

ALASKA COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING: Leveraging Resources, Goal 1

Tuesday, February 20, 2013

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CTTF Action Plan Goal 1:

Secure the commitment of state agencies and stakeholders to leverage their collective resources in a manner that most effectively and efficiently provides transportation services, and particularly so for those who do not have other transportation options.

Deliverable:

Update of the federal and state funding picture showing funding, data and providing a text to describe the current human service public transportation funding context/reality(using existing CTTF products as a starting point). This update is an annual deliverable required of the C&PTAB.

Action Items:

1. Jeff will produce a written narrative describing the current funding environment at the state and federal level by late March to reflect sequestration and Alaska State Legislature decisions.
2. C&PTAB members will update the data/funding spreadsheet (Marsha will provide), prior to the April meeting. This work is in progress. Request by March 15, 2013 in time for March 18 subcommittee meeting.
3. The subcommittee will draft a deliverable for C&PTAB review and to solicit additional context from other agencies.
4. The C&PTAB will review, revise and finalize at the April 2 meeting, acknowledging the specific need for follow-up work respective to leveraging the collective resources.

Other Considerations:

- Sequestration will have a big influence. Confusion about what that means. Don't know what will happen with specific targeted funding potentially being cut. Both sides entrenched in their respective positions. Compromise doesn't seem to be an option. Fairly small impact to Surface Transportation and Transit funding, but will likely influence other federal programs. Highways facing only a 3 percent cut.
- Different legislative environment this year - floating out here. Underlying that is rural revenue which is down, as is oil.
- Representative Peggy Wilson has introduced another bill to establish a transportation fund HB 123 which makes certain types of transit projects eligible for the that funding. Article X Section 6 there is a specific mention of transit that uniquely speaks to matching funds that are available (not mentioned for any other mode). May be something those who are able can point out. Only mode where requirement for matching funds is mentioned - why is transit a lesser equal? Hearings begin next week.
- Cheryl report on contractual relationships with other partners at next meeting. Group explore whether to consult with Department of Law.