

# Quarterly Newsletter – May 2014

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2014 is going to be an exciting year for the ITS industry! But then again, every year is an exciting year in our industry! The upcoming ITS World Congress meeting in Detroit, Michigan will be an exciting event that showcases many successes from the public and private sectors. Here in Alaska, ITS Alaska is once again kicking off the year with a 'Spring Series' of webinars on related technical topics. This spring, the topics of the webinars all relate to Data. Our first webinar was in March, we had great attendance, and the feedback has all been positive. We look forward to two additional webinars (in April and May), and details are available in this newsletter. Looking forward to the fall, we will conduct our annual ITS Alaska conference in Anchorage this year during the week of September 29<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

I'm honored to be serving as the ITS Alaska president for 2014-2015. This organization and the people involved in it are very important to me, and I've benefitted greatly from the activities ITS Alaska has done in past years. I encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.itsalaska.org>. Additionally, if anyone has any questions, suggestions, or comments, please contact me anytime at [deeter@acconsultants.org](mailto:deeter@acconsultants.org).

- Dean Deeter, ITS Alaska President

## 2014 ANNUAL MEETING:

We had a **GREAT** annual meeting last year! But unfortunately due to its location, our attendee turnout was low. With the meeting in Anchorage this year, we'd like to have an equally stellar cast of presenters but need your help coordinating it!

**Please consider joining the Annual Meeting Planning Committee.** We could use your ideas on session topics, presenters, vendor opportunities, coordinating catering, selecting ITS AK giveaways, facility logistics, and more. The more help we have with planning the meeting, the more organized and successful our meeting will be. If interested, email us at [info@itsalaska.org](mailto:info@itsalaska.org).

## ITS PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

### SPRING WEBINAR SERIES

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10am – 11am**

**“CONNECTED/AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES: HOW MIGHT THEY IMPACT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND DESIGN?”**

**Presenter:** Kenny Voorhies, Principal, Cambridge Systematics

## UPCOMING ITS EVENTS

**August 24 – 27, Branson, Missouri**

[National Rural ITS Conference](#) (NRITS)

**September 7 – 11, Detroit, MI**

ITS America – [ITS World Congress](#)



September 30-October 1<sup>st</sup> (*tentative*), Anchorage, AK

ITS Alaska Annual Meeting (in conjunction with the State Transit Conference)

## 2014 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Do you have an idea on an outstanding ITS project or an outstanding ITS project manager who has excelled in promoting ITS in our great state of Alaska? We will start asking for your nominations in last summer to present at our next annual meeting in September.

### NEW! ITS ALASKA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Locally owned and operated, Alaska ITS supplies technical support services within the ITS industry.

Alaska ITS has provided installation or technical supervision for over 30 Automated Traffic Counter sites monitoring more than 100 traffic lanes within the state of Alaska.

Alaska ITS has installed and currently maintains 21 Weigh-in-Motion lanes for commercial vehicle enforcement and traffic data entities.

Alaska ITS' experience with video monitoring RFID and transponder technology, networking and Weigh-in-Motion technology has qualified the company to provide technical supervision and ongoing maintenance services for Alaska's Mainline Sorting Station on Glenn Highway and virtual weigh stations at the Port of Anchorage and New Seward Highway.

Alaska ITS' experience with the integration of video monitoring, vehicle tracking and detection, over-height detection and NTCIP communication protocol has qualified the company to provide and design the build upgrade to the Eklutna Overheight Warning System. Alaska ITS was recruited for this project in partnership with the Alaska DOT and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Transportation Research Center.

Go to [www.alaskaits.com](http://www.alaskaits.com) for more information or contact Daniel Moose at [danielmoose@alaskaits.com](mailto:danielmoose@alaskaits.com).

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

**Coming soon:** RFP for services for Iways Architecture Update (DOT&PF). To get on a vendor list, email Becky Gattung in Procurement at [becky.gattung@alaska.gov](mailto:becky.gattung@alaska.gov)

**Interested in bidding on ITS projects at DOT&PF?** Or just want to know what projects DOT&PF has planned? The STIP is where all of our funded projects are listed. Go to: <http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/cip/stip/index.shtml> to search the project list for ITS.

What is the Municipality of Anchorage doing with ITS? Click [here](#) to go to the ITS projects page on their website.

Do you know of other ITS projects going on in the State that you'd like to share with the group? Please email us at [info@itsalaska.org](mailto:info@itsalaska.org) We will repost it!

## MEET YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2014-2015

Click [here](#) to view the new ITS Alaska Board of Directors and see our smiling faces.

## BECOME A MEMBER

ITS Alaska membership is open to public agencies, private companies, academic organizations, professional associations or individuals with an interest in advancing the purpose of ITS Alaska. Please contact any of our Board members or email [info@itsalaska.org](mailto:info@itsalaska.org) for more information. Or click [here](#) to go to our membership page which has the cost and level of memberships available.

### Attention: All DOT&PF Staff

You may not be aware, but you are already an ITS Alaska member! DOT&PF has a Department wide membership. If you are not currently receiving emails from ITS Alaska, request to be added to the email distribution list. Send a request to [info@itsalaska.org](mailto:info@itsalaska.org)