

# HAINES BOROUGH 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ACTION SUMMARY

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Strategies	Timeframe			Responsibility
	1-2	3-5	6 -10+	
area, and a classroom. <i>Cross reference with Community Svs 17 B (6)</i>				
7. Support committees working to acquire historically or culturally significant properties such as the Anway Cabin and Eldred Rock Lighthouse. Identify additional funding increments needed (possible funding sources: Borough, grants, sales, etc.) as part of acquisitions to maintain, operate and market new assets. <i>Cross reference with Community Svs 17 B( 7)</i>	X	X	X	Borough, Sheldon Museum, CVHS
8. Have bi-annual joint meeting for key board and staff of Sheldon Museum, Library, HCVB, DRVC, the Haines Arts Council, tour providers, CIA, and others to identify ways to collaborate on events, local and tourist visitation, and revenue generation. <i>Cross reference with Community Svs 17 B (3)</i>	X	X	X	Parties named
9. Define economic contribution (employment, wages, revenue with multipliers) to Haines from arts and cultural businesses, organizations, and events. <i>Cross reference with Community Svs 17 B (8)</i>	X	X		Borough, Arts Council

## Transportation

Strategies	Timeframe			Responsibility
	1-2	3-5	6-10+	
<b>Goal 4. Provide a safe, convenient, reliable, and connected transportation network to move goods and people to, from, and within Haines Borough. Aggressively maintain road, port, and harbor facilities to maximize public investment, enhance public safety and access, and provide economic opportunity.</b>				
<b>Objective 4A: Capitalize on Haines’ position as a transportation hub to increase transfer and shipment of cargo, supplies, fuel, ore and other commodities with the Yukon, northern BC, and Interior Alaska.</b> <i>Cross reference with Econ Dev 3J and its implementing actions (1-8) which provide detail.</i>				
1. Actively market Haines port and road network and facilities.	X	X	X	Borough
<b>Objective 4B: Improve harbor and marine facilities for resident use and to support commercial fishing activity.</b> <i>Also refer to Econ Dev Objective 3C &amp; actions (1-9) about adding value to local commercial fisheries.</i>				
1. Identify and prioritize infrastructure and maintenance needed to support commercial fishing and seafood processing activity.	X			Borough, P&HAC, Haines fishers, seafood processors
2. Conduct work session/public review to advance Portage Cove Small Boat Harbor expansion (see pg 122) to final concept design (harbor, parking, park).	X			Planning Commission/P&HAC, PRAC
3. Conduct geotechnical drilling needed for accurate cost	X			Borough

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	1-2	3-5	6-10+	
estimates and design of small boat harbor south wave barrier/ breakwater.				
4. Work with US COE, ADOT&PF and others to acquire full funding; construct in phases if full funding not all available at onset. (\$19.5 million in CIP funding acquired in 2012 with \$15 million of this contingent of state approval of bond package in fall 2012.)	X	X	X	Borough, P&HAC, State, COE
<b>Objective 4C: Support Alaska Marine Highway System ferry service to and from Haines.</b>				
1. Advocate for daily AMHS day boat service between Upper Lynn Canal communities and Juneau.	X			Borough, elected officials
2. Advocate for the proposed Alaska Class ferry to serve the Upper Lynn Canal	X			Borough, elected officials
3. Advocate for AMHS ferry to homeport or overnight in Haines.	X	X		Borough, elected officials
<b>Objective 4D: Accomplish geotechnical investigations and surficial/ ground water flow improvements/redirection to address Lutak Slope ground movement.</b>				
1. Conduct a comprehensive assessment of surface and ground water flows and flow paths. Identify risk, options to improve stability of lower hillside (Oceanview Rd/Lutak slope and Road) and costs. Implement chosen solutions.	X	X		Borough, ADOT&PF, USGS, DMVA, land owners
<b>Objective 4E: Pro-actively address possibility of railroad between Port Lutak area, the Yukon Territory and Interior Alaska.</b>				
1. Identify land and resource concerns, at a planning level, along the three routes that being discussed as options to identify issues important to the Borough that a future engineering or environmental study would need to address.	X	X		Borough
2. Identify the route likely to be preferred (at a planning level) by Haines Borough and rationale.		X		Borough
3. Survey route from Lutak to Zimovia Point (just past 9 mile) where a possible bridge would be built, to assess costs and feasibility so that Borough is positioned to assist State, Yukon Government, or other potential funders. This could be partially combined with action 4D (1).		X	X	Borough, Yukon Government, producers/private sector, ADOT&PF
4. Conduct preliminary engineering study to estimate construction costs and exit point for 3-mile tunnel from Lutak Dock to airport area for alternative truck or railroad route to Lutak Dock.		X		Borough, Yukon Government, producers/private sector, ADOT&PF
<b>Objective 4F: Accomplish the Borough’s Transportation Improvement Program, including the</b>				

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	1-2	3-5	6-10+	
<b>36 road and non-motorized improvements projects listed on Table 6-5 and partially mapped on Figure 6-3. Build a connected, non-motorized transportation network (sidewalks, wide road shoulders, separated paths) to encourage healthy lifestyles and safe walking, biking, and skiing to and from work and school.</b>				
1. Annually update and approve the Haines Borough Consolidated Transportation Plan to enable continued receipt of public transportation services and funding, such as Senior Citizen transportation services.	X	X	X	Borough, CIA
2. Aggressively pursue funding to systematically complete the Borough’s Transportation Improvement Program <sup>5</sup> including the 36 road and non-motorized improvements projects listed on Table 6-5 and partly mapped on Figure 6-3.	X	X	X	Borough
3. Pave or chip seal roads in Haines Borough. Focus on Phase III-VI Local Roads Program within the townsite and areas designated for Rural Settlement on Comprehensive Plan Future Growth Maps.	X	X	X	Borough, State, CIA
4. Prepare Local Roads Program VII-X.	X	X		Borough
5. Maintain and expand public transportation services. Explore opportunities for coordination of services, shared resources and pay-per-ride options among van and bus owners in Haines. Assess public demand for year round transit service and routes and run feasibility analysis.	X			CIA, REACH, Inc., Senior Center, Borough, CIV, State HESS, ADNR, DPH & others w vans, Schools, SE Senior Services, Catholic Services
6. Publicize and advertise existing transit services available for seniors, other residents, and visitors. Place information on Borough website, on hainesak.com under “transportation”, on haines.ak.us, on flyers around town etc. <i>Also refer to Cm Svs 17 D(4) and (8)</i>	X			CIA, REACH, Inc., Senior Center, Borough
7. More obvious and higher quality signage needed for tour season transit service as well as printed routes and schedules to significantly improve this service.	X			Borough, Transit contractor
8. Increase visibility of routes and ease of access to DBD; relocate and improve highway and directional signs to point people and vehicles to – rather than bypass - Main Street (for example, the sign at 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Union now	X	X		Borough, ADOT&PF

<sup>5</sup> Funding sources include, but are not limited to: State STIP and TRAAK funding, SeaTrails grants, Legislative Requests at state and federal level, partner with CIA and CIV for use of IRR and other funds, federal Scenic Byway funding, pursue grants, seek inclusion in State bond packages, sell municipal bonds.

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specifically directs highway traffic to bypass downtown). <i>Cross reference with Econ Dev 3E (8)</i>				
9. Systematically implement the Haines Highway Scenic Corridor Partnership Plan. <i>Cross reference with Parks and Rec 14E (11) which lists more details.</i>	X	X	X	ADOT&PF, Borough

### Land Use and Future Growth

Strategies	Timeframe			Responsibility
	1-2	3-5	6-10+	
<b>Goal 5. Guide infrastructure and land development to provide an adequate supply of land for commercial and industrial development, varied residential living, and diverse recreational opportunities.</b>				
<b>Objective 5A: Periodically assess the amount of undeveloped land available that is zoned for residential, commercial, and industrial purposes to ensure an adequate supply is available.</b>				
1. Designate areas for future residential, commercial and industrial land use and update zoning as needed.	X	X	X	Planning Commission
2. If land is in short supply, avoid scarcity by rezoning land, selling Borough land, or working with public or private landowners to make land available for sale.	X	X	X	Planning Commission
3. Facilitate orderly development by working with large landowners to prepare Master Development Plans that delineate buildable areas, areas with environmental constraints that impact development feasibility and cost, and identify access and utility routes. Focus on areas identified for future utility expansion on Figure 7-4.	X	X	X	Borough, AMHT, UA, private landowners with parcels greater than 20 acres, Planning Commission
<b>Objective 5B: Assign highest priority land use/development in areas designated “Waterfront Development<sup>6</sup>” on the Future Growth Maps for water-dependent uses and activities, followed by water-related uses and activities.</b>				
<b>Objective 5C: Site commercial and light industrial development in logical locations to promote economic opportunity, satisfy current and future needs, and concentrate these more intensive uses.</b>				

<sup>6</sup> Water-dependent uses and activities are economically or physically dependent upon a coastal location. Following is a non-exhaustive list of water-dependent uses and activities: boat harbors; facilities that serve as inter-modal transportation links for the transfer of goods, services or people between the marine transportation system and the road system; docks; marine-based tourism facilities; boat repair and haul out facilities; fish hatcheries; mariculture activities; fish processing facilities; log storage and transfer; float plane bases, and remote recreational cabins dependent on water access. Water-related uses and activities include, but are not limited to marine retail stores and commercial activities such as hotels, restaurants, and other similar uses that provide views and access to the waterfront.