Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions

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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

What is an MPO?
What does an MPO do?
What federal funds are received?
What are AMATS’ needs?
What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)?

“The forum for cooperative transportation decision making for the metropolitan planning area”

Source: 23 CFR Part 450.104
What do MPO’s do?

- Carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process
- Cooperatively develop, update, and approve:
  - Unified Planning Work Program
  - Metropolitan Transportation Plan
  - Transportation Improvement Program
  - Public Participation Plan
  - Air Quality and Conformity Analysis and Determination
Scope of Planning Process: Consider Projects that will:

- Support economic vitality
- Increase safety
- Increase security
- Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight
- Protect and enhance the environment
- Promote efficient system management
- Emphasize the preservation of the existing system
- Improve resiliency and reliability & mitigate storm water impacts
- Enhance travel and tourism
Who Makes Up the Policy Committee, the decision-making body of the MPO?

- DOT&PF Central Region Director - Chair
- Mayor of Anchorage – Vice Chair
- Anchorage Municipal Assembly Representative
- Anchorage Municipal Assembly Representative
- DEC Statewide Air Quality Director
Who Makes Up the Technical Committee?

- Municipal Traffic Director - Chair
- Alaska Railroad Corporation
- Municipal Departments of HSS, Transit, Planning, Public Works
- MOA Parks and Rec
- Port of Alaska
- Alaska DOT & PF and DEC
MPO COORDINATOR’S OFFICE

- Intergovernmental agreement delineates responsibilities of all parties
- Reports to the Policy Committee
- Staff: Coordinator and four transportation planners
- Funded primarily by Municipal and Federal Funds
- Educates various legislative and funding bodies on AMATS needs
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

- Updated every 4 years – Last Update 05/24 20 year forecast
- Must identify transportation facilities, mitigation activities, financial plan and operational and management strategies
- Coordinated effort is very important
- Consultation and public participation are key
Transportation Improvement Program

• Short Term funding program (4 years)
• Cooperative effort with transit operator
• Approved by the MPO and the Governor
• Fiscally constrained and inflation-proofed; consistent with MTP
• Includes all regionally significant projects
• Local match required, 90/10 split
Federal Funding for the TIP

• Four Allocations
  • Surface Transportation Block Grants
  • Transportation Alternative
  • Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
  • Carbon Reduction Funding Program
Public Participation  GET INVOLVED!

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