

# ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

2045 LONG-RANGE PLAN

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## **AGENDA**

### AMHS 2045 Long-Range Plan

- Project Recap
- Timeline

### **Community Engagement**

- LRP Community Needs Survey
- Business Interview Effort

### Work Underway

- Terminals
- Service Scenario Development

### **Next Steps**

# AMHS 2045 LONG-RANGE PLAN

### PURPOSE & GOALS

The AMHS Long-Range Plan sets out to guide the operation and management of AMHS fleet and terminal infrastructure for the next 20 years. The Plan does the following:

- · Reviews existing planning initiatives and inputs.
- Highlights existing and future opportunities for engagement.
- Identifies future service scenarios for AMHS served communities process elaborated upon in the section below.
- Identifies the supporting workforce and infrastructure needs to implement scenarios.
- Outlines a capital replacement plan for our fleet and shoreside facilities.
- Offers recommendations for future resiliency and sustainability efforts.

# SEC. 19.65.011. SHORT-TERM AND COMPREHENSIVE LONG-RANGE PLANS

The comprehensive long-range plan must include priorities and goals for the Alaska Marine Highway System and a proposed strategic maintenance and vessel replacement plan and may recommend performance measures, including output, efficiency, and effectiveness measures. The department shall submit both the short-term and the comprehensive long-range plans and revisions and updates of the plans to the legislature and the governor and make the plans available to the public.

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The AMHS 2045 Long-Range Plan charts a path forward to a thriving AMHS system that is maintainable, reliable, and connective to support the residents, communities, and businesses of coastal Alaska.

### DEVELOPING THE LONG-RANGE PLAN

The 2045 LRP has been formed through extensive existing conditions analysis and community engagement, with local needs forming the baseline of the Plan.

Plan development began in Fall of 2023 – since then the team has been working to develop plan elements, all the while verifying findings and progress with various community groups.

COMMUNITYENGAGEMENT

Some examples of engagement performed throughout project duration include:

- Ferry Focus Groups
- Community Needs Survey
- NADO Business Interviews
- AMHOB
- Community Needs Survey

#### PROJECT TIMELINE

#### **WE ARE HERE**

| 2022    |  |
|---------|--|
| Project |  |
| Launch  |  |

2023 - 2024

**Data Gathering and Conditions Analysis** 

Vessels Terminals Demographics & Ridership Workforce Needs Assessment Public Survey

2024 Service Scenario

2024 Report **Development** 

**Development** 

2024 Draft Report **Available**  2025 30-Day Review Period

2025 - 2045 Plan Adoption + **Interim Updates** 

Vessel Replacement Plan Operations Model Cost and Revenue Projections Terminal Improvements Goals and Strategies

Stakeholder engagement occurred throughout entire project duration.



# WHAT WE'VE HEARD

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

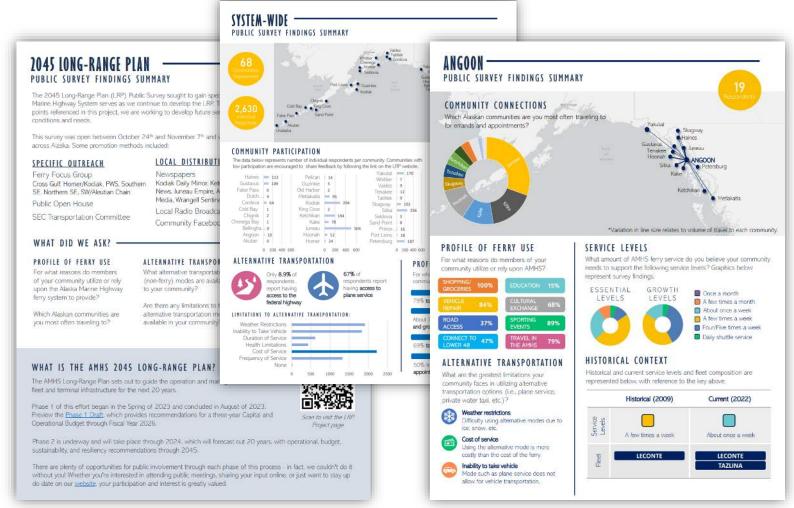
# COMMUNITY INPUT

### 2045 LONG-RANGE PLAN PUBLIC SURVEY

Scan to view full public survey results online



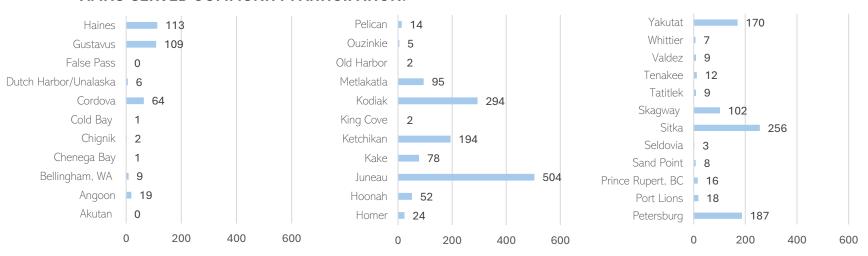
- 2,630 responses gathered
- **68 communities** represented in the results (all 34 AMHS-served communities + 34 other Alaskan communities)
- Shared through a variety of methods:
  - Public Open House
  - SEC Transportation Committee
  - Local newspapers and radio
  - Community Facebook pages
  - AMHS/DOT webpages
  - GovDelivery



# WHO WE HEARD FROM

### GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

#### **AMHS-SERVED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:**



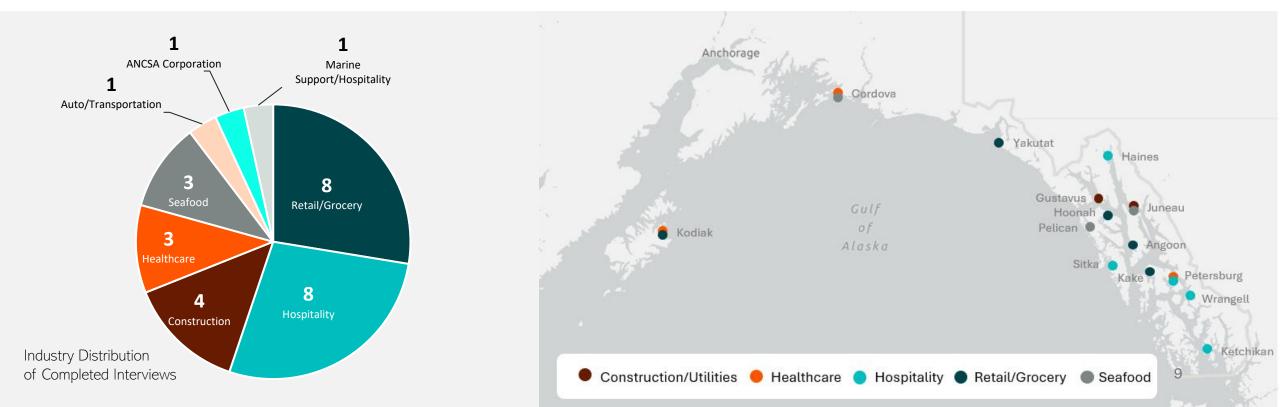


# BUSINESSES AND AMHS

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Stakeholder outreach for the AMHS 2045 Long-Range Plan (LRP) was supplemented through a series of executive interviews with businesses across the extents of the AMHS service area.

Across industries and regions, **reliability** of service was reported as the most significant contributor of ability to utilize AMHS for business operations with **frequency of service** following as the second most significant contributor, impacting delivery and supply of goods.





# CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

WORK IN PROGRESS

# LRP FOCUS AREAS ELEMENTS UNDERWAY



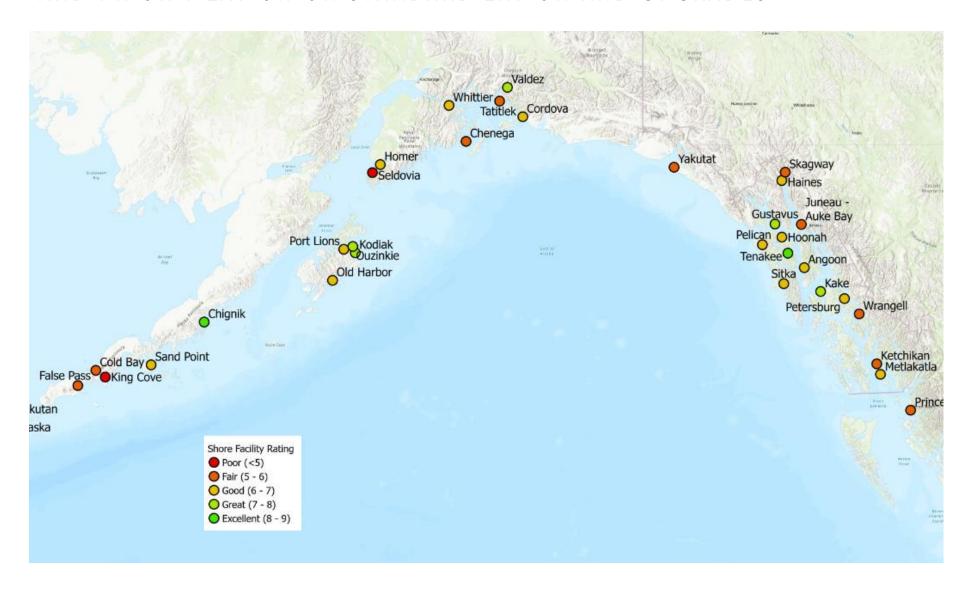






# ASSESSMENT OF TERMINALS

### AND PRIORITIZATION ON STANDARDIZATION AND UPGRADES





#### Maintenance Needs

Reviewing conditions assessments, cataloguing maintenance needs



### Capital Improvements

Projecting costs



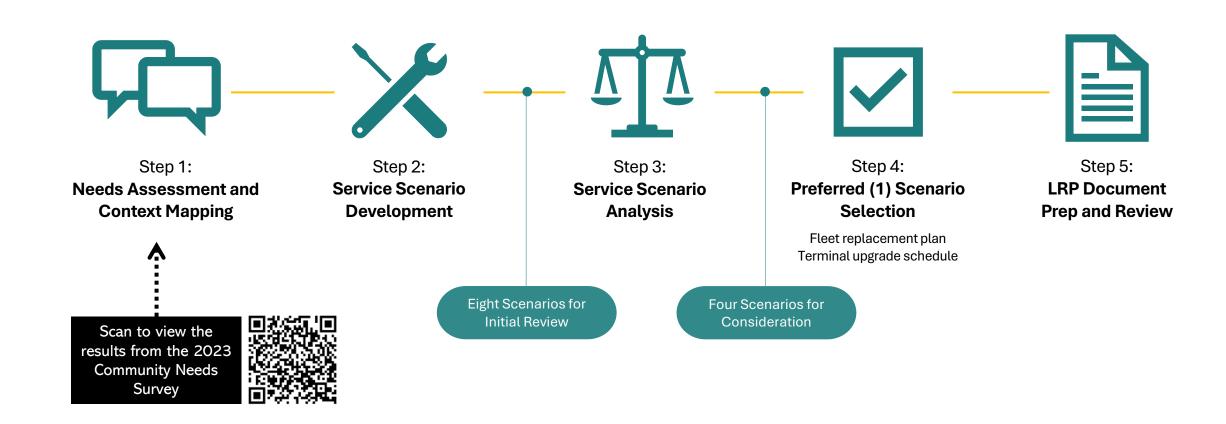
#### Resiliency

Site-specific sea-level rise, storm surge, and seismic risk

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## HOW IS THE 2045 SERVICE SCENARIO BEING DEVELOPED?

PROCESS OVERVIEW



### **NEXT STEPS**

The team will be working toward project completion by the end of 2024. There will be plenty of opportunities to stay up to date on the Plan's progress between now and the end of the year.



#### **LRP Document Prep and Review**

The team will be working to finalize the report before the end of the year! We will be pulling together sections and memos into a complete document for review.



#### 30-Day Public Review Period

With the draft document complete, there will be a 30-day public comment period.



#### **Project Completion and Interim Updates**

The project will be complete by early 2025. But the work won't be done! The plan is a living document and will be revisited every 5 years for project updates and implementation reports.



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER I, 2024

FERRY FOCUS GROUPS

OCTOBER 23, 2024 9AM — 4:30PM AMHOB

OCTOBER 2024, DATE TBD
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

ONGOING

AML COMMUNITY

TRANSPORTATION

WORKSHOPS