

Dear City of Gustavus,

I attended the Alaska Municipal League (AML) Annual Conference in Anchorage in December 2025. The conference provided an opportunity to learn from the experiences of other Alaskan communities, as well as interface with governmental and private organizations that are or could be important to City functions and the well-being of our community. Major themes at the Conference included changing Federal priorities, state budget shortfalls and challenges to communication between local Governments and constituents created by a fragmented media ecosystem.

I would like to highlight that the state Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently working to update the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan which will guide the priorities for transportation infrastructure in our region for the next twenty years:

<https://www.southeastalaskatransportationplan.com/> At the AML conference I was provided an opportunity to give feedback to DOT regarding community priorities for transportation, including both state owned infrastructure and our general concerns. I highlighted the importance of maintaining regular ferry service and affordability challenges related to air service. Additional comments may be submitted to DOT at the following address: [SEATP@dowl.com](mailto:SEATP@dowl.com)

Thank you!

Best regards,

Lucas Beck, Vice-Mayor City of Gustavus