

**ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
 Planning & Development Center
 Conference Room 170, 1st Floor
 4700 Elmore Road, Anchorage, AK**

**December 4, 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
Kate Dueber	Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)
Alex Read	DOT&PF
Mélisa Babb	MOA/Planning Department
Melinda Kohlhaas	MOA/Project Management & Engineering Department (PM&E)
Adeyemi Alimi	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Taylor Keegan	MOA/Parks & Recreation Department
Jim Jager	Don Young Port of Alaska Interim Director
Mourad Dawoud	MOA/Health Department
Bart Rudolph	MOA/Public Transportation Department

Also in attendance:

Name	Representing
Aaron Jongenelen	AMATS
Christine Schuette	AMATS
Rhiannon Brown	AMATS
Emily Weiser	AMATS
Leifiloa Felise	AMATS
Pannapa Puttong	AMATS
Tanya Hong	PM&E
Kristina Busch	DOT&PF
Erin Baldwin Day*	MOA Assembly
Craig Lyon	
Mark Eisenman	DOT&PF
Zakary Hartman	MOA/Traffic Engineering Dept.
Emily Haynes	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Jenna Lowry	
Julie Jessen	HDR
Noah King	DOT&PF
Nancy Pease	
Alexa Dobson	Bike Anchorage
Anna Bosin	DOT&PF
Luke Bowland	DOT&PF
Lindsey Hajduk	Bike Anchorage Chair
Todd Carroll	AWWU
Anson Moxness	HDR
Kent Kohlhasse	MOA/Maintenance & Operations

Galen Jones DOT&PF
Kelly Kilpatrick DOWL

**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. Kate Dueber represented the Alaska Railroad Corporation on behalf of Brian Lindamood. Alex Read represented the Alaska Department of Transportation on behalf of Luke Bowland. 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

MS. BABB moved to approve the agenda. MR. WHITE seconded.

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – November 6, 2025

MS. KOHLHAAS moved to approve the minutes. MR. JAGER seconded.

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. 2050 MTP Amendment #2

MS. BROWN noted that based on the actions taken by the Policy Committee at their October 2025 meeting, an update to the description for MTP project #TIP NHS 1- Seward Highway: O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard Reconstruction in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is needed. The MOA is seeking USDOT OST Build America Bureau's Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program Grant (RTA) funding for the following two new projects to improve public safety and emergency access:

1. CPS199 - The Atelier Life Safety Access Road (Atelier Drive to Klutina Drive) Project would create a secondary access route to improve public safety and emergency access. Vision is a limited-access recreational road, potentially gated, with access to vehicular traffic only during an emergency (allowing emergency vehicles a secondary access as well as a secondary evacuation route).
2. CPS200 - Potter Valley Life Safety Access Road (Romania Drive to Potter Valley Road) to analyze and plan for road improvements from Romania Drive to Potter Valley Road to improve the safety and functionality of the existing network of public roads by aligning a vital secondary access route for emergency services and evacuation.

The committee discussed the project scores not being included in the materials.

There were no public comments.

MS. KOHLHAAS moved to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the 2050 MTP with the Amendments #2 be released for a 45-day public comment period. MS. BABB seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

b. 2023-2026 Funding Program Amendment #4

MR. JONGENELEN noted that an amendment to the AMATS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is needed to update Table 1: Summary, Table 2: Complete Streets, Table 3: Non-motorized, Table 4: Plans and Studies, Table 5: CMAQ, Table 6: Pavement Replacement, Table 7: HSIP, Table 8: NHS, and Table 10: Other Federal, State, and Local Funded Projects within the AMATS area. These changes meet the requirements outlined in the AMATS Operating Agreement, Section 6.6.1, and Policies and Procedures #5.

MS. KOHLHAAS referred to Table 10, requesting that the full original project cost amount that includes the SS4A grant and the match amount be retained on the Bragaw Street project.

MR. READ noted that the match amounts for both of the Spenard project costs are incorrect and have been for a while. It shows the MOA paying 100% of the match, but it is split between the state and the municipality. Any arterial should have a split match.

MR. READ explained that the funding cycle changes are due to a combination of the large number of staff vacancies and staff being pulled off of projects to assist with the West Coast disaster.

MR. JONGENELEN replied to Chair Coy that, in addition to what is noted for the Sitka Street project in Table 3, all the funding needs to be removed from the non-motorized pavement program in 2026.

CHAIR COY added that the motion should include changes to both the Bragaw and Sitka projects. He asked for clarification regarding the Downtown Transit Center having added \$25 million.

MR. JONGENELEN replied that it is \$22.5 million in federal funds and \$2.5 million in matching funds totaling \$25 million.

MR. JONGENELEN referred to the TIP tables, noting that AMATS is underprogrammed. There is a significant amount of money anticipated to not be obligated this federal fiscal year of approximately \$21 million or more due to project delays that continue to grow year after year. The money is not lost but is obligated in future years. Everything is aligned with the 2030 TIP.

MR. WHITE explained that the budget and scope impacts in Table 7 might require a future amendment to the financial plan due to the HSIP not yet having been approved by the commissioner.

CHAIR COY opened the floor to public comments.

NANCY PEASE

MR. WHITE moved to recommend the Policy Committee that TIP Amendment #4 be released for a 45-day public comment period, as amended based on today's discussion. These include retaining the full original project cost for Bragaw Street in Table 10, both Spenard projects having a split match due to being arterials, and remove the funding in 2026 for the Sitka portion shown in Table 3. MS. BABB seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

c. BPAC 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, shares information with the public, and brings forth recommendations about bicycle and pedestrian transportation planning issues to the AMATS Policy Committee through the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee. Staff received two applications for the Public Member seat on the BPAC and recommends moving forward with Sam Weatherby's appointment as the first application received. Mr. Weatherby has extensive on-the-ground experience as a bike commuter in both Eagle River and the Anchorage Bowl and is interested in helping to improve multi-modal transportation options.

The committee discussed the procedure in which candidates are selected and the last time the BPAC had a full committee.

LINDSEY HAJDUK, BPAC Chairperson, was present and responded to questions.

There were no public comments.

MR. JAGER moved to recommend both applicants to the Policy Committee for approval, subject to the BPAC Chairperson's notification of what changes were going to take place so that the committee knows which current public member will become an organizational member. MR. READ seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS -

a. AWWU Water Master Plan Update

JULIE JESSEN and ANSON MOXNESS with HDR and TODD CARROLL with AWWU presented the update.

The committee requested having one large group presentation that would include the Planning and Building Services Departments; program funding between capital program entities needs to be looked at earlier; GIS formatting; and both AWWU and Water Wastewater being considered at the same time.

CHAIR COY opened the floor to public comments.

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b. Glenn Highway/Hiland Interchange Update

GALEN JONES with DOT&PF and KELLY KILPATRICK with DOWL presented the update.

There were no comments.

c. 2025 Q4 Obligation Report

MR. JONGENELEN presented the Obligation Report.

There were no comments.

d. Next TAC Meeting Overview

MR. JONGENELEN informed the committee that the next meeting may have the 2026 Safety Targets, a resolution recommendation of support that he cannot yet discuss, and the Climate Action Plan as action items. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for January 8 due to the holiday, and the Policy Committee meeting will still be held on January 15.

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

MR. WHITE noted that a Request for Proposal (RFP) has been released by DOT&PF for a Wildlife Corridor Plan on the Glenn Highway from Airport Heights to the Parks Highway/Glenn Highway Interchange for a consultant to help with exploring issues with large mammals crossing the road in front of vehicles. Historic traffic data indicates there are some hotspots where animals migrate across the Glenn Highway more often than other areas and will, hopefully, lead to possible recommendations for future construction projects that will help get large animals off the highway. They will be coordinating with AMATS and forming a team to move this plan forward. The proposals should be reviewed sometime in January, and get a consultant on board in early spring. It is a federal grant allowing them two years to complete it.

MS. BABB noted that the Downtown Streets Engineering Study is still in progress but is approaching a final draft within the next couple of months. The Right-of-Way Management Study was broken into snow, ice, and parking portions. The parking study is approaching a final draft that will be released for review and comment in the next few months depending on staff and availability.

MR. RUDOLPH noted that the Transportation Department will be holding a public meeting next Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30p.m. The Assembly has amended their budget to add an additional day for seniors to ride free. Anyone can provide suggestions at the Assembly meeting or on Public Transportation's website as to their choice of day it should take place.

MS. KOHLHAAS noted that a project administrator has been hired beginning January 5 to support Project Manager Tanya Hong. Also, NPR radio recently held a segment on Vision Zero.

CHAIR COY thanked DOT&PF for allowing him to participate in the Dimond project workshop on behalf of Mr. Jongenelen and answer questions regarding AMATS' purpose and need.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

GALEN JONES announced that DOT&PF is holding a public meeting on December 10 at the Loussac Library Atrium from 4:30 to 6:30p.m. to present the Seward Highway and Tudor Road Interchange project goals.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MR. JAGER moved to adjourn. MS. BABB seconded.

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