

# Whittier Moves Transportation Master Plan

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## Project Area



## Plan Overview

The Whittier Moves Transportation Master Plan (Whittier Moves) will identify future transportation investments that support land use and movement patterns by coordinating transportation planning and project development within and around the City of Whittier. The plan will be developed by the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) in close coordination with the City of Whittier, stakeholders, and the public to foster collaboration, creating a cohesive and agile transportation planning document. Whittier Moves will serve as a tool for securing discretionary grant funding, supporting other project development opportunities, and assisting the City of Whittier in the update of their Comprehensive Master Plan.

## Plan Objectives



### Establish a Transportation Vision:

Define a clear and compelling vision for Whittier's future transportation system that aligns with the city's strategic goals and future land use.



### Practical Implementations:

Provide an actionable plan that remains relevant and usable, with the use of short-term (1-2 yrs), medium-term (3-5 yrs), and long-term (5 yrs +) timescales.



### Incorporate Stakeholder Input:

Develop a plan that actively gathers and uses feedback from a broad range of stakeholders and the public.



### Explore Funding Options:

Identify and evaluate innovative funding opportunities to support the realization of transportation improvements.



### Identify Incremental Improvements:

Outline specific improvement projects that support future usage needs and improve movement to and between the various activities within the City of Whittier.



### Promote Multimodal Transportation and Intermodal Connectivity:

Create a plan that identifies and improves multimodal transportation and intermodal connectivity for the wide range of users.

# Transportation in Whittier

Whittier's strategic location and unique character has made it a transportation hub for tourism, freight, and the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS). Whittier is often called "the town under one roof" because most residents live in the Begich Towers, which also contains many of the city's public facilities. It offers unparalleled access to wildlife and recreation, with two cruise ship terminals and extensive opportunities for day cruises and other tours. Interwoven is Whittier's military history from its roots as a military base at the head of Passage Canal, highlighted by the Buckner Building. A legacy of Whittier's military history is land ownership, which is predominantly held by the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC), who owns the freight dock and has extensive track configurations to support freight and passenger trains. All eyes are on Whittier as an area of opportunity to grow tourism and freight. To realize this, improvements are needed to address existing transportation challenges associated with the area's narrow geography, limited flat land between the Passage Canal and mountain ranges, and the sole surface transportation link provided by the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel, which offers one-way, timed access for rail and motorized vehicles.

## Schedule

Task Name	Anticipated Completion					
	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026
Public Involvement						
Data Collection and Analysis						
Existing Conditions						
Needs Analysis - Traffic Analysis and Project Prioritization						
Project Recommendations and Implementation - Cost Estimates and Final Master Plan						

## Planning Team



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## How to Get Involved

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