



**Achieving mobility through community appropriate transportation services**

**TO:** Stephanie Bushong  
Alaska Department of Transportation

**FROM:** David M. Levy  
Executive Director

**DATE:** August 21, 2012

**RE:** State Match for Public and Community Transportation

Dear Ms. Bushong:

On behalf of the Alaska Mobility Coalition (AMC), I would like thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment regarding the state match for public transportation that was in the FY 2013 state capital budget.

As you know, the Alaska Mobility Coalition (AMC) is a private, non-profit membership organization that represents and advocates for public and community transportation in Alaska. The AMC has over 120 members in Alaska, Canada and the lower 48 states. AMC members provide over seven million rides for Alaskans to get to work, school and medical appointments. For more information, please check out our website at [www.alaskamobility.org](http://www.alaskamobility.org)

The AMC would like the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to consider providing the state match funding upfront for eligible public and community transportation grantees. Most of transit providers in the state are small, rural agencies and state match would provide them with an additional resource to manage their cash flow during trying economic times.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and I look forward to your decision.

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