

**2008 National Transportation Civil Rights Conference
Anchorage, Alaska
September 5-10, 2008**

Draft Agenda

“The Evolution of Transportation – Civil Rights in Motion”

Thursday, September 4, 2008	
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration
Friday, September 5, 2008	
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Registration
9:00 am – 6:00 pm	AASHTO Administrative Subcommittee on Civil Rights
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	AASHTO Administrative Subcommittee on Civil Rights
12:00 pm – 1:00pm	Luncheon
1:00 pm – 3:00pm	AASHTO Administrative Subcommittee on Civil Rights
3:00 pm – 3:30pm	Afternoon Break
3:30 pm – 6:00 pm	AASHTO Administrative Subcommittee on Civil Rights
Saturday, September 6, 2008	
8:00 am – 4:00pm	Conference Registration
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Peer Exchanges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wounded Veterans & Transportation Civil Rights • Race Neutral and Economically Disadvantaged Programs • Tribal Relations Support Services & BOWD Best Practices Training – ADA / 504
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch
Sunday, September 7, 2008	
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Conference Registration
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Peer Exchanges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wounded Veterans & Transportation Civil Rights Race Neutral and Economically Disadvantaged Programs Tribal Relations Support Services & BOWD Best Practices Training – ADA / 504
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Conference Ice Breaker

Monday, September 8, 2008

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Conference Registration
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Welcome to Alaska <i>Opening Ceremony – Post the Colors East Anchorage High School ROTC</i> <i>Welcome – Gospel Choir</i>
	Opening Ceremony <i>Alaska Governor Sarah Palin Invited</i> <i>Mark Begich, Anchorage Mayor</i> <i>Leo von Scheben, Jr Alaska DOT & PF Commissioner</i> <i>Patrick Gamble, Alaska Railroad President and CEO</i> <i>Celina Benavidez, AASHTO Sub Committee Chair</i>
	Keynote Address <i>Father Michael Oleksa – Cross Cultural Communication</i>
9:45 am – 11:45 am	Concurrent Breakout Sessions Session 1 – STA Baseline Assessments Session 2 – ACDBE Regulation Update Session 3 – Technical Assistance Sessions for Recipients
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Alaska Kodo Drummers Program (proposed) and FHWA Awards Luncheon
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm	The Way it Was Panel Discussion – <i>How Transportation Civil Rights Programs Were Established with Past and Present Civil Rights Practitioners from USDOT, OS-DBU, FHWA, FAA, FTA, FRA and State DOTs</i>
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	The Men Who Built the Alaska Highway - — In May of 1942, across the rugged sub-Arctic wilderness of Alaska and Canada, thousands of American soldiers began one of the biggest and most difficult construction projects ever undertaken-building the Alaska Highway. This program tells how young African American soldiers battled mud, muskeg, and mosquitoes; endured ice, snow, and bitter cold; and cut pathways through primeval forests to push a 1,520-mile road across one of the world's harshest landscapes. (proposed)
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Evening Social Event at the Alaska Native Heritage Center

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Conference Registration
7am – 8am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 11:45 am	Panel Discussion – Legislative Updates for Airport and Surface Transportation Re-Authorization Bills before Congress Panel Members include – USDOT, FHWA, FAA, FTA and Congress
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch – <i>Attendees on their own</i>
1:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Multimodal Transportation Civil Rights <u>Focus</u> – The DBE Program (both Part 23 and Part 26), External EEO and 504-ADA Innovative Small Business Programs – Panel Discussion ADA/504 Compliance for Transportation – proposal to have an in depth panel session on Access and ADA program administration – outdoor exercise to be included – Colorado DOT, Maryland DOT, the Access Board and Department of Justice Panel Discussion on the Disparity studies – status of studies underway and results from completed – Caltrans, Nevada DOT, Idaho DOT, Oregon DOT, Montana DOT, Washington State DOT and consultants
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	2008 National Transportation Civil Rights Banquet

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Conference Registration
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:15 am – 12:00 pm	Multimodal Transportation Civil Rights <u>Focus</u> – The Future of Transportation Civil Rights
8:15 am – 10:00 am	Emergency Preparedness US DOT Efforts FTA cooperative initiatives for transporting low income and minority populations FHWA FAA
10:15 am – 11:45am	Limited English Proficiency US DOT Efforts FTA cooperative initiatives FHWA FAA
11:45 am	Closing Remarks – <i>USDOT, FHWA, FAA, FTA, and AASHTO</i> Retrieve the Colors – <i>East Anchorage High School ROTC</i>