

IMPLEMENTATION

Priority Actions in each Comprehensive Planning category are listed below. It is the community of Aleknagik’s intent to implement these actions as soon as possible. Aleknagik’s Comprehensive Plan contains more actions than those listed below.

LAND USE, HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT
LAND USE
ACTION: Build the Wood River Bridge to provide vehicular access across Aleknagik Lake.
ACTION: Provide better planning for new development and subdivisions. Conduct a process to draw up a Land Use Plan, Subdivision plan or create City ordinances governing future development.
ACTION: Determine the right location for recreation facilities; cluster recreation and tourism facilities. Create a Tourism Plan.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS, CULTURE & EDUCATION

COMMUNITY WELLNESS

ACTION: Create a plan for a multi-use facility that would house a variety of functions, possibly including: a neutral place for entities to meet, space for youth and cultural activities, tourist information and lodging. This facility would have a positive impact on Aleknagik wellness, culture and education.

ACTION: Provide more recreation facilities such as a playground, basketball court and 'green zone.'

ACTION: Implement safety plans so Aleknagik's roads and lake are safe, hence ensuring good access to school, clinics, church, etc.

CULTURE

ACTION: Make use of Elder knowledge.

ACTION: Maintain the Yup'ik language and cultural education programs in the school.

EDUCATION

ACTION: Create more organized youth activities.

ACTION: Keep school open and enrollment strong and high.

PUBLIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION

ACTION: Build the Wood River Bridge to provide vehicular access across Aleknagik Lake.

ACTION: Work with FAA, ADOT&PF and area lodges to redirect float planes so they don't land in the narrowest section (where people cross in their boats) of Aleknagik Lake.

ACTION: Create a trails plan. Find funding through National Park Service trails program, state sources or ADOT&PF to address safety concerns and route loss. Work with adjoining landowners (e.g., Choggiung) to jointly solve trail issues, such as the trail to Second Lake.

PUBLIC SERVICES & FACILITIES

ACTION: Create a plan for a multi-use facility that would house a variety of functions, possibly including: a neutral place for entities to meet, space for youth and cultural activities, tourist information and lodging.

ACTION: Form a team to plan for emergency and fire response equipment and facilities.

ACTION: Apply for grants to purchase and maintain needed capital equipment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ACTION: Encourage more local, small-scale, home-based businesses.

ACTION: Create a plan for a multi-use facility that would house a variety of functions, possibly including: a neutral place for entities to meet, space for youth and cultural activities, tourist information and lodging. This facility would provide a variety of jobs for the local economy.

ACTION: Provide appropriate job training for local hire.

ACTION: Form a Chamber of Commerce or connect with existing Dillingham Chamber; improve community marketing, including a website and brochure about Aleknagik, its businesses and opportunities.

LEADERSHIP

ACTION: Use entity meetings to discuss community issues.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMARY

This section lists priority infrastructure projects by category. The following section “Implementation” gives details for the top three priority actions in each category identified in this plan.

Land Use, Housing & Environment

- Conduct site plan and suitability analysis for redevelopment and future development areas in and around townsite, and outlying subdivisions.
- Close and clean-up existing landfill.
- Construct new landfill.
- Upgrade water and sewer at townsite. Consider upgrades to south shore and other residential areas.
- Increase electrical, telephone and Internet access.

Community Wellness, Culture & Education

- Construct new health clinic.
- Construct multi-purpose facility.
- Construct early childhood facility.

Public Services, Facilities & Transportation

- Construct Wood River Bridge.
- Increase parking and docking capacity at existing south shore dock facility. Construct parking and docking on north shore related to bridge construction.
- Construct a Visitor’s Center.
- Create new fishing vessel winter storage.
- Designate a safer float plane landing area.
- Renovate and expand post office.
- Acquire grader, ambulance, fire equipment, trailer, loader.
- Identify and reserve important trails and lake access points.

Excerpt from Aleknagik Long-Range Transportation Plan

The consensus of the Traditional Council, as related by the survey questionnaire, determined the first priority project be the proposed route from Dillingham Road to Wood River (Route 1001), including the proposed bridge. The second priority project is a proposed route that would provide access between the north and the south shores of the village (Route 1008). The third priority project is the proposed route that connects to Route 1001 and provides access to numerous homes and a private airstrip (Route 1011). The Aleknagik Traditional Council priority projects are listed below based on short-, medium-, and long-range needs.

Short-range Transportation Needs (3-5 years)

- Unnamed Road, BIA Route 1001, 1.7 miles in length;
- Lydia's Road, BIA Route 1008, 0.5 mile in length;
- Wassillie Etuckmelra Sr. Road, BIA Route 1011, 0.3 mile in length; and
- George Ilutsik Loop, BIA Route 1012, 0.5 mile in length.

Medium-range Transportation Needs (7-12 years)

- Peter Krause Sr. Drive/Fish Street, BIA Route 1014, 0.9 mile in length;
- Float Plane Road, BIA Route 1005, 0.5 mile in length;
- Lake Street, BIA Route 1016, 0.4 mile in length;
- Tangerpiit Road, BIA Route 1004, 0.3 mile in length;
- Foxville Road, BIA Route 1006, 0.5 mile in length; and
- Suravak Road, BIA Route 1003, 1.6 miles in length.

Long-range Transportation Needs (15-20 years)

- Press Road, BIA Route 1015, 0.1 mile in length;
- Tripod Road, BIA Route 1009, 5.0 miles in length;
- BIA Route 1010, 0.5 mile in length;
- Unnamed Route, BIA Route 1002, 0.6 mile in length Lakeview Road,
- Dillingham Road, BIA Route 1007, 0.3 miles in length; and
- North Shore Landfill Road, BIA Route 1013, 1.7 miles in length.

Other Community Development Plans

Comprehensive transportation planning for the community considers such issues as social, tourism, economic, housing, natural resources, education, and public health. The collective agreement of all interested parties working together to guide the future decision-making framework for the Village of Aleknagik is a necessity (USDOT, 1999). The Traditional Council and community members have expressed a desire for several development projects to ensure the successful growth of the community.

Bridge

Residents of the north shore must travel by water or air to the south shore and to Dillingham. During the winter months, the city uses the snowplow to make an ice road across the river. However, during times of thin ice and spring break up the ice road is not safe for travel. The Traditional Council and community members desire a bridge be constructed across the Wood River connecting both shores allowing for more certain travel. It is also a desire of the Traditional Council to construct a bridge across to Ahiak Island so that residents can have year-round access to the community.

Dock

There currently is not a land connection between Aleknagik's north and south shore or Ahiak Island. Future development plans for Aleknagik include construction of a dock on both the south shore and on Ahiak Island. Tourism, commerce and industry would be greatly improved with the connection of the community by land and by water.

Education

Students from kindergarten through junior high attend the Aleknagik School. Students in high school must travel to Dillingham to attend school. It is the desire of the community to have a high school constructed so students do not have to commute as far.

Housing

New housing development sites are considered, and are to be located west of the new airport. Native allotments that are currently inaccessible will be opened up for development. There is also concern with the lack of streetlights in the subdivisions for the safety of the children playing. More traffic signs need to be posted within the existing housing development and future housing areas.

Public Health

The community requires a health clinic be constructed and a medical doctor hired for immediate health care needs. Immediate health care is a concern, since the nearest hospital, which is located in Dillingham, is 25 miles away. Adverse weather constrains travel for residents that need emergency access to the hospital.

The local roads and trails in Aleknagik are not paved. The road to Dillingham is also not paved. Dillingham Road is used by students during the school year, and year-round by local residents. Health concerns associated with the dust from the roads is a priority for the residents of Aleknagik.

Public Transportation

The village expressed a desire to have public transportation available to them. A public bus or van is the method of transportation the community desires to obtain. Public transportation between Dillingham and Aleknagik would improve shopping, social, and health care opportunities.

Residents were also concerned about the unlit airport runway. Emergency flights cannot operate at night or if adverse weather conditions are present. It is a desire of the Traditional Council and community members to have the airport improved with lighting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISION PROCESS

A comprehensive plan is intended to be a long-range planning document that helps to guide growth and development in the community for about 20 years. For it to be effective, it must be a “living document” that is regularly used to guide decision-making. Residents who participated in the Aleknagik planning process want to see it result in real accomplishments that can be tracked over time.

The revision process for this implementing the priorities identified in this plan and updating the plan will occur at regular intervals. The revision process will always seek input from residents, and all discussions of progress on plan priorities and revisions to the plan will be publicly announced. Milestones in plan implementation and revisions include:

A copy of the plan will be brought to each village organization meeting, including joint meetings of the entities, and will be consulted in decision-making on priority projects.

The ‘goals’ in many of the sections include measures for gauging progress, for example, “3 new village businesses will be started in the next three years”. These measures should be used on an annual basis to assess progress and adjust strategies if needed.

The Implementation section of this plan will be used to coordinate efforts between village entities and organizations. Each project has a ‘lead organization’ identified. At entities meeting, lead organizations will report on status of each priority project. Opportunities for other entities to assist with implementation will be identified during these discussions. Once priority projects are implemented, the Comprehensive Plan can be used to determine the next set of priority actions.

On an annual basis, the Implementation section of the plan will be updated as projects are completed and new projects arise. This updating will be accomplished at an annual meeting of all village organizations, with input from the full community. The updated Implementation section will be recorded and distributed to all community organizations for use in the coming year.

On a five-year basis, the Aleknagik Community Comprehensive Plan will be reviewed by the village organizations, with full public involvement, to determine which actions have been accomplished, and which priority actions should be focused on during the following years. Over time, these revisions to the comprehensive plan will help to document the accomplishments made, and the new priorities that surface. Measurements can be taken to evaluate the plan’s success and it’s rate of implementation, such as:

- Holding a 6-month or annual formal review of the plan goals and priority actions to determine which goals and actions have been accomplished, which are in progress, and which need attention, resources and development,
- Asking the City and Tribal Administrators to catalog and circulate how many grants have been applied for and administered as a result of the plan and how many projects or pieces of capital equipment have been acquired,
- Surveying to determine how many jobs and new businesses have been created since the plan was adopted, and how many people have taken advantage of education and training opportunities,
- On a semi-monthly basis, checking with service providers and similar organizations (such as the school, a Wellness Team or local youth organization) to see if they are

implementing steps outlined in the plan, and if they need assistance or support from community members and entities,

- Tracking statistics on education, crime and other social issues to determine if they have improved.

After ten or twenty years, and the completion of many of the goals and strategies of the comprehensive plan, village organizations will want to reflect upon the accomplishments of the preceding 20 years and, again, plan for the next 20 years by taking on a public participation process to gain community-wide input on the next Aleknagik Community Comprehensive Plan.

EXISTING PLANS

Aleknagik 20-Year Comprehensive Strategic Development Plan. Prepared for the City of Aleknagik. Prepared by The Stadum Group. 2003.

Aleknagik Final Long-Range Transportation Plan, Phase II. Prepared for Aleknagik Traditional Council. Prepared by Bristol Environmental & Engineering Services Corporation. June 2002.

Aleknagik Wood River Bridge: Finding of No Significant Impact. Federal Highway Administration. Project No. STP-0001(152)/53581. 2005.

Aleknagik Wood River Bridge Revised Environmental Assessment. Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. Prepared by Brooks & Associates. August 2004.

Bristol Bay Easement Atlas. Alaska Department of Natural Resources: Division of Land and Water. May 1990.

APPENDICES

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