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# **AMC Presentation to the Alaska Senate and House Transportation Committee**

**February 1, 2011  
Juneau, AK**



# Alaska State House and Senate Transportation Committee Presentation

## Discussion Topics

- ▶ What is AMC?
- ▶ The Going is Good  
Public Awareness  
Campaign
- ▶ Legislative Priorities



# **ALASKA MOBILITY COALITION**

## **Mission Statement**



**Alaska  
Mobility  
Coalition**



**Achieving mobility through community appropriate transportation services.**

<http://www.alaskamobility.org/>

# Alaska State House and Senate Transportation Committee Presentation/What is AMC?

- ▶ Weekly updates
- ▶ Monthly newsletter

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs095/1102290218437/archive/1104096707578.html>

## Annual report

[http://www.alaskamobility.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=93&Itemid=32](http://www.alaskamobility.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=93&Itemid=32)

- ▶ AMC Website

[http://www.alaskamobility.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=66](http://www.alaskamobility.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=66)

- ▶ AMC Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alaska-Mobility-Coalition/71663593409>



# AMC Member Organizations for 2010/2011

- ▶ AARP
- ▶ Access Alaska
- ▶ Alaska Center for the Environment
- ▶ Alaska Community Services
- ▶ Alaska Department of Transportation
- ▶ Alaska Direct Bus Line
- ▶ Alaska Mental Health Trust
- ▶ Alaska Railroad
- ▶ Alaska State Independent Living Council
- ▶ Alaska Trucking Association
- ▶ Bethel Transit
- ▶ Bristol Bay Native Association
- ▶ Brooks and Associates
- ▶ Capital Transit – Juneau
- ▶ CARTS – Kenai
- ▶ Center for Community
- ▶ Connecting Ties
- ▶ Copper River Native Association
- ▶ Dimond Center Mall
- ▶ Disability Law Center
- ▶ Ecology and Environment
- ▶ EK Coaches
- ▶ Fairbanks Resource Agency
- ▶ Glacier Valley Transit
- ▶ Governor’s Council on Disability and Special Education
- ▶ HDR Alaska
- ▶ Independent Living Center, Inc
- ▶ InterIsland Ferry Authority
- ▶ ITS Alaska
- ▶ Juneau Economic Development Council
- ▶ Ketchikan Gateway Borough
- ▶ LSC Consultants
- ▶ MAC Transit – Fairbanks
- ▶ Manley Village Council
- ▶ MASCOT – Wasila
- ▶ Mat-Su Borough
- ▶ Mat-Su Services for Children and Adults

# AMC Member Organizations for 2010/2011

- ▶ Mobilitat
- ▶ Montana Western Transit Institute
- ▶ Municipality of Anchorage/People Mover
- ▶ MV Transit
- ▶ Organized Village of Kasaan
- ▶ REACH - Juneau
- ▶ RLS and Associates
- ▶ Routematch
- ▶ Schetky NW Sales
- ▶ Senior Citizens of Kodiak
- ▶ Sitka Tribe of Alaska
- ▶ Southeast Alaska Independent Living
- ▶ Southeast Senior Services
- ▶ State of Alaska/ADA program
- ▶ Tanana Chiefs Conference
- ▶ Trailercraft
- ▶ Trapeze Software
- ▶ UAA School of Engineering
- ▶ USKH
- ▶ Valley Movers
- ▶ Van Tran
- ▶ VPSI



# Alaska State House and Senate Transportation Committee/Bus Ads

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# Alaska State House and Senate Transportation Committee- Good Going Alaska radio ads

[http://www.alaskamobility.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=25&Itemid=62](http://www.alaskamobility.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=25&Itemid=62)



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# Alaska State House and Senate Transportation Committee/Legislative priorities

- ▶ State Partnership  
in Public  
Transportation in  
Alaska (Sponsor –  
Senator Johnny  
Ellis)



# Alaska State House and Senate Transportation Committee/Legislative Priorities

- ▶ Alaska Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board (Sponsor – Representative Cathy Munoz)





**QUESTIONS???**

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**My role: Trust designee on Governor's Coordinated Transportation Task Force**

**What I'd like Committee members to know and support:**

- Coordinated Transportation is using existing vans and community systems via collaboration and dispatching to provide expanded transportation services
  - 94% of Alaskans support coordinated transportation (Dittman survey 2009)
  - Coordination has potential for saving the State money thru more efficient transportation
- Coordinated Transportation and Bus Transit are critical for quality of life of an important sector of Alaskans:
  - Beneficiaries are 5-8% of Alaskans
  - Trust beneficiaries frequently use this transportation
    - To access work sites to meaningfully contribute to society
    - For health care needs
    - For quality of life and hope
  - A conservative estimate: 42% of ridership are Trust beneficiaries
  - Vast majority of us will become elderly & disabled at some point in our life
- The Trust has been supporting coordinated transportation since 1996
  - Trustees recognize the importance of transportation to beneficiaries
  - Trust funding of \$250,000 to \$500,000 per year with varying matches from general fund/mental health (capital)
  - 700 to 800 Trust beneficiaries yearly directly impacted
  - Matches estimated \$1-2 million of Federal Transit dollars (capital & operating) that would otherwise be lost to the State
  - 42% of est. 7 million rides = 2.9 million rides by Trust beneficiaries
- A state operating subsidy is critical
  - Coordinated transportation systems struggle for operating support
  - Alaska is one of the few states that doesn't provide an operating subsidy
  - 2010 Trust Advocacy Summit: strong support for \$3 million State contribution

**Opposition and Support for a State operating subsidy**

- Opposition: all the competing interests regarding the State operating budget
- Support:
  - Alaska Mobility Coalition representing riders, advocates and providers
  - All those involved in the Trust's Advocacy Summit:
    - Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
    - Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education
    - Alaska Commission on Aging
    - Alaska Mental Health Board
    - Governor's Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
    - Alaska Brain Injury Network
    - Provider & peer organizations related to all Trust beneficiary groups:
      - Senior service providers
      - Developmental disabilities service providers
      - Behavioral health provider groups (mental illness & substance abuse)
      - Brain injury service providers
      - Consumer consortium