Increasing capacity on our nation’s transportation system will:

- Unlock Gridlock,
- Generate Jobs,
- Deliver Freight,
- Access Energy,
- Connect Communities

Did you know?

- The amount of freight moved in this country—from milk, toothpaste and toilet paper to sparkplugs, wheat and wind turbines—is expected to double in the next 40 years?
- The Interstate Highway System represents only 4 percent of total miles but carries 70 percent of commercial truck traffic?
- Each of the top ten worst freight-truck bottlenecks cause over one million hours of delay a year?

"The Knik Arm Bridge is transformative to the region. Its multi-modal connectivity for the movement of people and freight and the network redundancy and connectivity it provides for safety and security fits perfectly with the department’s mission."

—Frank Richards, Deputy Commissioner for Highways and Public Facilities
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Freight Capacity Needs

**Knik Arm Bridge—Anchorage, Alaska**

Anchorage is a state transportation center. 90% of seaborne container cargo coming to the state is landed at the Port of Anchorage. Anchorage International Airport is within 9 hours of 95% of the industrialized world, and is the fifth largest freight airport in the world for total throughput. The Alaska Railroad hauled in excess of 540,000 passengers and 6 million tons of freight in 2008. The Knik Arm Bridge is a key component in the further development and sophistication of the state’s transportation infrastructure.

Freight landed at the Port of Anchorage can be expedited much more quickly to northern destinations on the Parks Highway by crossing the bridge. The development of a port at Point MacKenzie will expand the state’s capacity for export of resources and products and will provide staging for future gasoline construction or other major resource development projects. The bridge will provide easy access to a planned rail corridor extending to Port MacKenzie. The bridge will provide a more direct route and intermodal connections for the movement of people and freight between Anchorage, Denali National Park, Fairbanks and Interior Alaska.

The terminal points of the bridge, at the Port of Anchorage and at Point MacKenzie, are ideally located for the connectivity of transportation systems. This project will help the region and the state meet its transportation infrastructure needs and accommodate population growth and economic development rationally and efficiently.

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Capacity Needs *continued*

Aerial View of the Proposed Knik Arm Bridge