Corps of Engineers Alaska Regional Ports Conference, 10-11 Jan 08

- Over 25 panel members presented their vision of the future of Alaska’s marine transportation needs from
  - local, state and federal government agencies
  - private transportation businesses
  - tribal entities
  - non-governmental organizations (NGO)

- Congressman Don Young addressed the conference on his vision of Alaska’s future

- Over 125 people participated in the conference

- There was an overwhelming mandate for ongoing collaboration, comprehensive planning, and leadership to address the future of Alaska’s Ports and Harbors

- The Corps of Engineers in partnership with state and other Federal agencies should develop a long-range comprehensive plan for Alaska’s ports and harbors

- Through these partnerships we must
  - Identify state agency to cost-share with the Corps in a statewide ports and harbors study
  - Link a state-led multimodal transportation plan to ADOT statewide transportation planning
  - Set up communication tools among stakeholders to keep everyone aligned
  - Conduct regular Alaska Regional Ports and Harbors Conference to maintain momentum and achieve progress
  - Form a steering committee of State, federal government, local agencies, Corps, private sector, local communities, tribal councils and other stakeholders
  - Create accountability and responsibility for interagency coordination and collaboration
  - Identify issues that need immediate attention and form smaller work groups
AGENDA
ALASKA REGIONAL PORTS AND HARBORS CONFERENCE
10 -11 January 2008 at the Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Ave, Anchorage, Alaska (907) 276-6000 or (800) 843-1950
Conference Room: Fore Deck

Thursday 10 Jan 2008

7:30 – 8:00  Doors open for snacks and refreshments

8:00 – 8:15  Administrative Items
              Structure of conference
              Expectations
              Ms. Sarah Barton

8:15 – 8:30  Dena’ina Athabascan Welcome
              Ms. Lois Munson, President
              Native Village of Eklutna

8:30 – 9:00  Navigation Vision for Alaska’s Future
              Col. Kevin Wilson
              Commander, Alaska District

9:00 – 9:30  View from Corps Headquarters
              Army Corps of Engineers
              Mr. Gary Loew
              Chief, Civil Works Programs
              Integration Division

9:30 – 9:50  Climate Change Legislation
              Mr. Arne Fugivog
              Legislative Assistant
              Senator Lisa Murkowski

9:50 – 10:10 Denali Commission Perspective
           Mr. George Cannelos
           Federal Co-Chair
           Denali Commission

10:10 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 10:50 Comparison of Infrastructure Development
             US Army Corps of Engineers,
             Pacific Ocean Division
             Mr. Rich Schiavoni
             Chief, Civil Works
             Integration Division

10:50 – 11:50 Why are you here today? What is your
             response to the ideas you heard this morning?
             Break-out groups and report back to group as whole
             Ms. Sarah Barton

11:50 – 1:00  Working lunch – Box lunch available from Capt. Cook Hotel for $12.50
              Lunchtime Speaker: Perspective from Inside
              the Beltway
              Mr. Gary Loew
              Chief, Civil Works Programs
              Integration Division
1:00 – 2:30  
Presentations from **Panel 1**  
Long-term vision for future of commercial transportation users  

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Panel Chair Questions  
Break-out groups  
This session moderated by Col. Kevin Wilson

2:30 – 2:45  
Break

2:45 – 4:30  
Presentations from **Panel 2**  
Long-term vision for future of commercial transportation providers  

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Panel Chair questions  
Break-out groups  
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4:30 – 5:00  
Recap today’s events and outline expectations for Day Two.

5:00 to 7:00  
Reception at Captain Cook Whale’s Tail (no host)
Friday 11 Jan 2008

7:30 – 8:00   Doors open for snacks and refreshments

8:00 – 8:30   Administrative items
               Review Day 1
               Structure for discussion
               Ms. Sarah Barton

8:30 – 10:00  Presentations from Panel 3
               Long-term vision for future of other government agencies

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Question and Answer
Break-out groups
This session moderated by Ms. Trish Opheen

10:00 – 10:15 Break
10:15 – 11:45 Presentations from Panel 4
Long-term vision for future of Alaskan communities

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Panel Chair Questions
Break-out groups
This session moderated by Mr. Carl Borash

11:45 – 1:00 Working lunch – Box lunch available from Capt. Cook Hotel for $12.50
Key Note Speaker: Alaskan Issues Congressman Don Young

1:00 – 2:00 Summary and Conclusions Ms. Sarah Barton
2:00 – 3:00 Reporting Out
3:00 – 3:15 Closing Comments Col. Kevin Wilson
3:15 Adjourn

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