



# KNIK ARM CROSSING NEWS

Keeping you informed about the Knik Arm Crossing Project

Immediate benefits from Alaska's transportation bridge to the future:

- **Economic stimulus:**
  - \$715 million of new infrastructure
  - 5,000 construction-related jobs
- **Lowers cost for freight to Interior**
- **Lowers cost for Alaska drivers**

## MEETING NOTICE:

**Thursday, June 9, 2011**

Suite 308, Alaska USA Financial Center, 1292 Sadler Way, Fairbanks, AK

**Audit Committee  
12:30 p.m.**

**Board of Directors  
1:30 p.m.**

## Knik Arm Crossing Industry Workshop, Meetings and InfraAmericas US P3 Forum 2011

KABATA will host a Knik Arm Crossing Industry Workshop and also attend InfraAmericas' US P3 Infrastructure Forum June 13-15 in New York City. The workshop will update leading industry participants on the status of plans for the bridge project, which will be delivered as a public-private partnership (P3).

### Knik Arm Crossing Project Industry Workshop

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. EDT, Monday, June 13  
(Doors open at 2:00 p.m.)  
Citigroup Auditorium, 399 Park Ave., 12th floor  
New York, NY 10043

### One-on-one industry meetings with the Knik Arm Crossing team

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 14  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 15  
Grand Hyatt Hotel, New York City

### Knik Arm Crossing Industry Workshop and Meetings

June 13-15, 2011  
New York City  
In conjunction with  
InfraAmericas' US P3 Forum

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## Project Attracts Positive National Media Attention

National media attention has been very positive toward KABATA's project procurement. As reported by Vince Calio in the May 13, 2011 | USA | Bridges and Tunnels article, "P3 developers are showing early interest in the proposed project to build Alaska's Knik Arm Bridge."

Several P3 industry leaders have expressed interest in pursuing the project to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the toll bridge, under an availability payment-based structure. The new bridge is expected to cost approximately \$715 million and will connect the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (Mat-Su) region to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city and the state's business, cultural and financial center.



## P3 Progress around the Nation

- **States Moving Toward More Tolling and PPPs**

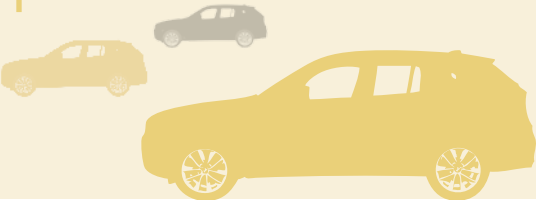
Facing the prospect of reduced federal highway aid in coming years, governors and legislatures in eight states are pursuing legislation to allow public-private-partnership (PPP) agreements for major highway projects, according to the May issue of Surface Transportation Innovations.

For the next 10 years, the governor of Indiana and its state DOT will be able to designate projects as PPP candidates and solicit proposals from the private sector without having to go back to the legislature for approval. In Washington State, the legislature approved enabling legislation for the first phase of WSDOT's project to add express toll lanes to congested I-405.

PPP bills are being debated in Texas, Nevada, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania."

- The North American Transport "Deal of the Year" Award from Project Finance Magazine was presented to the **RTD FasTracks Eagle P3 Concessionaire**, Denver Transit Partners (DTP). As reported in Project Finance, "RTD issued nearly \$398 million of tax-exempt, private-activity bonds in August for the Eagle P3 Project, the first public-private partnership for commuter rail in the United States to include design-build, financing and long-term operations. The total capital cost of the Eagle P3 Project is \$2.1 billion."

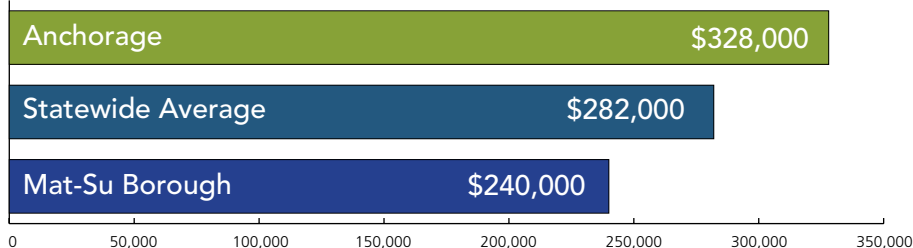
- The **Presidio Parkway Project** in San Francisco is the first project to reach award under California's new public-private partnership statute.



## Mat-Su Continues to Grow

From 2000 to 2010, Alaska's population grew by 13.3 percent to 710,231, faster than the national rate of 9.7 percent, as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. Neil Fried, a labor economist with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said the Mat-Su Borough is growing by about 3.6 percent per year, compared to the overall state growth of 1.3 percent. "It's one of the few places growing fairly fast and really the only area of the state growing really fast," said Fried. Anchorage is running out of developable land, making the synergies this bridge brings to Anchorage and Mat-Su very important.

### The Cost of a Single-Family Home



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska Quarterly Survey of Mortgage Lending Activity.



The Knik Arm Crossing would connect the busy Port of Anchorage with Port MacKenzie, the only Southcentral port site not constrained by urbanization. Port MacKenzie's 14 square miles of uplands are dedicated solely for commercial/industrial development. In addition to the bridge, a railroad spur is planned for Port MacKenzie.

### Notice of Proposed Changes to the Regulations of KABATA

To obtain the proposed regulations or provide comments, go to [www.knikarmbridge.com](http://www.knikarmbridge.com). All comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., June 2, 2011.