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

May 7, 2026
1:00 PM

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Name	Representing
Brad Coy	MOA Traffic Engineering Department
Brian Lindamood	Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)
Bart Rudolph	MOA/Public Transportation Department
Luke Bowland	DOT&PF
Ben White	Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), Anchorage Field Office
Mélisa Babb	MOA/Planning Department
Melinda Kohlhaas	MOA/Project Management & Engineering Department (PM&E)
Taylor Keegan	MOA/Parks & Recreation Department

Virtual:

Mourad Dawoud	MOA/Health Department
Adeyemi Alimi	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)

Also in attendance:

Name	Representing
Aaron Jongenelen	AMATS
Christine Schuette	AMATS
Rhiannon Brown	AMATS
Emily Weiser	AMATS
Leifiloa Felise	AMATS
James Marks	HDR
Sam Tyler	DOWL
Alex Bell	RSG, Inc.
Kristina Huling	DOT&PF
Craig Lyon	
Connor Eshleman	DOT&PF
Kate Dueber	ARRC
Brandon Telford	PM&E
Rachael Selby	R&M Consultants
Radhika Krishna	Anchorage Downtown Partnership
Dalton Perry	DOT&PF
Lindsey Hajduk	Director of Community Engagement & External Affairs & BPAC
Mark Eisenman	DOT&PF
Romorenzo Marasigan	DOT&PF
Erin Baldwin Day*	MOA/Assembly Member
Stephanie Mormilo	HDL
Galen Jones	DOT&PF
Alex Read	DOT&PF
Tanya Hong	PM&E

Steve Noble	DOWL
Julia Hanson	DOT&PF

******Policy Committee Member*
***Policy Committee Designated Alternate*

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

CHAIR COY called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Terry Umatum with Don Young Port of Alaska was absent. 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. BOWLAND <u>moved to approve the agenda</u>. MR. LINDAMOOD <u>seconded</u>.

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – April 2, 2026

MS. KEEGAN <u>moved to approve the minutes</u>. MR. LINDAMOOD <u>seconded</u>.

MS. KOHLHAAS referred to the first paragraph on page 6, pointing out that the questions were not made by her. She also referred to the next to the last paragraph on page 10, noting that CRW should be PM&E.

MR. BOWLAND referred to the second paragraph on page 6, noting that the second sentence should read, " The traffic study <u>would not</u> necessarily…"

MR. BOWLAND <u>moved to amend to include the corrections and clarifications</u>. MR. WHITE <u>seconded</u>.

Hearing no objections, the amendment was approved.

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved, as amended.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. AMATS Transportation Climate Action Plan (TCAP)

MS. WEISER briefed the committee on the action plan.

ALEX BELL with RSG noted that the following three tasks are part of the original scope of work and will be completed with no additional cost:

1. Stakeholder Meeting #3
2. Public Open House
3. Public Comment, response, and resulting plan revisions

The following small changes add no additional cost, and will be completed unless instructed otherwise:

4. Bus Fuels: clarify language (alternative fuels, not electric, unlikely to be the full fleet and roughly estimate how this will change emissions reductions. Alternatively, see item 9 below.
5. MOA LRTS: Ensure it is mentioned in the relevant places.
6. Glenn Highway Toll: Clarify whether was included in the model.
7. PM-10: Include mention of continuing to support mitigation.
8. Implementation matrix:
   a. Clarify roles of AMATS vs. partners, and leadership vs. support roles
   b. Revise the levels of difficulty icons (committee input welcome here)
   c. Include increasing transit service and make sure all the other strategies are included.

The following intermediate changes would require a total additional cost of $11-$12K and would partially address the larger concerns:

9. Bus fuels (alternative, not electric, and partial fleet): Rerun model and update text. ($820)
10. Implementation matrix: Show the % reduction per item. ($820)
11. Reference scenario: Highlight % reduction expected without intentional changes. ($1,640)
12. Tone of report: Reword to frame more positively as a shift toward expanding mode choices rather than reducing the negative (VMT). ($1,640)
13. VMT fees (select one option; alternatively, see item 18 below):
    a. Option 1 – Retain. In text, add info on how VMT fees would be administered, what might code changes might be needed, and how they would come back to the Muni/AMATS as revenue for transit and non-motorized infrastructure. ($3,280)
    b. Option 2 – Remove the fees, but do not change other strategies based on the change in expected revenue. Update the expected % reduction (roughly, from previous model runs). Revise the text to include a paragraph highlighting the expected costs of the proposed strategies beyond existing revenue/federal funds, and mention possibilities of how additional revenue could be generated (VMT fees, parking fees, gas tax, property taxes, sales tax, grants). ($2,050)
14. Cost per strategy: Develop an order of magnitude estimate ($, $$, $$$, $$$$, $$$$$) and add to implementation matrix. ($4,100) Alternatively, see item 15 below

The following thorough changes would require a total additional cost of $22K and would fully address the larger concerns.

15. Cost per strategy: Provide refined cost estimates per strategy (actual dollar amounts). ($8,200)
16. Rideshare: Model what difference that could make, in addition to fixed-route transit. ($2,460)
17. EV adoption: Research AK EV adoption rates, re-run model, update text ($4,100)
18. Remove user fees and adjust other strategies based on the reduced expected revenue. Rerun the model and update text. Re-evaluate the % reduction goal: would it be lower, or could we increase the other strategies to still try to get to 30%? ($6,560)

The committee discussed constraints, user fees associated with transit fares, and RideShare.

CHAIR COY opened the floor to public comments.

MARK EISENMAN

MR. RUDOLPH moved to request the Policy Committee adopt the large changes identified in the memorandum and follow up with a TIP amendment to cover the costs.

MR. RUDOLPH revised his motion to include all the large changes without the duplicative ones identified in the intermediate, including 13 and 14. MS. KOHLHAAS seconded.

MS. BABB moved to amend to add 13.a. to the list of actions to take on the edits for this document. MS. KEEGAN seconded.

MS. KEEGAN noted that the intent of this is not to override the preferences of the Policy Committee, but just to make sure the paper trail is maintained in the plan, and that the study is a study. The recommendation is not that we want this to be factored into the final recommendations, but to provide a paper trail that will easily explain how this can be done and what the implications are, not a recommendation of how we move forward.

Hearing no objections, the amendment passed.

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

b. AMATS Funding Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #6

MR. JONGENELEN noted that an administrative modification to the AMATS 2023-2026 Funding Program (TIP) is needed to update Table 7: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), and Table 8: National Highway System (NHS). The changes meet the requirements outlined in the AMATS Operating Agreement, Section 6.6.2, and Policies and Procedures #5.

The committee discussed the total amount of $50,000 in Table 4 of the Climate Action Plan, as part of the TIP, and having to rely on partners to provide the in-kind match for the additional work and review.

There were no public comments.

MS. BABB moved to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the 2023-2026 Funding Program (TIP) in the form of Administrative Modification #6, and to add an edit to

Table 4 to increase the funding to the Climate Action Plan to cover the changes discussed in the previous action, and to fund an additional $50,000. MR. RUDOLPH seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

c. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) AMATS Request 2026

MS. WEISER noted that, each year, DOT&PF Central Region nominates projects to the statewide office for the federally funded Highway Safety Improvement Program. Central Region has asked AMATS for suggestions on projects to nominate. Based on DOT&PF's timeline for 2026 nominations, these requests need to be approved at the May Policy Committee meeting.

The committee discussed online public availability and correcting the spelling of Tudor Road. They also discussed that PM&E is currently working on a project that will impact 32nd and C Street and is associated with the 32nd and 33rd Midtown Corridor project with a 95% design phase being added, and directional ramps will be at each corner of that intersection, but will not conflict with this.

CHAIR COY opened the floor to public comments.

ERIN BALDWIN DAY

MS. KOHLHAAS moved to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the following three projects for the 2026 HSIP request from AMATS: Muldoon - DeBarr to 11th, C Street – 32nd to 36th, and 15th and Gambell. MS BABB seconded.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

d. DOT&PF Tribal Consultation Policy Update

MR. JONGENELEN noted that DOT&PF is updating its 2002 Tribal Consultation Policy and has asked AMATS to review and provide any comments on the policy. It is out for a 45-day tribal focus review period from March through May 11, but DOT&PF will still accept any comments from AMATS after the review period has closed. Staff appreciated the opportunity, but did not have any comments.

There were no comments.

MS. BABB moved to recommend to the Policy Committee to review the Tribal Consultation Policy and provide any comments they may have to Alaska DOT&PF.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Academy/Vanguard Drive Project Presentation

JULIA HANSON with DOT&PF and STEPHANIE MORMILO with HDL provided a presentation.

The committee discussed having a roundabout versus stop-controlled regarding traffic-calming features, pedestrian safety and friendly, non-motorized crossing for Abbott Road with it being a major arterial.

There were no public comments.

b. Tudor Road Interchange Project Presentation

GALEN JONES with DOT&PF and SAM TYLER with DOWL provided a presentation.

The committee discussed drainage issues north of the project, plans for the Fish Creek culvert that was damaged two years ago, the 36th Avenue Interchange and Tudor potential graded ramps, and separated crossing of all ramps on the west side. They also discussed the buffer for pedestrian comfort and snow storage being built into the design criteria, and the 140-foot-wide single bridge.

CHAIR COY opened the floor to public comments.

STEPHANIE MORMILO
ERIN BALDWIN DAY

c. AMATS Tribal Consultation Process

MR. JONGENELEN noted that the Policy Committee chairperson had requested of him to include this on the TAC agenda just to discuss AMATS' current process for tribal consultation.

Ms. Babb left the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

There were no comments.

d. Roadmap for AMATS

MR. JONGENELEN noted that the Policy Committee chairperson had asked that this also be added to the TAC agenda to discuss a draft document provided by her. Her intent is to provide on a rotating item basis some of the key items, such as the boundary, Operating Agreement, the TIP/STIP alignment, and NHS projects. He did not receive any documents to present to the committee.

In response to Chair Coy's question about these being standing items, MR. JONGENELEN explained that staff does not typically provide standing items on the agenda due to not having anyone attend to present the item. His recommendation is that staff add items that they have ready, if not, they will not add that item. Unless the committee would like to hear a monthly report on the roadmap.

There were no comments.

e. Next TAC Meeting Overview

MR. JONGENELEN noted the following items::

1. 2050 MTP project list and financial assumptions will be on the June agenda for approval. On May 18, a work session is scheduled from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. in the Training Room regarding the MTP project list for 2052 and financial assumptions. The project list will be provided prior to the work session.
2. The Recreation Trails Plan possibly for final approval. This is optional.
3. Presentation about the I/L Street Rehabilitation project to discuss what to move forward with. The Policy Committee mentioned that this project needs to match the draft Minnesota I/L Corridor plan, but it is currently in draft form.
4. Tentatively in August, the TAC will discuss the subcommittees having more autonomy over sending letters or comments without prior approval from the TAC and the PC. Basically, a decision tree matrix stating when a committee can send items directly without approval and when they will require approval.
5. Several staff members will be attending the NACTO conference.
6. Due to the status of where staff is on the MTP, the next meeting will be held at the same time but on June 11, not June 4th.

There were no comments.

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

MR. LINDAMOOD announced that, normally, ARRC begins with travel trains and then passenger trains. This year both will begin next week.

CHAIR COY mentioned that the Vision Zero Coordinator position is still open.

MR. JONGENELEN noted that a groundbreaking ceremony for the Downtown Trail Connection project, connecting Ship Creek to the Coastal Trail, will be held at the Small Boat Launch Harbor Road parking area on Saturday, May 9 from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

MS. KEEGAN clarified that this is a groundbreaking, not a ribbon cutting, for the non-profit Anchorage Park Foundation.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.