March 27 Southcentral Mayors' Energy Coalition Meeting Recap

The meeting began with a warm welcome from Anchorage Mayor Dave Bronson, along with a summary of the Technical Committee Meeting that occurred the week prior (Coalition Mayors' were sent the minutes to the Technical Committee Meeting). Cassandra provided an update on the MEET Alaska Conference hosted by the Alaska Alliance.

Mayor Bronson introduced the notion of changing the purpose of the Technical Committee in order to maintain member interest. Members of the Technical Committee voiced their concerns that without proposing solutions, members will not remain interested. The Mayors' Coalition unanimously agreed to let the Technical Committee pursue solution propositions on the basis they remain in the scope of the municipalities. The mayors unanimously agreed to adjust the Technical Committee goals.

Following the discussion, the mayors received a prentation from Jeremy VanderMeer, Research Assistant Professor with the Alaska Center for Energy and Power with University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Professor VanderMeer described a research study he contributed to titled the <u>Railbelt Decarbonization study</u>. The presentation slides can be found <u>here</u>.

Full meeting minutes can be found <u>here</u>.