

**ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Planning & Development Center

Training Room

4700 Elmore Road

Anchorage, Alaska

November 1, 2022

2:30 PM

This meeting was conducted in-person and virtually

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
NAME	REPRESENTING	IN ATTENDANCE
S.J. Klein	District 1	Yes
Matt Cruickshank	District 2	Yes
Steve Horn	District 3	Yes
Diana Evans	District 4	Yes
Mike Rehberg	District 5	Yes
Mike Fenster	District 6	Yes
Bruce Bustamante	Anchorage Chamber of Commerce	No
Debbie Rinckey	Chugiak/Eagle River Chamber of Commerce	No
Bob French	Federation of Community Councils	Yes
Jim Winchester	Planning & Zoning Commission	No
Jon Scudder	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Yes

Also in attendance:

Name	Representing
Sean Baski	DOT&PF
Christine Schuette	AMATS Planner
Jon Cecil	AMATS Planner
Aaron Jongenelen	AMATS Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

VICE CHAIR SCUDDER called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm. A quorum was reached.

CHAIR CRUICKSHANK arrived at 2:38pm

MR. FENSTER arrived at 2:46 pm

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MR. KLEIN moved to approve the agenda. MR. REHBERG seconded.

MR. KLEIN asked to add an update on the Seward PEL to the next CAC agenda.

MR. JONGENELEN stated that no one from the project team was present and prepared to make that update.

MR. SCUDDER asked if the item could be placed on the next agenda.

MR. JONGENELEN said yes.

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MR. HORN moved to approve the minutes. MS. EVANS seconded.

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Resolution in Support of changes to the 2023-2026 TIP requested in [Assembly Resolution AR2022-254](#)**

PROJECT BACKGROUND

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the AMATS area project plan for transportation improvements. It is the investment program consisting of capital improvements to the metropolitan transportation system. The TIP is the means of implementing the goals and objectives of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Additionally, the TIP process is used to satisfy the public participation process of the Program of Projects (POP) that is required in U.S.C. Section 5307. AMATS administers approximately \$30 million in federal transportation funding annually through the Roadway, Non-motorized, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) within the urbanized area.

The Municipality of Anchorage Assembly passed a resolution on August 23, 2022 with recommended amends to the 2023-2026 TIP.

MS. EVANS briefed the committee on what was in the assembly resolution.

MR. HORN referenced specifically Item 3 in the Assembly Resolution AR2022-254.

Delete the current project (NHS0004) that contains the construction of the vehicular underpass at 92nd Avenue/Scooter Avenue (part of NHS0004) 5 and delete the Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive circulation improvements 6 (RDY00013). Add a new project that mirrors Project NHS0004, but instead provides for a non-vehicular freeway crossing at 92nd Avenue and Scooter 8 Drive.

MR. HORN moved to table this item until after the November Technical Advisory Committee meeting where DOT&PF would be making a presentation on this item.

CHAIR CRUICKSHANK passed the gavel to VICE CHAIR SCUDDER

MR. CRUICKSHANK seconded

MR. FENSTER stated that he talked to the community councils in District 6 and they stated that they supported Item 3 in the Assembly Resolution.

MR. REHBERG asked to hear the presentation and talking points from MS. EVANS before supporting this motion.

MR. HORN amended his motion to include the talking points from MS. EVANS and the presentation from DOT&PF at the Technical Advisory Committee.

MR. KLEIN moved to amend the motion to add a timeline to when the Committee will take up this item.

MS. EVANS moved to amend the motion to state that the CAC will hold their meeting between November 4th and November 9th so that the committee can get in their comments ahead of the Policy Committee meeting where action may be taken.

Matt Cruickshank	AYE
S.J. Klein	NAY
Steve Horn	AYE
Diana Evans	AYE
Mike Rehberg	AYE
Bob French	AYE
Jim Winchester	AYE
Jon Scudder - Chair	AYE

The motion passes.

6. PROJECT AND PLAN UPDATES

a. Destination UMED Study

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Destination UMED is a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) study in the University Medical District of Anchorage that will explore projects, policies, and programs to reduce traffic congestion, improve mobility choices, enhance equitable access to district destinations, and support the next decade of UMED growth and economic development.

MR. CECIL updated the committee on the project.

The following were Committee questions with responses noted in *Italic*

(MF) Did staff give a presentation to the community councils in the UMED district?

(JC) *Yes when the consultant where here in October they met with the community councils.*

b. Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO)

MS. SCHUETTE updated the committee on the project.

The following were Committee questions with responses noted in *Italic*

(SK) Is pedestrian surveillance modeling in any of the discussions?

(AJ) This is not being considered as part of this plan?

(MC) What are the different strategies being considered?

(CS) TSMO looks to manage non-recurring congestion (weather events, special events, crashes, etc.) without adding capacity. Strategies could be spot treatments like pedestrian signals or bicycle detection or developing partnerships across agencies and expanding information capabilities.

7. General Information

MR. JONGENELEN informed the committee that 2023-2026 TIP was approved by FHWA and that AMATS has hired a new staff member, Chelsea Ward-Waller, who will be taking over management of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

8. Committee Comments

MR. KLEIN heard that the consultant on the Seward to Glenn PEL has started distributing draft modeling proposals to staff and stakeholders and he would like to get a presentation on that at the next CAC meeting.

8. Public Comments

MR. BASKI stated in regard to the earlier committee discussion on project presentations that DOT&PF is happy to bring projects to this committee that they are interested in learning more about. The DOT&PF has a [project website](#) where most ongoing projects can be located outside of the TIP projects.

MR. STARZEC expanded that the DOT&PF's project website to say that each project has a public involvement component where information is pushed out to communities during the planning process.

MS. WARD-WALLER introduced herself to the committee. She mentioned that for the last year she worked as a legislative aid to Representative Ivy Sponnhloz. Before that she worked for the Municipality in PM& E as a Public Involvement Officer and later transitioned to the Emergency Operations Center when COVID happened. And then she worked briefly in the mayor's office and lastly, during her time at the Municipality, the Public Health Department. She comes with a background in advocacy and worked with Bike Anchorage for many years and in volved with community councils.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.