

**ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Mayor's Conference Room, 8th Floor
632 W. 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska**

**July 17, 2025
1:00 PM**

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Policy Committee Members Present:

Name	Representing
Sean Holland	Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)
Graham Downey	Mayor's Special Assistant for Housing & Transportation
Jason Olds	Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Air Quality
Daniel Volland	MOA/Municipal Assembly
Erin Baldwin-Day	MOA/Municipal Assembly

Also in attendance:

Name	Representing
Aaron Jongenelen	AMATS
Christine Schuette	AMATS
Rhiannon Brown	AMATS
Emily Weiser	AMATS
James Starzec	DOT&PF
Kate Dueber	Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)
Adeyemi Alimi*	ADEC
Lauren Little	DOT&PF
Alexa Dobson	Bike Anchorage
Chelsea Ward-Waller	MOA/PM&E
Alex Read	DOT&PF
Shannon McCarthy	DOT&PF
Emily Haynes	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mark Eisenman	DOT&PF
Brandon Telford	MOA/Project Management & Engineering (PM&E)
Tanya Hickok	MOA/PM&E
Anna Bosin	DOT&PF
Melinda Kohlhaas*	MOA/PM&E
Ben White*	DOT&PF
Christine Langley	DOT&PF
Nancy Pease	
Eva Gardner	
Brad Coy*	MOA/Traffic Engineering Department
Sean Baski	DOT&PF

**AMATS Technical Advisory Committee Member*

***Designated Assembly Alternate*

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

CHAIR HOLLAND called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Graham Downey represented Mayor LaFrance. A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

AARON JONGENELEN encouraged public involvement in this meeting of the AMATS Policy 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.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ASSEMBLY MEMBER VOLLAND moved to approve the agenda. ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN-DAY seconded.

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – None**5. ACTION ITEMS****a. AMATS HSIP Nominations**

MR. JONGENELEN noted that AMATS held a work session on March 26th, 2025, on the Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP) with DOT&PF. After that work session, staff worked with MOA and DOT&PF staff on reviewing possible options for HSIP nominations for the 2025 period. Staff is proposing the following options for nominations:

- 36th Ave – Spenard Road to C Street – Road diet converting the roadway from 5 lane to 3 lane (2 travel lanes and center turn pockets, etcetera) – Snow storage, separation.
- 36th Ave – C Street to LaTouche– Road diet from 5 to 3 lane.
- 36th Ave – LaTouche through Lake Otis Parkway Intersection – Road Diet from 4 lane to 3 lane.
- Tudor and MacInnes – Traffic signal or other crossing work.
- Tudor Road and Wright Street – Crossing work.
- Tudor Road and Dale Street – Crossing work.
- Minnesota HAWK signal near the 32nd/33rd area.

Additional work is still needed to refine the nominations, gather data, and fill out any documents that are required. At this time, the nomination period closes August 1, 2025, and, as such, there might not be enough time to submit the nominations for the 2025 period, but they could be ready for the 2026 nomination period.

The AMATS TAC recommended that staff focus on getting the following nominations ready for FY25:

- Tudor and MacInnes – Traffic signal or other crossing work
- Tudor Road and Wright Street – Crossing work
- Tudor Road and Dale Street – Crossing work

Additionally, if time allows, the following nomination could be included:

- 36th Ave – Spenard Road to C Street – Road diet converting the roadway from 5 lane to 3 lane (2 travel lanes and center turn pockets, etc.).

The committee discussed that the HSIP nominations would be forwarded to DOT&PF for their own review and that cost ratios were also being scored.

CHAIR HOLLAND opened the floor to public comments.

ALEXA DOBSON, Bike Anchorage

ASSEMBLY MEMBER VOLLAND moved to recommend these HSIP nominations with the Tudor projects marked as high priority and incorporating staff's recommendation for the change. ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN-DAY seconded.

MR. DOWNEY noted that it appears staff did not recommend the sections of 36th Avenue from C Street to LaTouche and LaTouche to Lake Otis. He asked for the reasoning behind not including those recommendations.

MR. JONGENELEN explained that Spenard to C Street is one section, C Street to LaTouche is the middle section, and LaTouche to Lake Otis is the eastern section. These would be submitted as part of the 2026 period.

MR. DOWNEY pointed out that the bottom of the memorandum notes that the TAC recommends the Tudor nominations for 2025, and if time allows, 36th from Spenard to C Street. He did not see the other sections of 36th Avenue being recommended.

MR. JONGENELEN clarified that the TAC agreed that these would be for the 2025 period and the rest of the nominations would be for 2026. It is trying to focus on getting the Tudor Road nominations in by August 1, and anything not included in that list to get in by August 1 would be submitted for the 2026 period, which includes Minnesota and the 36th Avenue nominations. Only if there was time on the 2025 nominations, to include the western side of 36th Avenue.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

b. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) District 3 Appointment

MS. SCHUETTE noted that the CAC consists of six district seats and there is a vacancy for District 3. Of the two applicants that had applied, staff and the TAC are recommending Allie

Hartman be appointed to fill the vacancy.

The committee discussed potential conflicts of interest with Ms. Hartman's current MOA role and relationships.

MR. JONGENELEN explained that AMATS does not have anything pertaining to conflicts, but staff does encourage any member to disclose any conflict. Staff does make it clear to members that they are representing their districts, not their place of employment,

There were no public comments.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN-DAY moved to approve. MR. DOWNEY seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

c. AMATS & DOT&PF Funding Swap Agreement

MR. JONGENELEN noted that DOT&PF contacted AMATS requesting to use a portion of the AMATS allocation for a DOT&PF project in exchange for DOT&PF funding a future AMATS project/need. DOT&PF provided a draft memorandum outlining the process along with an agreement. He referred to #6 – Approval and Oversight in the memorandum, noting that this is for the internal DOT&PF process, not necessarily for the MPO process. The TAC recommended adding a parenthesis that reads, "This is for DOT&PF's internal process." When it shows final approval authority from the commissioner, we will know that it is a part of DOT&PF's process.

There were no comments.

MR. DOWNEY moved to approve with the recommended change in language from STBG to STBG Flex and the language in Section 6 clarifying that the approval is for internal DOT&PF processes. ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN-DAY seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

6. Informational Items

a. High Crash Network Map

EMILY WEISER presented the network map.

The committee discussed creating a table that provides information pinpointing the highest crash streets, high-injury and fatalities versus property damage, etc. They also discussed if our highway interchanges are more dangerous than the average highway, and if reckless or aggressive driving are on roads that may be encouraging illegal and dangerous behavior where risk is being created, not just results.

CHAIR HOLLAND opened the floor to public comments.

MS. SCHUETTE read the following comment in Teams chat from ANNA BOSIN that reads, “We have some Eagle River interchange projects in design and she can pass that note along for the design team to comment on in their safety evaluation.”

b. FFY Q2 Obligation Report

MR. JONGENELEN noted that AMATS is required every quarter to present to the committee their obligation status. Obligation means money is being made available to expend. AMATS still has approximately \$6 million and the funds not obligated will be carried forward.

The committee discussed projects that could possibly be delayed.

CHAIR HOLLAND opened the floor to public comments.

JAMES STARZEC

ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN-DAY requested of staff to provide a preview of the next report or create an intermediate report.

c. Project Status Update Report

MR. JONGENELEN noted that as of March 31, 2025 many things have changed. The TIP amendment was approved and projects that were on hold are no longer on hold.

The committee discussed formatting track changes as to when projects are being paused and why, and having the report in table form versus narrative would make it easier to compare

CHAIR HOLLAND opened the floor to public comments.

JAMES STARZEC

NANCY PEASE

d. Next PC Meeting Overview

MR. JONGENELEN noted that the Public Participation Plan comments are being compiled, high-crash network map for consideration and action, information items include the Safe Roads Initiative from USDOT regarding arterial streets and the list that has to be developed in coordination between DOT&PF and the MPOs, and the Northern Lights Pavement Preservation project update is tentative depending on if the project manager will be able to attend the meeting.

MR. DOWNEY requested adding an action item regarding a letter of support for the 5th and 6th Avenues and I/L Streets transfer of ownership to the municipality, and delisting it from the National Highway System.

MR. DOWNEY pointed out that during a previous discussion, it was suggested that the chair be given the opportunity to weigh in on the agenda prior to it going before the TAC.

MR. JONGENELEN replied that the committee tabled that suggestion indefinitely.

There were no public comments.

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN-DAY expressed appreciation to AMATS' staff for the tremendous amount of work they do.

CHAIR HOLLAND thanked Emily Weiser for her presentation.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

MR. DOWNEY moved to adjourn. ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN-DAY seconded.

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.