

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

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

**January 15, 2026
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	Deputy Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
Morgan Frank	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
Emily Weiser	AMATS
Leifiloa Felise	AMATS
Mook Puttong	AMATS
Kate Dueber	Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)
Brian Lindamood*	ARRC
Connor Eshleman	DOT&PF
Craig Lyon	
Brandon Telford	MOA/PM&E
Jared Goecker	MOA/ Municipal Assembly
Ben White*	DOT&PF
Julie Jessen	HDR
Alexa Dobson	Bike Anchorage Director
Sara Lucey	DOT&PF
Brad Coy*	MOA/Traffic Engineering Department
Christina Mounce	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Tanya Hong	MOA/PM&E
Kathleen McArdle	
Robert Kinnaird	MOA/PM&E
Lindsey Hajduk	Director of Community Engagement & External Affairs & BPAC
James Marks	HDR
Nancy Pease	
Morgan McCammon	DOWL
Lauren Little	DOT&PF
Christine Langley	DOT&PF
Will Taygan	Trek Bicycle Store
James Starzec	DOT&PF
Dave Weber	

Zakary Hartman	MOA/Traffic Engineering Department
Emily Haynes	FHWA
Galen Jones	DOT&PF
Diana Rhoades	Anchorage Park Foundation
Todd Carroll	MOA/AWWU
Mark Eisenman	DOT&PF
Sam Tyler	DOWL
Jeff Read	Anchorage Community Development Authority – Easy Park
Marnie Isaacs	

**AMATS Technical Advisory Committee Member*

***Designated Assembly Alternate*

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

CHAIR HOLLAND called the meeting to order at 1:00 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

CHAIR HOLLAND moved to approve the agenda. ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN DAY seconded.

CHAIR HOLLAND moved to amend to add the Statewide LRTP as an informational item and a request by staff to add the comments regarding the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) 120-150. ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN DAY seconded

Hearing no objections, the amendment passed.

Hearing no objections, the agenda passed, as amended.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – December 18, 2025

MR. DOWNEY moved to approve the minutes. ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN DAY seconded.

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #4

MR. JONGENELEN noted that an administrative modification to the AMATS 2023-2026 TIP is needed to update Table 1: Summary, Table 2: Complete Streets, and Table 3: Active Transportation. The two Spenard Road Rehabilitation projects are being updated to show that it is a 50/50 match between the municipality and DOT&PF, instead of just being the municipality's responsibility. The following two additional changes regarding the match split need to be incorporated into Fourth Avenue:

1. There is a lighting cord over to Ingra that needs to be a 50/50 match split, shown in Table 2.
2. The 3rd Avenue Reconstruction from E Street to Gamble also needs to be a 50/50 match split between the municipality and DOT&PF, so adding that in is being requested as part of this TIP administrative modification.

He added that the Technical Advisory Committee had reviewed the modification and suggested the following additional changes:

- 4th Avenue Signals and Lighting from Cordova to Ingra to update the match split to be MOA/ADOT 50%.
- 3rd Avenue Reconstruction from E to Gambell to update the match split to be MOA/ADOT 50%.
- In Table 8, change the funding code of the AMATS Pavement and Bridge project from State STBG to NHPP for FFY26.

These changes meet the requirements outlined in the AMATS Operating Agreement, Section 6.6.2. and Policies and Procedures #5.

There were no comments.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN DAY moved to approve the 2023-2026 TIP Administrative Modification #4 with the additional changes recommended by the TAC.
ASSEMBLY MEMBER VOLLAND seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

b. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) District 5 Appointment

MR. JONGENELEN noted that the AMATS Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is the resident's forum for transportation issues affecting the AMATS area. This group serves to review projects and plans, share information with the public, and bring forth recommendations about transportation planning issues to the AMATS Policy Committee through the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee. David Weber has applied for the

District 5 seat vacancy. Mr. Weber has served on his community council board, advocating for transportation issues. As a member of the CAC, he would like to advocate for more participation from voices not yet heard from.

DAVE WEBER introduced himself, provided a brief history, and informed the committee on the installation of three new bike racks in Chanshtnu Muldoon Park.

There were no public comments.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER VOLLAND moved to recommend that the Policy Committee confirm the appointment of Dave Weber to the Community Advisory Committee. ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN DAY seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

c. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Business Seat Appointment

MS. WEISER noted that the AMATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is a public forum for non-motorized transportation issues affecting the AMATS area. This group serves to review projects and plans, share information with the public and bring forth recommendations about bicycle and pedestrian transportation planning issues to the AMATS Policy Committee through the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee. Some seats are reserved for specific affiliations; otherwise, there are no formal qualifications to serve on the committee, aside from interest and availability to attend meetings. Will Taygan was the sole applicant for the business representative seat that has been vacant for two years. He is employed by Trek Bicycle Store of Anchorage and is active in the bicycle community and other various activities.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN DAY expressed appreciation regarding the recommendation from the Trek Store owner.

CHAIR HOLLAND opened the floor to public comments.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER GOECKER

MR. DOWNEY moved to appoint Will Taygan to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. ASSEMBLY MEMBER VOLLAND seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

d. Alaska Statewide Transportation Plan Administrative Code (AAC) 120-150

MR. JONGENELEN noted that DOT&PF is working on reviewing the Alaska Administrative Code looking for ways to help with efficiencies, reduce redundancy, etc.

Currently, they are working on Administrative Code 120-150, which deals the Statewide Transportation Plan, the planning process, the plan itself, and public engagement with the plan. Staff did review this and provided comments for the committee to discuss and approve sending the comments, and add any additional changes.

The committee discussed the comments being solicited as part of the governor's directive to find efficiencies in the regulations, other documents having different procedural requirements, one of the directives to each agency under Administrative Order 360 is to reduce the number of regulatory requirements by 15%, and the reason why this particular section was chosen for evaluation first.

CHAIR HOLLAND opened the floor to public comments.

ALEXA DOBSON

MR. DOWNEY moved to forward staff's comments to DOT&PF. ASSEMBLY MEMBER BALDWIN DAY seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

6. Informational Items

a. AWWU Water Master Plan Update Presentation

TODD CARROLL with Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility and JULIE JESSEN with HDR presented the update.

The committee discussed the challenge for ratepayers and the community, whether the infrastructure is pipe or roads. They also discussed AWWU possibly integrating this into the plans, and what AWWU's capital program is worth per year.

There were no public comments.

b. Glenn Highway/Hiland Interchange Update

SAM TYLER with DOWL presented the update.

The committee discussed that normal truck traffic will still be able to pass under the bridge, the existing height of the bridge will remain, and the roundabout animations available online have received positive comments from the public. to review.

CHAIR HOLLAND opened the floor to public comments.

JEFF READ

ALEXA DOBSON

c. Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

SARA LUCEY with DOT&PF presented the LRTP update.

The committee discussed having Ms. Lucey inform AMATS staff whether the public comments or any other comments received are for the working group, since Mr. Jongenelen will be attending those meetings. They also discussed timelines, the draft document being approximately 200 pages, how the document is functionally used, and that the document is not amended but updated every four to five years.

There were no public comments.

d. 2025 Q4 Obligation Report

MR. JONGENELEN briefed the committee on the obligation report.

The committee discussed the importance of obligating the full program amounts, and that DOT&PF is working on a strategy of how to spend more of the allocations. They also discussed project slippage and why funds were not obligated for Mountain Air Drive, Potter Drive, and Rabbit Creek in FFY25; those reasons were partially due to a combination of challenges, such as DOT&PF staffing shortages, the environmental documents being scheduled for all three projects this summer, and all three projects being at right-of-way phases. Conclusions of the slippage studies are to be brought back to the committee for review.

CHAIR HOLLAND mentioned to Mr. Jongenelen that the projects in the Anchorage Areawide Pathway and Trails Pavement Replacement could be easier to deliver and need to be focused on. He suggested talking to the city on finding resources to get these going.

Mr. Downey left the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

There were no public comments.

e. 50th Anniversary of AMATS

MR. JONGENELEN announced that April 1976 is when AMATS became an MPO. Ms. Schuette created AMATS' 50th anniversary logo by updating the oldest logo. The plan is to have small celebrations throughout the year with the logo on some shirts, mugs, and stickers for the public and committee members. This logo is meant only for the 50th anniversary and is not a change to the overall logo.

There were no comments.

f. Next PC Items Overview

MR. JONGENELEN informed the committee that February is AMATS' safety month, and the meeting will include the AMATS and Transit Safety Targets for 2026.

There were no comments.

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

CHAIR HOLLAND introduced Mark Eisenman as Acting AMATS Coordinator for a few months until James Starzec returns. DOT&PF's third public Safer Seward hearing scheduled this evening in Indian has been cancelled due to weather. He appreciated everyone's input last month on the HSIP plan, which is being revisited. Some projects can be added back in using Advanced Construction, which is just a funding mechanism that allows them to borrow from future programs, enabling them to get going on a few design starts. Gambell is one of the larger projects that was moved out of that HSIP plan, and their goal is to get something obligated this year, but the sequence is Chugach Electric having to go out there under permit using their underground search arts that shows up as a 2% charge on electrical bills and goes towards undergrounding utilities within the city. Chugach will go on Gambell and bore this summer. DOT&PF will follow behind with their other utility companies to place those underground utilities. Currently, the lighting is on the poles, so they have to get all the utilities in place and install the new lighting before they can remove the poles and reconstruct the sidewalks. There will be plenty of disruption this summer, but work on the sidewalks and utility poles will not take place until 2027.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

MARNIE ISAACS spoke regarding the Westchester Lagoon safety issue. The Turnagain Community Council, South Addition, and North Star have all signed and submitted a petition to the Policy Committee for consideration to address safety issues in the Westchester Lagoon area. In her view, it is getting to be fairly serious. She provided a proposal and an addendum from 15 user groups, recognizing all that has been talked about in terms of the budget. The community councils' requested a 10-minute walk to the north of the city, to the west, then to the east. As a frequent walker, she sees near misses and accidents growing. They are hoping to get involved somehow and had reached out to AMATS because they thought some of the funding would be more available through them, but she is not so sure anymore. They considered, not immediately though, getting in the queue for propositions. She jumped for joy at what Ms. Lucey had said because it may be an opportunity for her to be next to the whole planning process. Basically, they want to take the 9-foot trails in the area and expand them to about 12 feet. A Class 6 multi-use trail. This does not anticipate making any changes to the bridges because they are already 12 feet. She may speak with Ms. Lucey as to how to get a proposal in. This is not targeting e-bikes at all.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.