



## KNIK ARM BRIDGE & TOLL AUTHORITY

### Thank you Alaskans!

To the nearly 100 people who attended the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA) open houses in Wasilla and Anchorage, **your involvement** in this initial planning phase is **greatly appreciated!** You gave us a chance to exchange ideas, and gather your comments, concerns, and recommendations regarding the proposed Knik Arm Crossing project.

For those of you unable to attend, the information provided at the open houses included:

- History of the Knik Arm Crossing project
- Authority and responsibilities of KABATA as a toll authority
- Project progress, ongoing studies and research, and project milestones
- Opportunities for citizens to participate in the project development process

Based on conceptual estimates from preliminary and investigative planning, on October 14, 2004, the KABATA Board approved a preliminary capital budget target of \$400-600 million, including approaches to connect to existing roads on both sides of Knik Arm. In December 2004, KABATA will file a Notice of Intent with the Federal Highway Administration to begin preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Public input will be crucial at every stage in the EIS to identify and evaluate alternatives that achieve the project goal, identify significant impacts to the human and natural environment, and define impact mitigation measures.

We need your input and ideas! Public participation in the development of the Knik Arm crossing project is essential for preparation of a comprehensive and responsive EIS and project design. Please contact us with your comments and add your name to our mailing list either by calling the KABATA office at (907) 269-6698 or by emailing us at [Knik\\_Bridge@dot.state.ak.us](mailto:Knik_Bridge@dot.state.ak.us). For project and open house information, visit [www.knikarmbridge.com](http://www.knikarmbridge.com).

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