

PRESENTATION(S): 2026-2029 STIP UPDATE~ FY 26 MATCH FUNDS AND
IMPACT OF VETOES ON PROJECTS~ HSIP AMENDMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES (DOTPF).

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WITNESS REGISTER

RYAN ANDERSON, Commissioner
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF)
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Co-Presented: 2026-2029 STIP Update, FY 26
Match Funds and Impact of Vetoes on Projects, HSIP Amendments

DOM PANNONE, Director
Program Management and Administration
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF)
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Co-presented: 2026-2029 STIP Update, FY 26
Match Funds and Impact of Vetoes on Projects, HSIP Amendments

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR BJORKMAN called the Senate Transportation Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Rauscher, Kiehl, Tobin and Chair Bjorkman. Senator Stedman arrived immediately thereafter.

PRESENTATION(S): 2026-2029 STIP Update, FY 26 Match Funds and Impact of Vetoes on Projects, HSIP Amendments by Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF).

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CHAIR BJORKMAN announced the presentation: 2026-2029 STIP Update, FY 26 Match Funds and Impact of Vetoes on Projects, HSIP Amendments by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF).

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RYAN ANDERSON, Commissioner, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF), Juneau, Alaska, Co-Presented: 2026-2029 STIP Update, FY 26 Match Funds and Impact of Vetoes on Projects, HSIP Amendments

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 2:

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SENATOR STEDMAN arrived.

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON discussion about lane reductions

Lane reduction versus road diet

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SENATOR TOBIN lane reduction project beginning in 2020. Light pole hazard

Why timing for

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said that the HSIP plan
System-wide lane reduction concerns

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SENATOR TOBIN

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said the scope of the Ingra...project did
not include lane reductions to his knowledge.

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 3:

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON

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CHAIR BJORKMAN reconvened the meeting at 1:44 pm.

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 4:

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Overview

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SENATOR KIEHL asked for clarification on timing and app

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said the plan was approved in 2023.

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SENATOR KIEHL asked w

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said there were misses

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SENATOR KIEHL said he did not intend to impugn, but was

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SENATOR TOBIN elements removed from the project

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said he coul

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 5:

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FFY2026 by the Numbers

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 6:

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FFY2026 Anchorage Area Projects

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SENATOR TOBIN asked what changed

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said there was an increase in resources

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SENATOR TOBIN asked

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said DOTPF could advance construct

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON addressed slide 6 Tudor Road - VRU acronym

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 7

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FFY2026 Anchorage Area Projects

Community Wide Focus

Anchorage Downtown Streets Relinquishment

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SENATOR TOBIN noted outstanding projects

Cost to the city of Anchorage and what will t

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said there were various arrangements with the municipality and it was essentially a "wash".

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SENATOR TOBIN noted that there may be costs to accomplish the relinquishment

5th and 6th street

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said a lot would have to worked out. Noted the national highway program

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SENATOR TOBIN

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said the modeling would examine the impact on traffic flow

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 8:

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FFY2026 Fairbanks/North Pole Area Projects

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SENATOR RAUSCHER asked for

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said he would provide a timeline.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN noted overall concept

Safety issues and root cause of pedestrian deaths

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said today's presentation was very specific to the HSIP.

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON

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DOM PANNONE, Director, Program Management and Administration, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF), Juneau, Alaska, Co-presented: 2026-2029 STIP Update, FY 26 Match Funds and Impact of Vetoes on Projects, HSIP Amendments moved to slide 9:

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FFY 2026 Match

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MR. PANNONE moved to slide 10:

FFY 2026 Match

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SENATOR STEDMAN interpretation of "availability of funds"
Concern about funds becoming inaccessible to the state

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MR. PANNONE moved to slide 11:

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Advance construction balance

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SENATOR STEDMAN affirmed Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF)'s work on the redistribution.

Asked for clarification about the timing of the cash flow decisions

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MR. PANNONE said the message from the legislature and in general were to get more projects on the street.

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SENATOR KIEHL asked for clarification

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MR. PANNONE affirmed that the state FY

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SENATOR KIEHL noted conversation about the rate of getting bid packages out to contractors

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said there had been no holdup on projects going to bid. He said

Two lists of projects with some flexibility to keep projects moving

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SENATOR STEDMAN asked for clarification about the time

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said the current analysis supports the projects planned

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SENATOR TOBIN asked for clarification about the timeline for project planning and funding

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MR. PANNONE said some of the projects are on advanced construction

Keep going because there is enough money

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SENATOR TOBIN asked about funding and vetoes

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said if there is not matching funding available in July,
Conversion of

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SENATOR STEDMAN sought to clarify for the public

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MR. PANNONE said the uncertainty would be pushed out

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SENATOR STEDMAN noted confusion regarding the timing of the cash

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MR. PANNONE concurred that the timing would shift

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SENATOR STEDMAN suggested that

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CHAIR BJORKMAN referred to slide 8 and other sources of confusion regarding the availability of funds to go forward with construction projects in the coming construction season

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said projects on the street between now and June, there is enough funding. Past June, things start to get questionable

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CHAIR BJORKMAN asked about amendment to the STIP

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said Amendment 2

Supplemental

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 12:

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2026 and the Rolling STIP

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SENATOR TOBIN asked a

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said February

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 13:

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 14:

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Proposed New 2026-2029 STIP Layout

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 15:

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 16:

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2026-2029 STIP and Project/Program Focus

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON moved to slide 17:

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2026-2029 STIP and Fiscal Pressures

Noted one mistake - Bogard Road

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SENATOR TOBIN asked about creating smaller projects for smaller contractors

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON offered the Glenn Highway as an example to break projects down into smaller components

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SENATOR STEDMAN asked about the Ketchikan viaduct

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said it should

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SENATOR RAUSCHER asked about mile 88-92 of the Glenn Highway

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON answered that

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CHAIR BJORKMAN noted mile 89

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SENATOR RAUSCHER noted a picture from the 1964 issue of Alaska magazine featuring the boulder guardrail that is still there.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN

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SENATOR TOBIN referred to slide 15 and asked about the recommendation on transparency and clear scoring

Ability to search

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON said

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CHAIR BJORKMAN asked for written clarification about STIP amendment 2 and the effect on projects.

Questions about executing maximum benefit for available funds.

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON noted letter

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There being no further business to come before the committee,
Chair Bjorkman adjourned the Senate Transportation Standing
Committee meeting at 2:48 pm.