

March 31st, 2009 AMATS Air Quality Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

AMATS Committee Members in Attendance:

Toni Jones	MOA, Planning & Zoning Commission
Lois Epstein	Alaska Transportation Priorities Project (via phone)
Mary Ellen Gordian	ISER, UAA
Barbara Garner	Citizen Representative, UACC
George Conway	CDC, Municipal Health Commissioner (via phone)
Jeffrey Manfull	Public Trans. Advisory Board

Staff and Public in Attendance:

Mark Parmelee	ADOT & PF
Cindy Heil	ADEC, Air Quality, PZC
Alli Harvey	Alaska Center for the Environment
Lance Wilber	MOA Traffic
Cheryl Richardson	ACE
Steve Morris	MOA, DHHS AQ
Anne Schlapia	MOA, DHHS AQ
Matt Stichick	MOA, DHHS AQ
Stacey Cooper	MOA, DHHS AQ
Alton Staff	MOA, Public Transportation
Craig Lyon	MOA, AMATS, Transportation Planning

Toni Jones called the meeting to order at 11:35am. A quorum was present. Toni suggested that approval of the March 23rd, 2009 minutes be deferred until the next meeting so that the time for this meeting could be spent on the CMAQ scoring criteria. All agreed.

Review of CMAQ Scoring Criteria

The committee decided to focus on discussing changes to Criteria #3, #4, and #5. The committee decided to make a number of changes to these criteria including an increase in the proportion of points assigned to projects that are consistent with the Anchorage Comprehensive Plan, *Anchorage 2020*. AMATS staff prepared a memo to the AMATS TAC and Policy Committee reflecting their actions entitled *Recommendations for Changes to CMAQ Project Evaluation Criteria*. The memo is available on the AMATS website:

<http://www.muni.org/healthesd/amats.cfm>

Update on Anchorage Air Quality Trends

Matt Stichick updated the group on current Anchorage Air Quality Trends. His presentation can be found at: <http://www.muni.org/healthesd/amats.cfm>

Other Business

Steve Morris informed the group that he would like to request that the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) release the CO Plan for 30-day public comment at their meeting on April 9th. He noted that the local Plan approval process must be expedited so that it can be forwarded to ADEC in time for them to make the changes necessary to their I/M regulations (i.e.; expanding new car I/M test exemption from 4 to 6 years) before the end of 2009. He asked the committee if they had any objection to the Plan being released prior to review by the Air Quality Committee. He suggested that the committee could meet in late April to review the plan and provide comments prior to the end of the comment period. No meeting date was set, however there will be an e-mail discussion to determine the date. The committee did not object to the TAC release of the Plan for public review.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03pm.