

# The Tripod



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### The Trail for all Seasons

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes public awareness of the Iditarod Trail and its gold rush and Alaska Native heritage by encouraging education programs and historical research, assisting in the protection, improvement, maintenance and marking of the trail and developing partnerships that foster stewardship commitments and support.



### Active Transportation Summit



Alaska Trails is leading an effort to bring a statewide Active Transportation Summit to Anchorage on October 11 and 12. The Summit, co-sponsored by Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions, will feature active transportation expert Mark Fenton.

Active transportation refers to any form of human-powered transportation, such as walking, cycling, skiing, using a wheel chair or skateboarding.

The Active Transportation Summit will pave the way for the establishment of an Active Transportation Coordinator, which Alaska Trails hopes to implement in 2017. The Summit will be an opportunity for everyone interested in active transportation to gather, strategize and network.

The goals for the 2016 Active Transportation Summit are to:

- Convene stakeholders to work on a draft Active Transportation Plan
- Agree on Active Transportation Coordinator position and work plan
- Broaden active transportation in Alaska to incorporate both health and economic benefits
- Develop a plan to engage business and politics leaders in active transportation

The overall goals for the Active Transportation program include:

- Increasing the amount of funding to projects that enhance active transportation
- Pursuing policies that expand active transportation opportunities
- Promoting awareness and safety of trail use, biking, walking and other active transportation
- Highlighting the health and economic benefits of active transportation
- Enhancing and amplifying the work already being done to promote active transportation in Alaska

### Wada Statue dedication

The formal dedication of the Jujiro Wada statue, erected this summer in Seward by the Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers, is set for 1 p.m. on Friday, September 23, rain or shine.

A reception will be held in Zudy's Cafe after the dedication.

## From the past...

"Iditarod Pioneer" August 12, 1916

### NEW MOTOR CARS RECEIVED BY THE MUTCHLER BROS.

The two motor cars ordered by the Mutchler Bros. for use on the Iditarod-Flat tramway have been received and will soon be in operation. These cars were expected here on the first up-river consignments this year, but because of the longshoremen's strike at Seattle they were left on the docks and their delivery delayed.

The heavier of the cars, equipped for heavy traffic, is fitted with two motors, and is geared for a speed of ten to twelve miles an hour. The combined horse-power is 44, and it is expected that it will be able to negotiate the somewhat steep grades of the tram line with ease. It is even possible that one motor will be sufficient, but the extra power was added to insure the success of the car. The lighter car, for passenger traffic, will be able to make much faster times and is expected to become a popular vehicle on the route between the two towns.

Considerable work, will be necessary on the track to prepare for the new cars, and men will be put to work on the improvements in few days.

"Iditarod Pioneer" August 26, 1916

### SCHOOL TEACHER ARRIVES

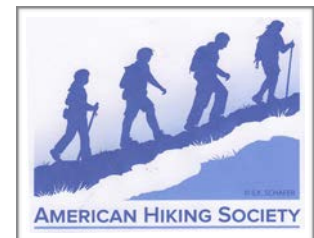
Among the arrivals on Monday morning's boat from the Outside was Miss. Helen Grant who has been engaged by the trustees of the Otter school district to have charge of the school at Flat during the coming term, which commences September 4. Miss. Grant is well and favorably known in the district, having formerly been in charge of the school. She left here two years ago.

## State Historic Preservation Plan

The Office of History and Archaeology is reviewing the state's historic preservation plan and will be writing the 2018-23 plan next year. An online survey has been created to hear from Alaskans about historic places in the state that should be preserved and what policies and programs would help promote stewardship, protection and use of Alaska's historic properties. Take a few minutes to complete the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>. For additional information about the plan revision contact Summer Rickman at 907-269-8717 or [summer.rickman@alaska.gov](mailto:summer.rickman@alaska.gov)

## National Trails Day®

American Hiking Society's National Trails Day® on June 4 offered Americans more trail activities than any year since National Trails Day® was launched in 1993. Nationwide, 2,381 activities including hiking, biking, horseback riding, trail maintenance, peddling, geocaching, trail dedications and children's activities took place in all 50 states, Washington D. C. and Puerto Rico. The events brought out more than 168,000 people to explore parks and trails.



## 150th Anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession

The Alaska Historical Commission has \$100,000 available for matching grants to assist with projects for the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession. The application deadline is October 17, 2016. The grants are for research and publication projects, restoration of significant historic properties and community and heritage tourism programs. The programs's goals are to deepen the understanding of the history and significance of the event and 19th century Alaska and to encourage projects that address less well studied subjects and perspectives on the event. If you have questions about the program or application, contact Jo Antonson, 907-269-8714 or [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov)

## World Trails Conference

The 6th World Trails Conference will be held in Tottori, Japan October 14-17. The conference will cover the benefits trails bring to tourism, social health and the direct experience of nature. For more information go to: <http://worldtrailsnetwork.org/conference2016/>

**Correction:** in the article on the right-of-way case in the July newsletter, two names were misspelled: Dick MacCay should be Dick Mackey and Chuck Sarrarat should be Chuck Sarrara.