



Southeast Conference Transportation Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2023, 10 AM

Minutes

Call to Order/Opening Remarks: Chair Dennis Watson opened the meeting at 10:00 am via Zoom with more than 30 participants, including Mary Lynn Dahl, Chris Goins, Craig Tornga, Ed Page, Marc Luiken, Adam Anderson, Anita Haube, Aurah Landau, Captain Jeff Flumignan, Carole Triem, Cory Baggen, Dave Warter, David Kensinger, Emily Deach, Jim Clark, Jocelyn Fenton, Jon Waterhouse, Kaitlyn Jared, Katie Koester, KC Hostetler, Kristin Carpenter, Marie Heidemann, Mark Hickey, Paul Khera, Rebecca Braun, Tim Dillon, Sarah Cripe, Carl Ramseth, Shaun McFarlane, Sherry Aitken, Steve White and SEC staff Jon Bolling, Dan Lesh, Sarah Woodruff, and Robert Venables.

Jon Bolling welcomed participants and adopted agenda with the modification of beginning with Christopher Goins.

Marie Heidemann shared her slide deck and gave a brief update from the State Transportation planning end, both a short and long range plan. Robert Venables introduced Craig Tornga with AMHS who gave an update on the current and future activity of the Marine Highway. Tornga said they are at the point of having to follow through on vessel safety and upgrade requirements put off for years in the past. Kristin Carpenter and Rebecca Braun shared a slide show about the feasibility of starting a ferry service in Prince William Sound. Jon recognized KC Hostetler with an update from Alaska Airlines. She said they are putting on additional passenger capacity for Southeast Alaska and they are implementing a new check in process and seeing long security lines – especially in Seattle. Carl Ramseth updated the group as to Alaska Seaplanes activities. Anita Haube gave an update on Tlingit & Hadia development projects, most of which are in the planning/permitting stages.

Bolling led the committee in a review of the transportation resolutions from 2022. He asked the membership for any comments or revisions to the resolutions but received no comments. He gave a brief overview of Southeast Conference's current and future transportation activities, much of which includes incorporating alternative fuel.

Jon Bolling opened the floor up for comments and input from the committee. Aurah Landu gave an update on open grant opportunities. Gary Aucoin gave an update from the alternative propulsion manufacturers front.

Jon Bolling thanked all the committee participants for attending. With no other announcements for the good of the order, the Chair announced the next meeting of the transportation committee is TBA. **The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am.**