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DALTON HIGHWAY MASTER PLAN

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Dalton Highway Advisory & Planning Board
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Dalton Highway Advisory and Planning Board was created by Governor Tony Knowles on June 5, 1995, to craft a master plan for sound economic development, public safety and prudent natural resource management along the Dalton Highway. The plan addresses the impacts of additional public use of the road and the best ways of managing and providing for this use.

The board recommends that initial development occur at five nodes, Yukon River Crossing, Coldfoot, Chandalar Shelf, Happy Valley, and Deadhorse. Expanded commercial services that are *market-driven* should be offered at these nodes. Also, public services that need to be addressed include public safety, sanitation facilities and services, emergency medical services, and information services. Additionally the plan includes fish and wildlife concerns, off-road access and future travel impacts. Recommendations include a seasonal hunter check station and additional trooper enforcement.

Implementing, monitoring and changes to the plan will be accomplished by a group formed through a memorandum of understanding among interested parties, such as Tanana Chiefs Conference, North Slope Borough, Stevens Village, Bureau of Land Management, and the Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation & Public Facilities. The board recommends that the coordination group meet at least once a year to report any progress toward the plan's recommendations or raise issues to be addressed in a given year.

The board chose to terminate its existence at the January 8, 1998 board meeting.

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