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1. Introductions
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YK Transportation Plan
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Scope of Work

• Complete data assembly
• Develop a public involvement plan
• Document existing conditions
• Analyze multi-modal transportation systems
• Evaluate and recommend the top five projects for each mode
• Complete YK Transportation Plan
The YK Transportation Plan

• Is one of six area transportation plans adopted as components of the State of Alaska Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
• Is a regional planning document
• Is a guidance document for responsible investment in the YK Delta area
Goals and Objectives

**Vision:** Develop a plan to guide transportation decisions within the region that will help improve the transportation system, promote safety, livability, economic development, and intermodal connectivity for all users.

**1. Goal SAFETY**
Improve operational safety and security and help reduce risks for the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Alaska transportation system users.

**OBJECTIVES**

**Near Term**
- Provide airport lighting and security (DEFINITE)
- Provide facilities (DEFINE) for 24-hour automated at hub communities
- Provide safety education to the YK Delta and interior residents that operate on the transportation system
- Coordinate with regional health providers to align needs and priorities with transportation and health projects
- Develop partnerships with cities, tribes, boroughs, and other stakeholders to coordinate planning and funding efforts for markings on the trails and river channels

**Long Term**
- Develop projects that improve safety and security

**2. Goal SYSTEM PRESERVATION**
Preserve and maintain the existing Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Transportation System.

**OBJECTIVES**

**Near Term**
- Complete life cycle cost analysis (DEFINE) for all modes of transportation
- Maintain the existing transportation system that provides access to multiple communities and modes of transportation
- Develop projects that improve existing transportation facilities
- Develop projects that are sustainable for the entity responsible for the maintenance and operations of that facility

**3. Goal CONNECTIVITY**
Improve intermodal connections and provide access to airports, barge landings, ports or docks, provide access to fisheries, public services and facilities such as health clinics, hospitals, and schools, and focus on projects that provide more than two communities with connectivity to other communities within or outside the region.

**OBJECTIVES**

**Near Term**
- Coordinate with the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) and other stakeholders to publish, distribute, and maintain a map of a proposed transportation system, including the different modes of transportation and recommended routes
- Educate communities in the YK Delta, Yukon, and interior regions about rail, ferry, and funding opportunities and the possibility of a transit system (multi-modal – ski, ATV, snow machines)

**Long Term**
- Improve access to multiple communities and other modes of transportation
- Improve bike and pedestrian facilities that access other modes of transportation
- Promote projects that enhance rural transit and related access to other modes of transportation, public facilities, and jobs in YK Delta, Yukon, and Interior communities
- Support all modes of transportation projects in hub communities

**4. Goal ECONOMIC VALUE**
Improve economic conditions locally and regionally, provide intermodal connections that enhance economic activity, bringing new businesses or money to the region.

**OBJECTIVES**

**Near Term**
- Support inter-agency coordination working with existing economic development, energy, and other plans and projects
- Support local hire on transportation projects where laws allow

**Long Term**
- Develop projects that connect users to access the Port of Bethel
- Develop projects that connect users to access all modes of transportation
- Develop projects that support tourism by providing access to recreational activity, shopping, events and community
- Complete large land improvements that were identified in the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Berge Landing System Improvement Design Study
- Develop projects that support communities that operate small businesses, exporting items such as fish, groceries, supplies, fuel, Alaska Native art work and other goods
The Study Area
The YK Transportation Plan is not...

• It is **not** a programming document
• It is **not** a document only for DOT&PF
YK Transportation Plan
Stakeholders

Y-K Area Transportation Plan
DOT & PF

- School Districts
- Federal Highways Administration
- Association of Village Council Presidents
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Federal Transit Administration
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Denali Commission
- Industry Leaders
- City and Tribal Governments
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Calista
- Nuvista Light and Power
- Donlin Gold
- US Rural Development
- Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation
- Alaska Congressional Delegation
**YKTP Public Involvement and Outreach Schedule**

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Next Steps

• Determine regionally significant projects
• Evaluate and recommend projects
• Prepare the plan
• Hold final Transportation Advisory Committee meeting in Anchorage –March 2016
• Solicit public comment through March 2016
• Document and analyze comments
• Finalize plan (Summer 2016)
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Thank you!