

**ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Planning & Development Center
Main Conference Room, 1st Floor
4700 Elmore Road**

**July 13, 2023
2:30 PM**

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Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Name	Representing
Brad Coy (Chair)	MOA/Traffic Engineering Department
Kate Dueber	Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)
Ben White	Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), Anchorage Field Office
Luke Bowland	DOT&PF
Adeyemi Alimi	Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Bart Rudolph	MOA/Public Transportation Department (PTD)
Craig Lyon	MOA/Planning Department
Melinda Kohlhaas	MOA/Project Management & Engineering (PM&E)
Matt Stichick	MOA/Anchorage Health Department (AHD)
Steve Rafuse	MOA/Parks & Recreation Department

Also in attendance:

Name	Representing
Jon Cecil	AMATS
Christine Schuette	AMATS
Rhiannon Brown	AMATS
Chelsea Ward-Waller	AMATS
Kristin Myers	
Sean Holland	
Morgan McCammon	
Randy Brown	MOA/PTD
Cole Carnahan	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
James Starzec	DOT&PF
Mark Eisenman	DOT&PF
Paul Goodfellow	Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Adam Moser	DOT&PF
Stephanie Mormilo	HDL Engineering Consultants
Brandon Telford	PM&E
Theresa Dutchuk	DOWL
Anna Bosin	DOT&PF
Ken Huckeba	

Laurie Cummings HDR
Aziz Atallah HDR
Carolyn Overstreet
Colin Singleton CRW
Peg Kinch

**Policy Committee Member*

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

CHAIR COY called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Ms. Dueber represented the Alaska Railroad Corporation on behalf of Brian Lindamood. Bart Rudolph represented the MOA Public Transportation Department on behalf of Jamie Acton. Steve Ribuffo was absent. A quorum was established prior to Mr. Alimi arriving at 2:32 p.m.

2. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

JON CECIL encouraged public involvement in this meeting of the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee. He explained staff would first make their presentation, followed by any comments from Committee members, and the floor would then be open to public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MR. RUDOLPH moved to approve the agenda. MR. ALIMI seconded.

MS. KOHLHAAS moved to amend to add the Pilot of Protected Bike Lanes in Anchorage as Agenda Item 6.b. MR. ALIMI seconded.

Hearing no objections, the amendment passed.

Main Motion

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved, as amended

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – June 8, 2023

MR. ALIMI moved to approve the minutes. MR. BOWLAND seconded.

MR. LYON referred to page 2, noting a correction in Mr. Jongenelen’s presentation to add an additional letter ‘A’ to the acronym CRRSA to read, CRRSAA.

MR. BOWLAND deferred the CRRSAA funding projects to JAMES STARZEC for clarification of comments.

MR. STARZEC referred to page 5, noting that it states the two Tudor and Northern Lights Corridor Plans will have MOA match sources. These need to be corrected to be DOT&PF match sources.

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 2023 Update for Reconnecting Communities Grant

MR. CECIL noted that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is required by federal law under Title 23 CFR 450.308. NeighborWorks Alaska received a Reconnecting Community Grant that must be included in the AMATS UPWP. The AMATS Policy Committee approved adding language to the 2024-2025 UPWP narrative, which also needs to be added to the 2022-2023 UPWP to ensure that the recipient, NeighborWorks, can receive the funding.

There were no comments.

MR. STICHICK moved to add the suggested language to page 10 of the current UPWP and forward to the Policy Committee for approval. MR. ALIMI seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

b. Alaska DOT&PF Carbon Reduction Strategy

MR. CECIL noted that the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (AKDOT&PF) is developing Carbon Reduction Strategies under the Carbon Reduction Program. This project outlines the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) located in the Federal Highway Administration fact sheet. As part of this effort DOT&PF is reaching out to the MPOs in the State to introduce the plan, purpose, and receive any preliminary input.

THERESA DUTCHUK with DOWL provided a PowerPoint presentation.

CHAIR COY opened the floor to public comments. The following individuals commented:

JAMES STARZEC with DOT&PF

ANNA BOSIN with DOT&PF

KEN HUCKEBA

PAUL GOODFELLOW with ADEC

ADAM MOSER (comment read aloud by Chair Coy)

The Committee discussed industrial emission examples, fast food drive-thru company incentives, automobile emission testing, aviation freight, vanpools, projects being eligible for

funding as long as they demonstrate a carbon emission reduction, and a 30-day public comment period in September.

MR. LYON suggested scheduling a work session to discuss any ideas, including the ones that were expressed during this meeting, then provide the same presentation to the Policy Committee.

CHAIR COY expressed that this item appears to be more of a project update and did not require any action.

MR. LYON moved to ask staff to schedule a work session on this topic. MS. KOHLHAAS seconded.

CHAIR COY clarified that the motion is to have staff prepare a work session and provide more specific feedback on this plan.

MR. LYON added that the Policy Committee would be invited to the work session.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

MR. GOODFELLOW encouraged everyone to review the State's GHG Inventory, as it has technical details which may answer some of the questions posed here.

6. PROJECT AND PLAN UPDATES

a. Metropolitan Transportation Planning (MTP) Update

MS. WARD-WALLER briefed the Committee on the update.

The Committee discussed the MTP being updated every four years and public involvement.

There were no public comments.

b. Pilot of Protected Bike Lanes in Anchorage

ANNA BOSIN with DOT&PF and COLIN SINGLETON with CRW Engineering presented the project.

The Committee discussed if there was data available prior to the bike lanes being added at Pine Street and McCarrey Street.

CHAIR COY opened the floor to public comments. The following individual commented:

KEN HUCKEBA

7. GENERAL INFORMATION

MR. CECIL informed the Committee of the conclusion of the UMED Transportation Demand Management Study and the 30-day public comment period will end July 25.

8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

CHAIR COY noted that Zakary Hartman is the new Traffic Calming Pedestrian Bicycle Coordinator. Eric Armagost (one of Traffic's staff members) was awarded Employee of the Year 2022 for the Municipality.

MS. KOHLHAAS noted that PM&E had a new project database go live a couple of weeks ago that is GIS based and can be found on the PM&E homepage. It will be a good tool for the public to learn more about project status.

MR. RAFUSE noted that one of AMATS' projects, Northeast Connector Trail Phase II, is now complete with a ribbon cutting ceremony being held on July 26 at 4:00 p.m.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.