

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

**December 13, 2022  
12:00 PM**

*This meeting was conducted virtually*

<b>COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>
S.J. Klein	District 1	Yes
Matt Cruickshank	District 2	Yes
Steve Horn	District 3	No
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	No
Jim Winchester	Planning & Zoning Commission	No
Jon Scudder	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Yes

Also in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Sean Baski	DOT&PF
James Starzec	DOT&PF
Christine Schuette	AMATS Planner
Aaron Jongenelen	AMATS Coordinator
Jessie Doherty	AMATS BPAC Committee
Bart Rudolph	Public Transportation Department
Randy Brown	Public Transportation Department

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

CHAIR CRUICKSHANK called the meeting to order at 12:23 pm. A quorum was reached.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. DOT&PF Winter Maintenance Survey**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Department of Transportation & Public Facilities sent out a survey to solicit feedback from Metropolitan Planning Organizations on winter maintenance priorities in their areas.

*Extreme weather events, available staff or equipment, and the way a storm hits a region all impact DOT&PF's ability to restore our roads and highways to acceptable driving conditions. Our teams uses the best information through collaborative partnerships, real-world experience, and weather data to respond as quickly and efficiently as they can. Sometimes we*

*have to make tough decisions of where and how to apply our snow and ice control resources when responding to winter weather events—that's where you come in—please share your feedback with us on our winter prioritization system by taking this survey.*

The AMATS Community Advisory Committee called a special meeting to fill out the survey as a committee.

*Road Maintenance Prioritization Criteria: Please rank the importance of the following criteria used by DOT&PF to establish road priorities (for road maintenance).*

**1. Major shipping lanes and freight/cargo transport**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Critical
Mike Rehberg	Critical
Diana Evans	Critical
S.J. Klein	Critical
John Scudder	Critical
Matt Cruickshank	Critical

*The item passes with unanimous support for **Critical***

**2. Access to other modes of transportation (airports and marine ports/harbors)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Critical
Mike Rehberg	Critical
Diana Evans	Moderate
S.J. Klein	Moderate
John Scudder	High
Matt Cruickshank	Critical

*The item fails to reach consensus*

**3. Speed limit of road (higher speeds require more frequent attention to avoid safety issues)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Moderate
Mike Rehberg	Moderate
Diana Evans	Moderate
S.J. Klein	Moderate
John Scudder	Moderate
Matt Cruickshank	Moderate

*The item passes with unanimous support for **Moderate***

**4. Road characteristics (grade, surface condition, curves, adjacent localized conditions such as fog, etc.)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Moderate
Mike Rehberg	Moderate
Diana Evans	Moderate
S.J. Klein	Moderate
John Scudder	Moderate
Matt Cruickshank	Critical

*The item passes with majority support for **Moderate***

**5. Existing DOT&PF resources (Personal and equipment are experience/condition and location dependent)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	-
Mike Rehberg	-
Diana Evans	-
S.J. Klein	-
John Scudder	-
Matt Cruickshank	-

*The committee asked DOT&PF for further clarification on this item*

**6. Bridge and Rivers (icing near waterways in winter)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	High
Mike Rehberg	High
Diana Evans	Low
S.J. Klein	High
John Scudder	High
Matt Cruickshank	High

*The item passes with majority support for **High***

**7. Type of road (major or minor why, arterial, collector, local road, etc.)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Moderate
Mike Rehberg	Moderate
Diana Evans	Moderate
S.J. Klein	Moderate

John Scudder	Moderate
Matt Cruickshank	Critical

*The item passes with majority support for **Moderate***

**8. Annual average daily traffic (objective measure of activity via recorded traffic counts)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Low
Mike Rehberg	Moderate
Diana Evans	Moderate
S.J. Klein	High
John Scudder	Moderate
Matt Cruickshank	High

*The item fails to reach consensus*

**9. Weather events (type, severity, and impact to conditions – i.e., freezing rain)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Critical
Mike Rehberg	Moderate
Diana Evans	Critical
S.J. Klein	Critical
John Scudder	Critical
Matt Cruickshank	Critical

*The item passes with majority support for **Critical***

**10. Alternative emergency routes (evacuation routes for any community, traffic congestion alternative routes for larger population areas)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	High
Mike Rehberg	High
Diana Evans	Moderate
S.J. Klein	High
John Scudder	High
Matt Cruickshank	High

*The item passes with majority support for **High***

**11. Population density of surrounding/connected area (potential increased utilization of route for both motorized and non-motorized users)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Critical
Mike Rehberg	Critical
Diana Evans	Critical
S.J. Klein	Critical
John Scudder	Critical
Matt Cruickshank	Critical

*The item passes with unanimous support for **Critical***

**12. School bus routing (district-specific and seasonal considerations)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	High
Mike Rehberg	High
Diana Evans	Moderate
S.J. Klein	High
John Scudder	High
Matt Cruickshank	High

*The item passes with majority support for **High***

**13. Distance from M&O station that DOT&PF staff must travel for work**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Low
Mike Rehberg	Low
Diana Evans	Low
S.J. Klein	Low
John Scudder	Low
Matt Cruickshank	Moderate

*The item passes with majority support for **Low***

**14. Route and segment access (operator catches area along the way due to efficiency)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Moderate
Mike Rehberg	Moderate
Diana Evans	Low
S.J. Klein	Low
John Scudder	Moderate
Matt Cruickshank	Moderate

*The item passes with majority support for **Moderate***

**15. Reliable access for emergency responders and hospitals (speed of emergency services)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Critical
Mike Rehberg	Critical
Diana Evans	Critical
S.J. Klein	Critical
John Scudder	Critical
Matt Cruickshank	Critical

*The item passes with unanimous support for **Critical***

**16. Public transit systems (bus routes)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	High
Mike Rehberg	High
Diana Evans	High
S.J. Klein	High
John Scudder	High
Matt Cruickshank	High

*The item passes with unanimous support for **High***

**17. Safety corridors (designed for enhanced safety due to accident data)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	High
Mike Rehberg	Moderate
Diana Evans	Moderate
S.J. Klein	High
John Scudder	High
Matt Cruickshank	High

*The item passes with majority support for **High***

**18. Presence of nonmotorized facilities (bike lanes, sidewalks, pathways and pedestrian overcrosses)**

MS. SCHUETTE called for a vote on the item.

Mike Fenster	Critical
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Mike Rehberg	Critical
Diana Evans	Critical
S.J. Klein	Critical
John Scudder	Critical
Matt Cruickshank	Critical

*The item passes with unanimous support for **Critical***

**19. Any Road Priority Criteria Missing?**

- a. MR. FENSTER: Coordinated timing with the plowing and clearing of adjacent and connected pedestrian and cycling paths.
- b. MS. EVANS: Access to JBER, National Highway System Routes, and Employment Centers

*Hearing no Objection, these comments were added to this open-ended question on the survey.*

**20. OPINION: DOT&PF Road Maintenance in Your Area - Positives**

- a. MR. FENSTER: Maintenance & Operations timing seems to be appropriate to prevent conflict with daily traffic.

*Hearing no Objection, this comment was added to this open-ended question on the survey.*

**21. OPINION: DOT&PF Road Maintenance in Your Area - Improvements**

- a. MR. CRUICKSHANK: Additional staffing, additional equipment.
- b. MR. FENSTER: Strengthen outreach on how priorities may change given a specific storm or time period.
- c. MR. SCUDDER: Increase awareness within the community
- d. MS. EVANS: DOT&PF should lobby for more resources with the legislature. The CAC ranked many of the items on this survey as high or critical and it appears that those needs are not currently being met.
- e. MR. CRUICKSHANK: Work on Attrition; when we can retain operators, we have a much higher level of service.

*Hearing no Objection, this comment was added to this open-ended question on the survey.*

**22. COMMENTS: Any additional input or comments you would like to give specifically about road maintenance priorities?**

- a. MS. EVANS: Some of these items could be weighted differently depending on whether we are talking about a extreme weather event or general winter maintenance, such as Speed limit of the road, road characteristics, and route and segment access.

***Hearing no Objection, this comment was added to this open-ended question on the survey.***

MR. FENSTER moved to extend the meeting to 1:15pm to complete the last item.

MS. EVANS seconded

***Hearing no objections, the meeting was extended to 1:15pm.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.***