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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to transportation planning and re-
ports."

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

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* Section 1. AS 44.42 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 2. ALASKA TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL.

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Sec. 44.42.100. ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL. There is established

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the Alaska Transportation Policy Council. The council is in the De-
partment of Transportation and Public Facilities, but for administrative
purposes only.

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Sec. 44.42.105. APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS. The council
consists of nine members appointed by the governor. Each member must be
a resident and qualified voter of Alaska at the time of his appointment
and while serving on the council. Two members shall be appointed from
each of the four judicial districts of the state and the ninth member
shall be appointed at large.

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Sec. 44.42.110. TERMS OF OFFICE. (a) Members of the council
shall be appointed for five-year terms. However, of the initial ap-
pointments to the council, two members shall serve for one year, two
members shall serve for two years, two members shall serve for three
years, two members shall serve for four years, and one member shall
serve for five years.

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(b) The governor shall fill a vacancy on the council for the
balance of an unexpired term.

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(c) The council shall select a chairman from among its members.

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1 Sec. 44.42.115. PER DIEM AND EXPENSES. Members of the council
2 receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses
3 authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

4 Sec. 44.42.120. MEETINGS. The chairman may call meetings of the
5 council upon at least 14 days notice, and must call meetings upon the
6 request of five members.

7 Sec. 44.42.125. QUORUM AND MAJORITY. Five members of the council
8 constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. An affirmative vote by
9 a majority of the members of the council is required for action by the
10 council.

11 Sec. 44.42.130. DUTIES. (a) The council shall make recommenda-
12 tions to the governor and the legislature relating to

13 (1) the development and implementation of a comprehensive
14 long-range transportation plan for the state; in developing the recom-
15 mendations for the plan the council shall consider methods to

16 (A) improve existing transportation modes to ensure safe
17 and efficient transportation services;

18 (B) provide alternatives to existing transportation
19 modes in the state, considering the economic costs and benefits and
20 the social and environmental impacts of the alternatives;

21 (C) provide alternatives to existing transportation
22 modes in urban areas of the state and to provide for the develop-
23 ment of plans to improve urban transportation;

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

26 (E) improve the movement of goods and services, in-
27 cluding transportation support for resource development;

28 (F) improve or create energy conservation measures; and

29 (G) provide financing of the operational and maintenance

1 costs of transportation modes by the users of the systems and
2 facilities;

3 (2) the development and coordination of regional transporta-
4 tion planning, including the development of regional, intermodal, short-
5 range and long-range transportation plans and systems;

6 (3) the development of plans covering a six-year period for
7 the construction of transportation facilities, including the development
8 of budgets reflecting the cost of constructing the facilities and re-
9 flecting the cost of maintaining and operating the facilities; the
10 development of criteria to assess the performance of the transportation
11 facilities in providing the functions for which they were intended; and
12 the development of schedules for the completion of construction of the
13 facilities;

14 (4) the provision of effective coordination of state trans-
15 portation planning with national transportation policy, state and local
16 land use policies, and local and regional transportation plans and
17 programs;

18 (5) procedures for effective public involvement in trans-
19 portation planning and operations, considering the development of re-
20 gional transportation advisory boards, and when applicable, the use of
21 public and private agencies designed to encourage public involvement in
22 state planning functions;

23 (6) procedures for reviewing and revising state transporta-
24 tion policies and plans;

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

27 (b) The council shall submit an annual report containing the
28 recommendations required under (a) of this section to the governor and
29 the legislature. The report shall be submitted not later than January 30

1 of each year.

2 Sec. 44.42.135. DEFINITION. In AS 44.42.100 - 44.42.135, "council"
3 means the Alaska Transportation Policy Council.

4 * Sec. 2. AS 19.10.140 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 19.10.140. LONG-RANGE PROGRAM FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND
6 MAINTENANCE. The governor shall require the department to establish a
7 continuing, long-range program for highway construction and maintenance.
8 The program shall annually project proposed construction and maintenance
9 of highways for not less than the next succeeding five years. A state-
10 ment of the program shall be submitted by the governor to the legisla-
11 ture annually, and the long-range program shall include in detail the
12 program prepared under AS 19.10.150. The department shall annually
13 submit a copy of the program to the Alaska Transportation Policy Coun-
14 cil (AS 44.42.100).

15 * Sec. 3. AS 19.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 Sec. 19.10.155. PROJECT REPORTING. The department shall establish
17 an information system to provide current information for each project it
18 undertakes. The information system shall be available to members of the
19 legislature and shall include information on

- 20 (1) the status of construction on each project;
21 (2) the amount of money spent on each project; and
22 (3) the estimated amount of money needed to complete each
23 project.

24 * Sec. 4. AS 44.42.050(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) The commissioner shall develop annually a comprehensive,
26 intermodal, long-range transportation plan for the state. In developing
27 and revising the state plan, the commissioner shall consider means and
28 costs of improving existing modes and facilities, state and federal
29 subsidies, and the costs and benefits of new transportation modes and

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facilities. The commissioner shall also consider the recommendation of the Alaska Transportation Planning Council. The plan shall be submitted to the governor for his review and approval and submitted by the governor to the legislature. A copy of the plan shall be submitted to the Alaska Transportation Policy Council (AS 44.42.100).