

PREFACE

The Chugiak-Eagle River Long-Range Transportation Plan is a product of Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS). Completion of the Plan was accomplished through the cooperative effort of the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) staff.

The 1996 Chugiak-Eagle River Transportation Plan represented the first transportation planning effort to focus on the Chugiak-Eagle River area as a unique area within MOA. The 1996 Plan was based on the 1993 Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan, and included two key elements: the Chugiak-Eagle River Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and recommended changes to the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP). The Chugiak-Eagle River LRTP, one of several elements of the AMATS Long-Range Transportation Plan, is used to guide the development and implementation of needed transportation system improvements for this area using *federal funds*, and addresses a longer-term planning horizon twenty years into the future. It is to be reviewed triennially. The OS&HP is based on the LRTP, and is used to designate functional classifications of streets and highways.

In preparing the 1996 Chugiak-Eagle River Transportation Plan, extensive support was received from the Citizen Advisory Committee, created to guide development of the Plan. The Citizen Advisory Committee included members representing most of the major stakeholders concerned with future transportation system improvements. Following is a list of committee members and their affiliations:

Ron Goughnour	Eagle River Valley Community Council
Ted Kinney	Chugiak Community Council
Bobbi Wells	Birchwood Community Council
Richard Birkinshaw	Planning & Zoning Commission
Tony DeLucia	Planning & Zoning Commission
Fate Putman	Planning & Zoning Commission
Lewis Reed	CBERRRSA Bd.
Don Pressley	CBERRRSA Bd.
Judith Fetherolf	Eagle River Community Council
Dave Young	Eagle River Parks & Recreation Bd.
Chris Ingmanson	South Fork Community Council
Mike Curry	Eklutna, Inc.

The 2003 Update to the Chugiak-Eagle River LRTP reviews the land use assumptions and population projections that were the basis of the 1996 Plan to see if they are still valid. It also

makes some changes to the recommendations for needed roadway improvements based on more recent traffic projections using the Transportation Planning Computer Model, and recommends some changes to the OS&HP. This document represents the first update to the 1996 Plan to reflect changes in the community's transportation needs. It is not a major revision to the 1996 Plan. A major revision to the 1996 Plan is not anticipated until the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan is updated. The Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan is due for re-evaluation in 2003.

The objective of the Plan is to create a balanced transportation system that meets the future travel demands of the community through the support of multiple modes while enhancing area safety, meeting environmental standards, and reducing impacts on residential neighborhoods. This Plan recognizes the need for road, transit, trail/pedestrian, and freight improvements. The Plan is intended to be general in nature.

In preparing this 2003 Update, much valuable support was received from the Chugiak-Birchwood-Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRSA) Board, as well as from area Community Council Presidents and their representatives, the Planning and Zoning Commission, Eagle River Parks and Recreation, Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department, South Fork Volunteer Fire Department, Anchorage Fire and Police Departments, and Eklutna, Inc.

The AMATS Mission: To develop and implement a multi-modal transportation system.