

**ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Planning & Development Center
Training Room
4700 Elmore Road
Anchorage, Alaska**

**February 21, 2023
1:00 PM**

This meeting was conducted in-person and virtually

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
NAME	REPRESENTING	IN ATTENDANCE
S.J. Klein	District 1	Yes
Matt Cruickshank	District 2	Yes
Steve Horn	District 3	Yes
Diana Evans	District 4	Yes
Mike Rehberg	District 5	Yes
Mike Fenster	District 6	Yes
Bruce Bustamante	Anchorage Chamber of Commerce	Yes
Debbie Rinckey	Chugiak/Eagle River Chamber of Commerce	No
Bob French	Federation of Community Councils	Yes
Jim Winchester	Planning & Zoning Commission	Yes
Jon Scudder	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Yes

Also in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Randy Brown	MOA Public Transportation Planner
Christine Schuette	AMATS Planner
Aaron Jongenelen	AMATS Coordinator
Kevin Jackson	DOT&PF

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

CHAIR CRUICKSHANK called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. A quorum was reached.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MR. FENSTER moved to approve the agenda. MR. SCUDDER seconded.

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Resolution for Seward to Glenn PEL**

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The study will identify and evaluate options to improve transportation mobility, safety, access, and connectivity between the Seward Highway, near 20th Avenue and the Glenn Highway, east of Airport Heights. Currently, the two controlled access freeways are connected through the study area by slower speed arterial roads. The project will also identify ways to improve access to and from the Port of Alaska to the highway network.

The study will identify potential improvements and evaluate the environmental impacts and engineering feasibility of those improvements using a Planning Environmental Linkages (PEL) process. PEL studies are a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals and impacts. A PEL study allows work completed during the planning process to be carried forward into subsequent environmental review processes, speeding up project delivery.

MR. KLEIN moved to approve Resolution 2023-02 as presented.

MR. FENSTER seconded.

MR. KLEIN spoke to the motion.

The committee discussed the proposed resolution.

MR. SCUDDER moved to correct the spelling and capitalization in the street names listed in items 5 & 6 of the resolution.

KEVIN JACKSON from Alaska DOT&PF spoke on the PEL process and timeline for the project.

CHAIR CRUICKSHANK asked when the PEL needed to be completed by.

MR. JACKSON stated that they were trying to complete the PEL within two years.

MR. KLEIN stated that he understood that the Fairview area was split in two parts for the modeling analysis and asked for confirmation that a particular area (Orca and 13th to Denali and 13th) was considered cross town traffic.

MR. JACKSON stated that he couldn't speak to the original question, but that they are based on Traffic Analysis Zones specified in the AMATS model.

MR. CRUICKSHANK urged the committee to postpone action on this resolution until the committee could further review the responses that Mr. Jackson provided.

MR. KLEIN stated that he disagreed, but thought it was worth taking out the parts that were outdated in the resolution. He further stated that by submitting this resolution and having responses provided by the project team, the committee was participating in the PEL process.

MR. KLEIN moved to amend the resolution and delete the tenth "Whereas" in the resolution: *Whereas of the date of this resolution, AKDOTPF has not yet released the comments and responses from the prior planning documents, and*

MR. FENSTER seconded.

CHAIR CRUICKSHANK called the motion to a vote.

S.J. Klein	Yes
Matt Cruickshank	Yes
Steve Horn	Yes
Diana Evans	Yes
Mike Rehberg	Yes
Mike Fenster	Yes
Bruce Bustamante	Yes
Bob French	Yes
Jim Winchester	Yes
Jon Scudder	Yes

The motion passes with unanimous support

8. Committee Comments - NONE

8. Public Comments - NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.