

Sec. 19.05.010. Department to supervise highway system.

The department is responsible for the planning, construction, maintenance, protection, and control of the state highway system.

Sec. 19.05.020. Regulations.

The department shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of AS 19.05 - AS 19.25. The regulations may not conflict with AS 36.30 (State Procurement Code) or regulations adopted by the Department of Administration to implement that chapter.

Sec. 19.05.030. Duties of department.

The department has the following duties:

- (1) direct approved highway planning and construction and maintenance, protection and control of highways;
- (2) employ assistants and employees;
- (3) certify and approve vouchers;
- (4) provide a program of highway research;
- (5) prepare a budget;
- (6) review the annual highway program;
- (7) develop and implement an avalanche control plan to protect persons who use public highways.

Sec. 19.05.040. Powers of department.

The department may

- (1) acquire property;
- (2) exercise the power of eminent domain;
- (3) take immediate possession of real property, or any interest in real property under a declaration of taking or by other lawful means;
- (4) acquire rights-of-way for present or future use;
- (5) control access to highways;
- (6) regulate roadside development;
- (7) preserve and maintain the scenic beauty along state highways;
- (8) dispose of property acquired for highway purposes;
- (9) accept and dispose of federal funds or property available for highway construction, maintenance, or equipment;

(10) enter into contracts or agreements relating to highways with the federal government, municipalities, a political subdivision, or with a foreign government, if the contract is approved by the federal government;

(11) establish, levy, and collect tolls, fees, charges, and rentals for the use of state roads, highways, bridges, tunnels, crossings, and causeways;

(12) award and administer grants authorized by appropriation by the legislature; and

(13) exercise any other power necessary to carry out the purpose of AS 19.05 - AS 19.25.