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Defenders of Wildlife * Denali Citizens Council * Kachemak Bay Conservation
Society * National Parks Conservation Association * Sierra Club (Alaska Chapter) *
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council * Wrangell Mountains Center**

Principles Which Should Guide Alaska Transportation Decision-Making

The State of Alaska shall:

Focus on existing infrastructure

1. Maintain and get maximum use of existing transportation infrastructure before building new infrastructure (i.e., “fix it first”)
2. Prioritize public subsidies for projects that benefit the public, not those used primarily by industry

Protect fish and wildlife

3. Require transportation infrastructure design, construction, and operations to minimize impacts to fish and wildlife habitat (including addressing habitat impacts at a project’s earliest stages)
4. Utilize ferries instead of roads wherever possible to protect habitat

Safeguard community interests

5. Ensure there is community and neighborhood support for new transportation infrastructure
6. Ensure that transportation decisions serve all Alaskans, including low-income and indigenous populations and roadless communities

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

7. Support land-use and energy-efficiency policies that promote lower carbon transportation options (e.g., public transportation, walking, bicycling, and electric-hybrid vehicles over non-hybrid vehicles)
8. Utilize rail and water transport for freight whenever possible instead of truck or air transport

Respect public participation

9. Ensure that transportation decisions are open, transparent, and accountable to the public
 10. Ensure that Alaska DOT & PF incorporates environmental and human health protection (including climate change and subsistence) and safety in all of its decisions.
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