

ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Microsoft Teams Meeting  
Anchorage, Alaska  
March 6th, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members Present:**

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Name	Representing
Jessie Doherty	State of Alaska DOH
Michael Williams	NOAA
Diana Rhoades	Public Seat
Emily Weiser	Bike Anchorage
Katie Severin	AARP
Darrel Hess	Public Seat
Lindsey Hajduk	Public Seat
CB Brady	Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

**Also in attendance:**

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Name	Representing
Joni Wilm	MOA/AMATS
Aaron Jongenelen	MOA/AMATS
Mark Eisenman	ADOT&PF

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

CHAIR DARREL HESS called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

All members of the BPAC except Cary Shiflea, and Matt Johnson were present.

**3. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

JONI WILM gave the public services announcement.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CB Brady made a motion to approve agenda. KATIE SEVERIN seconded. *Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved.*

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

EMILY WEISER made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. MICHAEL WILLIAMS seconded the motion. There were no meeting minutes from scheduled event. *Hearing no objection, the meeting minutes were approved.*

5. ACTION ITEMS

N/A

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Update on the 2050 MTP (AMATS)**

JONI WILM gave the update on the 2050 MTP. The MTP team is currently writing the full MTP document and using the travel model to prepare the draft alternatives. The draft alternatives can be found on the project website [amats2050.com](http://amats2050.com), and were reviewed by the TAC and PC in January. The next round of public review will be in late summer, early fall 2023. The MTP is the primary tool that AMATS uses to plan for transportation needs to reflect adopted local plans and comply with current federal regulations.

**B. Update on AMATS Safety Plan (AMATS)**

JONI WILM gave the update on the AMATS Safety Plan. She stated that the project had finished 2 bi-weekly meetings, a draft public involvement plan, a draft project management plan. The anticipated timeline for completion is December 2023. The plan will be able to incorporate the AMATS BPAC Safety Forum as well as a survey into the safety plan will include questions that the BPAC can submit. The website is being worked on and will be live in March. The website will also host relevant documents and public involvement outreach efforts. The consultants are currently working on a broad-based data outreach effort to incorporate into the plan. There will be an open house in September 2023. The draft plan will be available for review at that time. The BPAC requested a presentation by the planning team in June. MS WILM also asked if the BPAC wanted to volunteer someone for the advisory committee meetings that begin in March.

**C. Update on AMATS BPAC Safety Forum (AMATS)**

EMILY WEISER gave the update on the Safety Forum. At the December BPAC meeting, it was mentioned that a safety forum would be a good idea. An event in late May to get agencies together to discuss opportunities and concerns. There will also be a component for public involvement as well. MS WILM also stated that the safety survey results will also be incorporated into the forum. MR WILLIAMS asked if the Safety Forum and Safety Plan are the same effort or separate efforts. MS WILM explained that they are two separate efforts but happen to coincide at the same time and at a time when large snow events have occurred as well as in increase in traffic fatalities. MR WILLIAMS asked if prioritizing snow removal will be a topic to discuss at the forum and stated that this is an opportune time to discuss how these topics are connecting. MS WILM agreed and stated that this will be a good venue for that discussion as well as

using the forum to elevate the safety discussion. CB BRADY agreed that this was a good approach and stressed that this forum will help advocacy groups have a louder voice when the discussion is elevated. LINDSEY HAJDUK stated that May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the tentative date for the forum and agreed with the efforts to coalesce the forum with advocacy action.

**D. Update on other AMATS Planning Projects (AMATS)**

JONI WILM gave the update on AMATS planning projects. These included the AMATS Recreational Trails Plan is finalizing the TORA now and will be ready in March. MOA Parks & Recreation will be managing the plan and are working on the RFP. She stated that we may have a consultant on board by fall. The other project is the AMATS Safety Campaign. Center for Safe Alaskans will be working on this campaign. MS Wilm gave a synopsis of work they performed in 2022 which included safety awareness materials such as coffee sleeves with psas, reflective gear, data analysis and collection. This year they will continue this effort with an effort towards highlighting pedestrians and transit users. She stated that MS HAJDUK had sent some good examples of videos that have been done for the Fairview neighborhood. MS HAJDUK asked that the next meeting include an update on what was done for the Safety Campaign in 2022.

**7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

DIANA RHOADES stated that the upcoming elections include many AMATS Trail Projects on the park bonds. Ship Creek Trail to Coastal, Fish Creek Trail to Coastal Trail, and the Federal Lands Access Program in Far North Bicentennial Park. Election is April 4<sup>th</sup> and be aware of the upcoming opportunity to fund these projects. MS HAJDUK stated that her workplace, Neighborworks Alaska has applied and received a Reconnecting Communities Grant. The intent will be looking at pedestrian and other non-motorized connections within the community. In addition, she wanted to encourage everyone to weigh in on the Seward to Glen Hwy mobility PEL grant. The team that is leading it has presented internal alternatives that don't have adequate pedestrian facility connections. These need to be addressed in future public involvement efforts. MR WILLIAMS asked how to get access to ballot measures for the upcoming elections. MS RHOADES stated that the Anchorage Parks Foundation website has information and the Municipality of Anchorage website. MS WEISER stated that the ADOT&PF has recently announced a new project from Rabbit Creek to Girdwood (previously the Windy Corner project). There is an open house coming up so she encouraged members to attend to advocate for a bicycle path to be included in this project. MS WILM stated that the project team has expressed interest in presenting to the BPAC and will be included on the BPAC June schedule. The committee expressed support for this presentation at their June meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

9. ADJOURN

*CHAIR HESS ended the meeting at 7:20 pm.*

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