

Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout Comments on its  
Budget Recommendations for the

**Department of Transportation & Public Facilities**

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Subcommittee Members:

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The subcommittee's budget recommends are directed toward improvements to Alaska's road maintenance.

Funding was increased for re-opening maintenance stations that were closed in previous years in both the Northern and Central regions of Alaska. By having more stations staffed during the winter months, roads will be plowed more frequently.

Funding was also increased to open roads in the spring. In order to prepare for Alaska's brief summer season, tourism and mining industry workers are particularly concerned about road maintenance during the first weeks of spring. The subcommittee intends for all roads to be plowed open except for portions of the Denali Highway.