ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Microsoft Teams Meeting Anchorage, Alaska March 2, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members Present:

Name	Representing
Darrel Hess	Public Seat
Karol Fink	State of Alaska DHHS
Matt Johnson	Public Seat
Eric Gurley	Access Alaska
Lindsey Hajduk	Social Services
Cary Shiflea	Business Seat
Chelsea Ward-Waller	Public Seat

Also in attendance:

Name	Representing
Craig Lyon	MOA/AMATS
Joni Wilm	MOA/AMATS
Christine Schutte	MOA/AMATS
Sean Baski	ADOT&PF
Rachel Steer	DOWL
Shawn Gardner	ADOT&PF
Andrew Ooms	Kittelson & Associates
Travis Holmes	ADOT&PF

1. CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR DARELL HESS called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members of the BPAC except John Miller and CB Brady were present.

3. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

CRAIG LYON gave the public services announcement.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

JONI WILM made a motion to reorder the agenda, bringing c up to b in the information items section. MATT JOHNSON made a motion to approve the revised agenda. KAROL FINK seconded. *Hearing no objection, the agenda amended and approved.*

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CHAIR HESS made a motion to approve the agenda. MATT JOHNSON seconded. *Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved.*

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. N/A

GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. Spenard Road Rehabilitation (Minnesota Drive to Benson Blvd) ADOT&PF SEAN BASKI gave the presentation on the Spenard Road Rehabilitation. MR BASKI gave an update to the committee on the project history and background and included goals to improve safety and mobility throughout the project area. MR. BASKI'S presentation included existing conditions, snow and maintenance issues and sidewalk conditions. He also explained what the project team has heard from the public and other agency groups including ideas for bicycle facilities and pedestrian upgrades. There are space constraints within the project area, which were highlighted along with ROW concerns and safety concerns for all users and which will influence selecting a design alternative for the project. He explained that the desired alternative includes a three lane conversion and the project team was interested to hear from the committee on what went well in the first phase of the Spenard Road Rehabilitation and thoughts about the new phase. There were some committee comments including keeping contractors on schedule for project completion in a timely manner, integrating the Spenard Corridor Plan into the project, and making sure the project team adheres to community desires for the facility. MR BASKI also stated that given the complexities of the road design and other issues, it was likely construction would not happen until 2025 or thereabouts.
- Project to Amend Title 21 Parking Regulations including Bicycle Parking and Pedestrian Facility Regulations. Tom Davis – MOA Long Range Planning and Elizabeth Appleby – Current Planning

TOM DAVIS gave the presentation on Title 21 Parking Regulations, Bicycle Parking and Pedestrian Facility Regulations. It included potential zoning regulation changes, site specific parking reduction opportunities, creating lower parking requirements in specific areas, incorporating Transit Oriented Development

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Corridors into lower parking requirement areas, discretionary parking reductions evolving into non-discretionary parking reductions, upping standards for the design of bicycle parking, incorporating policies in the Non-motorized Plan for improving bicycle parking and pedestrian facilities. ELIZABETH APPLEBEE continued the presentation listing out goals and policies from the 2010 Bicycle Plan. She inquired with the committee about whether they supported these policies. There was some group discussion about bicycle security, location of bicycle parking as well as support for polices and goals that are from the 2010 plan. MS APPLEBEE also spoke about current code for bicycle parking, reduction for parking space criteria, different bicycle parking design options, long term shelter bicycle spaces, and other strategies to encourage more people to bike. There was some group discussion about new ideas and new design elements. The committee expressed gratitude for this presentation and how it could apply to areas around Anchorage including Spenard and Downtown.

c. Update on ADOT&PF bicycle and pedestrian planning. Julius Adolfson – ADOT&PF JULIUS ADOLFSON gave the update on ADOT&PF bicycle and pedestrian planning. This included an update on the Statewide Active Transportation Plan including the plan background, plan vision, plan organization, performance measures, who can use the plan, goals and recommendations and next steps.

d. Update on the Non-motorized Plan (AMATS)

JONI WILM gave the update on the Non-motorized Plan. It included all the public involvement that has happened on the project and the current period of public comment that the plan was in. The public comment period was open through March 5th and the BPAC was scheduled to meet that week (Friday) to go over the plan and submit committee comments.

e. Update on AMATS Planning Projects (AMATS)

JONI WILM skipped on presenting these projects to allow Tom Davis enough time for is presentation on Title 21 Parking Regulations including Bicycle Parking and Pedestrian Facilities.

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

CHAIR HESS reiterated the need to think about design in the requirements for bicycle parking to make sure we don't encourage misuse of these areas.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments came in from the public. MS WILM reminded the group go over the NMP again to get ready for Friday's work session.

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9. ADJOURN

MR GURLEY <u>made a motion to adjourn the meeting</u>. MS FINK seconded. *Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.*

