

Transportation Advisory Committee Project Ranking Considerations

1. The Denali Commission will contact project sponsors to review project nominations as part of its due diligence on behalf of the Committee. Staff may ask for records or other information that confirms statements in the project nomination form so the Committee may conduct its business in an efficient and thorough manner.
2. The project sponsor must own the facility it nominates, or have the owner's authority to submit the project to the Committee. A joint resolution between the owner and sponsor is required. Alaska DOT&PF owned and/or operated road and harbor projects may only be submitted for consideration by DOT&PF.
3. All project nomination packages must be postmarked by November 1, 2007, to be considered in the project selection process for Fiscal Year 2008. Project sponsors will be notified if their project is not going to be considered in Fiscal Year 2008 because it came in late.
4. Project requests in a Fiscal Year can be up to 5% of the available program funds or \$1,000,000 in either road or waterfront development programs
5. Projects can be funded for a phase of work (planning, design, construction), but cannot be funded twice for the same phase of work. Design funding will generally be no more than 20% of the construction estimate. Additionally, Denali Commission will not provide additional funding for a project area or project class if construction funds have been allocated to that area or class in a previous year.
6. Project nominations need to demonstrate logical termini and a stand-alone scope of work. A project sponsor may not bring phases of a project to the Committee that do not meet a logical termini standard. This is designed to prevent projects being segmented into sections that meet Denali Commission funding limits, but do not function as complete projects
7. Construction-phase project nominations will be evaluated on approved Plans, Specifications and Estimates package submitted as part of the project nomination package. The project package will also need to include approved NEPA and permitting documentation
8. Basic road and waterfront development projects in small community projects may be fully funded by the Commission given the limitation on available resources
9. Larger projects, with multiple funding or agency responsibility, or projects in larger communities with local or regional funding sources including tax and bond capacity, need to demonstrate a funding partnership, which Denali Commission, through its funding decisions may become a partner
10. ATV-Hardened Trail projects are becoming active in several federal agency programs. Agencies with active programs and funding capacity, may bring projects to the Committee for consideration