



## MEETING MINUTES

Institute of Transportation Engineers: Alaska Section

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**OFFICERS PRESENT:**        Shawn Sniserenko – Past President  
                                      Josh Cross – Vice President  
                                      Karthik Murugesan - Treasurer

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE: 57**

**TREASURER’S REPORT: \$3,214**

### ONGOING/OLD BUSINESS:

- Local and National Membership:
  - Alaska Section membership dues are due.
  - All local members are encouraged to join ITE National. See [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org) for more information.
- 2011 conference:
  - Still need volunteers- please consider volunteering!
  - [www.alaskaite.org](http://www.alaskaite.org) is coming soon! Web host being solicited.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Engineer of the Year:
  - Don Porter selected for ITE Engineer of the Year.
- Building Alaska is being aired on KAKM (Anchorage) on Thursday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30pm.

### PRESENTATION:

*Frank Richards, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, AKDOT&PF*

The AKDOT&PF faces multiple key challenges including preserving and protecting Alaska’s infrastructure, providing transportation infrastructure for economic development and others. Needs and challenges are faced by the Airport, AHMS and Highway Systems. There are many advantages in using state funds over federal funds.

Federal Legislation that is being discussed is not favorable to Alaska. Federal Highway Authorization Rep. Oberstar Draft Bill has major departures from past federal policy and poses funding issues for Alaska. Information on Alaska State Legislature can be found at <http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/pubs/pubs.php>.

For more information, contact Frank Richards at [frank.richards@alaska.gov](mailto:frank.richards@alaska.gov)

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**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JAN 5, 2010 @ AK. AVIATION HERITAGE MUSEUM**

**December 2009**