

**ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Anchorage, Alaska
September 7, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members Present:

Name	Representing
Karol Fink	State of Alaska DHHS
Eric Gurley	Access Alaska
Chelsea Ward-Waller	Public Seat
Emily Weiser	Bike Anchorage
Jon Miller	Anchorage School District
Lindsey Hajduk	Public Seat
Matt Johnson	Business Seat

Also in attendance:

Name	Representing
Craig Lyon	MOA/AMATS
Joni Wilm	MOA/AMATS
Christine Schutte	MOA/AMATS
James Mason	Member of the Public
Scott Thomas	ADOT&PF
Shawn Gardner	ADOT&PF
Emily Weiser	Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR KAROL FINK called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members of the BPAC except Cary Shiflea and CB Brady were present.

3. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

CRAIG LYON gave the public services announcement.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

LINDSEY HAJDUK made a motion to approve agenda. KAROL FINK stated that she would like to discuss the letter about NACTO guidelines received by a member of the public.

Hearing no objection, the agenda was amended and approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ERIC GURLEY made a motion to approve the minutes. *Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved.*

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Letter of Support for Revisions to Alaska Administrative Code for Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety

CHAIR FINK introduced the letter of support for Revisions to Alaska Administrative Code for Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety. CHAIR FINK asked what the motion for this letter was and JONI WLM stated that the motion would be to approve the letter of support as written. MS WILM said that was her staff recommendation. She also mentioned that at the Policy Committee it was discussed if the word “dangerous” should be removed from the code language but that that decision was probably best left to ADOT&PF staff. LINDSEY HAJDUK recommended approval of the letter as is. JOHN MILLER seconded. *Hearing no objection, the letter was approved as written.*

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

a. Presentation and Discussion on 85th Percentile Rule and ADOT&PF Goals and Constraints (ADOT&PF)

SCOTT THOMAS presented on speed and the 85th percentile rule. CHAIR FINK stated that it seemed like sometimes there should be an exception to this rule based on the land use planning and what was going on around a particular area. MS WILM stated that this discussion had been brought about earlier at a previous meeting and that it would be helpful for the committee to hear about the rule to understand it better and how it was being used. MR THOMAS’ presentation on this rule can be found here at *minute 14:15*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWRiJtpUcR8>

His presentation included a review of different road user profiles, data driven study requirements, speed limit requirements, principles of traffic control devices, other factors that are considered including road characteristics, pace, development and the environment and others. BPAC comments and questions included questions about design speed, how road ownership determines speed limit, how this can be used in the context of community roads and looking at changing speed limits, when engineering studies happen and where there are opportunities to influence projects. In short, when a road changes context, speeds should be reconsidered. Other questions included pedestrians and particularly wheelchair users, how are they considered and what determines their ability to access facilities.

b. MTP 101 (AMATS)

AARON JONGENELEN gave the presentation on the MTP 101 which can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWRIJtpUcR8> at *minute 53:15*. It included the 7 Steps involved in the development of the MTP. They are Step 1. Vision, Step 2: Criteria, Step 3: Data Analysis, Step 4: Projects and Fiscal Constraints, Step 5: Policies and Actions, Step 6: Air Quality, Step 7: MPO Approval and Step 8: FHWA Approval. MR JONGENELEN reviewed the public comment period for the plan as well and stated that the presentation would be available on the AMATS website for anyone to review on their own time. The committee questions included new MTP timeline. MR JONGENELEN stated he was hoping to finish this newest MTP by 2023. This presentation was intended to help educate the public on the MTP process to help them become more involved during the development of this major AMATS plan.

c. TIP Criteria Update (AMATS)

CRAIG LYON gave the update on the TIP Scoring Criteria. MR LYON stated that the MTP was the 20-year plan and the TIP was the 4 year plan to figure out what projects to fund. MR LYON stated that he was happy to schedule a work session to review the criteria in detail. CHAIR FINK stated that she would appreciate the opportunity for a work session. She also asked if a project gets scored in both columns only in one or the other. MR LYON stated that if a road project includes non-motorized facilities it would score on the complete streets column. If a project is only a non-motorized project it will be scored on the bicycle/pedestrian column. The committee voted to have a work session. MR LYON stated he would schedule a work session for the BPAC.

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

MS WILM gave the update on the Non-motorized Plan. She stated that the plan was under final revision and the contract was being amended to include to work to incorporate the 760+ comments received during the public comment period. She stated that once the contract was approved it would be about 6 weeks until final plan document completion. She also took a moment to thank Scott Thomas for his efforts in updating pedestrian projects in the plan as well a the HSIP data analysis that will help locate potential improvement area and increase project funding capabilities in the final plan.

e. Update on AMATS Planning Projects (AMATS)

JONI WILM gave the update on other AMATS projects. They included wrapping up content for the 2021 issues of the Urban Streets magazine.

7. **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

CHELSEA WARD-WALLER stated that she would appreciate action items being moved towards front of the agenda. She also stated that there were a lot of moving pieces with all of these projects and that keeping up with all of what was going on was challenging. MR LYON agreed that there were a lot of projects to keep up with and said that staff would try to do better to keep the committee up to speed with everything. LINDSEY HAJDUK stated that there have been a large number of pedestrian deaths this year in the AMATS area and that doing another safety campaign would be helpful to help prevent further injuries.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

CHAIR FINK brought up the letter regarding NACTO design standards that the committee had received. She stated that the letter had been forwarded to Craig Lyon and Joni Wilm and that they would be responding on behalf of the committee. Craig confirmed this.

9. **ADJOURN**

MR GURLEY made a motion to adjourn the meeting. MS HAJDUK seconded. *Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.*