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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 865

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska Transportation Planning  
7 Council; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 44 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Article 10A. ALASKA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL.

11 Sec. 44.19.852. CREATION, COMPOSITION, AND OPERATION. (a) There  
12 is created in the Office of the Governor, the Alaska Transportation  
13 Planning Council, composed of nine regular members who are appointed  
14 by and serve at the pleasure of the governor. The members of the  
15 council must be individuals who are members of the traveling public,  
16 who reflect a wide range of viewpoints, and who have strongly indicated  
17 a dedication to public interests. The council must include two state-  
18 wide at-large members, one member from each of the four judicial  
19 districts of the state, one member from the Anchorage Metropolitan  
20 Area Transportation Study (AMATS) citizens advisory committee, one  
21 member from the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation Study  
22 (FMATS) citizen advisory committee, and one municipal member from the  
23 Southeast Conference of Alaska.

24 (b) The members of the council are entitled to receive reimburse-  
25 ment for travel expenses and per diem incurred on council business in  
26 accordance with AS 39.20.180.

27 (c) The term of membership is three years. Initial appointments  
28 are: three members for one year; three members for two years; three  
29 members for three years. Members' terms must be established by the

1 governor at the time of appointment. Members may be reappointed for  
2 successive terms.

3 (d) There shall be a chairperson appointed by the governor from  
4 the members of the council. The chairperson has full voting power.  
5 The chairperson may designate a vice-chairperson to preside in the  
6 chairperson's absence from meetings. An executive secretary and staff  
7 shall be provided from the Department of Transportation and Public  
8 Facilities to provide administrative support for the council.

9 (e) The council shall meet at the call of the governor, the  
10 chairperson, or a majority of the members.

11 Sec. 44.19.854. DUTIES OF COUNCIL. The council shall develop  
12 recommendations to the governor regarding:

13 (1) policy for the development and implementation of a  
14 comprehensive, long-range, multi-modal state transportation plan; in  
15 making the recommendations for the plan, the council shall consider  
16 alternatives:

17 (A) for improving existing modes and facilities to  
18 ensure safe and efficient transportation services;

19 (B) to providing transportation in the state, con-  
20 sidering the economic costs and benefits and the social and  
21 environmental effects;

22 (C) to existing modes of transportation in urban areas  
23 and the development of plans to improve urban transportation;

24 (D) for improving transportation for the elderly,  
25 handicapped, and poor;

26 (E) for improving the movement of goods and services,  
27 including transportation support for resource development;

28 (F) for energy conservation measures;

29 (G) for user funding of operational and maintenance

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costs;

(2) policy for the development and coordination of regional transportation planning, including development of regional short- and long-range, inter-modal transportation plans and systems;

(3) policy for the development of six-year facility and construction program plans, including first and life-cycle cost budgets; functional performance criteria; and schedules for completion;

(4) policy for the provision of effective coordination of state transportation planning with national transportation policy, state and local land use policies, and local and regional transportation plans and programs;

(5) procedures for effective public involvement in transportation planning and operations, considering the development of regional transportation advisory boards, and, where applicable, the use of other mechanisms for public participation;

(6) procedures for the review and revision of state transportation policies and plans;

(7) other activities considered necessary by the council or as directed by the governor.

Sec. 44.19.856. REPORTS TO THE GOVERNOR. The council shall submit to the governor at least one report annually detailing the findings, recommendations, and areas of its study.

\* Sec. 2. It is intended that sec. 1 of this Act supersede amended Administrative Order No. 33, but that the members of the Transportation Planning Council created by that order continue to serve their respective terms under that order.

\* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).