

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

**July 3, 2025
1:00 PM**

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Name	Representing
Brad Coy	MOA Traffic Engineering Department
Ben White	Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), Anchorage Field Office
Brian Lindamood	Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)
Luke Bowland	DOT&PF
Daniel Mckenna-Foster	MOA/Planning Department
Melinda Kohlhaas	MOA/Project Management & Engineering Department (PM&E)
Adeyemi Alimi	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Mourad Dawoud	MOA/Health Department
Steve Ribuffo	MOA/Don Young Port of Alaska
Bart Rudolph	MOA/Public Transportation Department
Shanna Gamble	MOA/Parks & Recreation Department

Also in attendance:

Name	Representing
Aaron Jongenelen	AMATS
Christine Schuette	AMATS
Rhiannon Brown	AMATS
Leifi Felise	AMATS
Mook Puttong	AMATS
Emily Weiser	AMATS
Kate Dueber	ARRC
Craig Lyon	DOWL
James Starzec	DOT&PF
Kent Kohlhas	MOA/Maintenance & Operations
Tanya Hickok	PM&E
Brandon Telford	PM&E
Sean Holland*	DOT&PF
Dalton Perry	DOT&PF
Chelsea Ward-Waller	PM&E
Alexa Dobson	BikeAnchorage
Emily Haynes	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Anna Bosin	DOT&PF
Adam Moser	DOT&PF
Zakary Hartman	MOA/Traffic Engineering Dept.
Allie Hartman	MOA/Assembly Communications
Dom Pannone	DOT&PF

**Policy Committee Member*

***Policy Committee Designated Alternate*

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

CHAIR COY called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Shanna Gamble represented the MOA Parks & Recreation Department on behalf of Taylor Keegan. Daniel McKenna-Foster represented the MOA Planning Department on behalf of Mélisa Babb. A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

AARON JONGENELEN 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. WHITE seconded.

MR. LINDAMOOD moved to amend the agenda to hear Item 6.a. before Item 5.a. MR. ALIM seconded.

Hearing no objections, the amendment passed.

Hearing no objections, the agenda, as amended, was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – June 5, 2025

MR. ALIM moved to approve the minutes. MR. WHITE seconded.

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**a. High Injury Network Map**

MR. JONGENELEN briefed the committee, noting that as part of the VisionZero Coordination Group between the Municipality of Anchorage, DOT&PF, and AMATS, there was a request to develop a map that shows the safety hotspots around the community.

EMILY WEISER provided a PowerPoint presentation providing the locations identified by these programs using the 2024 AMATS Safety Plan, the HSIP top ten project list, the State Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and the VisionZero Action Plan.

The committee discussed AMATS boundaries and adopting high-crash or high-injury network.

There were no public comments.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. AMATS HSIP Nominations 2025-26

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.
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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 committee discussed projected traffic numbers, public outreach, and HSIP nominations. They also discussed concerns about predetermining the results and how rerouting traffic, reducing the speed limit, or lane reductions would impact 36th Avenue being the primary corridor between A and C Streets and the highway, and east of the highway being the primary emergency route.

ANNA BOSIN with DOT&PF was present and assisted with responding to questions.

CHAIR COY opened the floor to public comments.

JAMES STARZEC

ALEX DOBSON

MR. BOWLAND moved to recommend the following list of nominations to the Policy Committee for approval prioritizing Tudor Road nominations for 2025 nominations. MR. RUDOLPH seconded.

MR. BOWLAND noted that in terms of timing, the biggest benefit is having Tudor Road moving forward first and combining it with the pavement preservation project. Also, some of the data they are collecting, not only the crash map but signalized intersection ranking, is over the other projects listed. Not to say they should not be looking at 36th Avenue but the time will work out better on the Minnesota crossing location with the Minnesota I/L corridor plan being completed. It would be better as a 2026 nomination with that information finalized.

MS. KOHLHAAS moved to amend the motion to add the first segment of 36th Avenue: Spenard Road to C Street, and the Minnesota Crossing Improvement for inclusion in 2025.

MR. LINDAMOOD seconded.

MS. KOHLHAAS noted that we do have the AMATS Spenard Road project underway. The Traffic Engineering Department and PM&E have been interested to see how that could tie back into the Spenard Road Corridor. It does show having high injury occurrences in the network. Also, with the Minnesota Crossing, knowing that corridor study is coming to completion and would tie in well with it, allowing that work could begin.

MR. JONGENELEN recommended that the Minnesota Crossing wait until 2026. AMATS will see what they can do with Spenard and 36th Avenue because of the Spenard project. The Tudor Road projects will be done first and then see if they have the time to do Minnesota.

MS. KOHLHAAS revised her amendment to add 36th Avenue: Spenard Road to C Street for a recommendation to the Policy Committee for inclusion for a 2025 HSIP nomination depending on staff availability. MR. LINDAMOOD seconded.

Hearing no objections, the amendment passed.

Hearing no objections, the main motion, as amended, passed.

MR. JONGENELEN clarified that staff will provide a recommendation to the PC to change the Minnesota project from a HAWK signal to something else.

b. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) District 3 Member

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. Two applications were received, Evan Leaf and Allie Hartman, for the District 3 seat on the Community Advisory Committee, and staff is recommending Ms. Hartman.

ALLIE HARTMAN introduced herself to the committee.

CHAIR COY opened the floor to public comments.

ALEXA DOBSON

MR. RUDOLPH moved to recommend to the Policy Committee the appointment of Allie Hartman to the Community Advisory Committee. MR. RIBUFFO seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

c. DOT&PF Use of MPO Funding 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. While this request is specifically for Dearmoun Road, this item also needs to discuss this process overall.

CHAIR COY opened the floor to public comments.

ADAM MOSER

MS. KOHLHAAS moved to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the sub-allocation funds agreement with the modification of #6 and to clarify that this is an internal process for DOT&PF but the agreement piece is what shows the coordination with the MPO. MR. MCKENNA-FOSTER seconded.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**a. High Injury Network Map**

Item 6.a. was heard prior to action items.

b. FFY25 Q2 Obligation Report

MR. JONGENELEN noted that AMATS is required every quarter to present to the committee the status as to where AMATS is at with their obligations. Obligations means money is being made available to expend.

MR. STARZEC noted that he is the author of this report and provided additional information.

The committee discussed that administrative modifications take place during the year to try to get the obligations to zero, but with the recent STIP issues. AMATS is just saying that the money will be available the following year. Anything that does not make it to zero will be available next year. This funding is limited and cannot be used anywhere else but within the MPO boundary.

There were no public comments.

c. Project Status Update Report

MR. JONGENELEN noted that Mr. Starzec also creates this report and it goes hand-in-hand with the obligation report to keep everyone updated on the status of projects.

MR. STARZEC presented the report.

There were no comments.

d. Next TAC Meeting Overview

MR. JONGENELEN briefed the committee that the primary item on the August agenda is the 2025 Public Participation Plan comments for approval. Informational items will include the Fireweed Lane Rehabilitation update and the Safe Roads (Safe Arterials for Everyone Through Reliable Operations & Distraction Reducing Strategies) Initiative from USDOT. The high-crash network map should also be on the agenda for action.

There were no comments.

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

MR. RIBUFFO announced that this is his last official act as a municipal employee, as he is retiring. He mentioned that the Port does not have receive any formula money from DOT&PF. The only federal money they received are grants.

MS. KOHLHAAS recognized Tanya Hickok as the new PM&E Project Manager to help work on federally-funded projects.

CHAIR COY commented that the Neighborhood Greenways Initiative is going well. He added that July 4th is typically the highest crash day of the year.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

MR. JONGENELEN updated the committee on the e-tip software provided for MPOs and management of their transportation improvement program. Hopefully, AMATS will have software they can start utilizing, but it most likely will not be in place for the current TIP, 2027-2030, but it may be in place for staff to migrate their after the 2027.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MR. LINDAMOOD moved to adjourn. MR. RIBUFFO seconded.

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.