

**Alaska State Chamber of Commerce
2008 Position**

Develop a State Funded Transportation Program

Establish and fund a Statewide Transportation Program to supplement the federal funding program. Such a program would direct the Department of Transportation to identify, prioritize, and fund transportation infrastructure projects of significance to the State that would otherwise fall outside of federal funding limits. This program could be advanced more quickly as a result of reduced federal oversight.

Transportation infrastructure projects should always include responsible consideration of public health and safety, cost, system expansion in support of economic development, expansion of existing infrastructure in deference to safety and capacity, maintenance of the State's existing infrastructure, and examination of alternative transportation modes.