

# 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?*

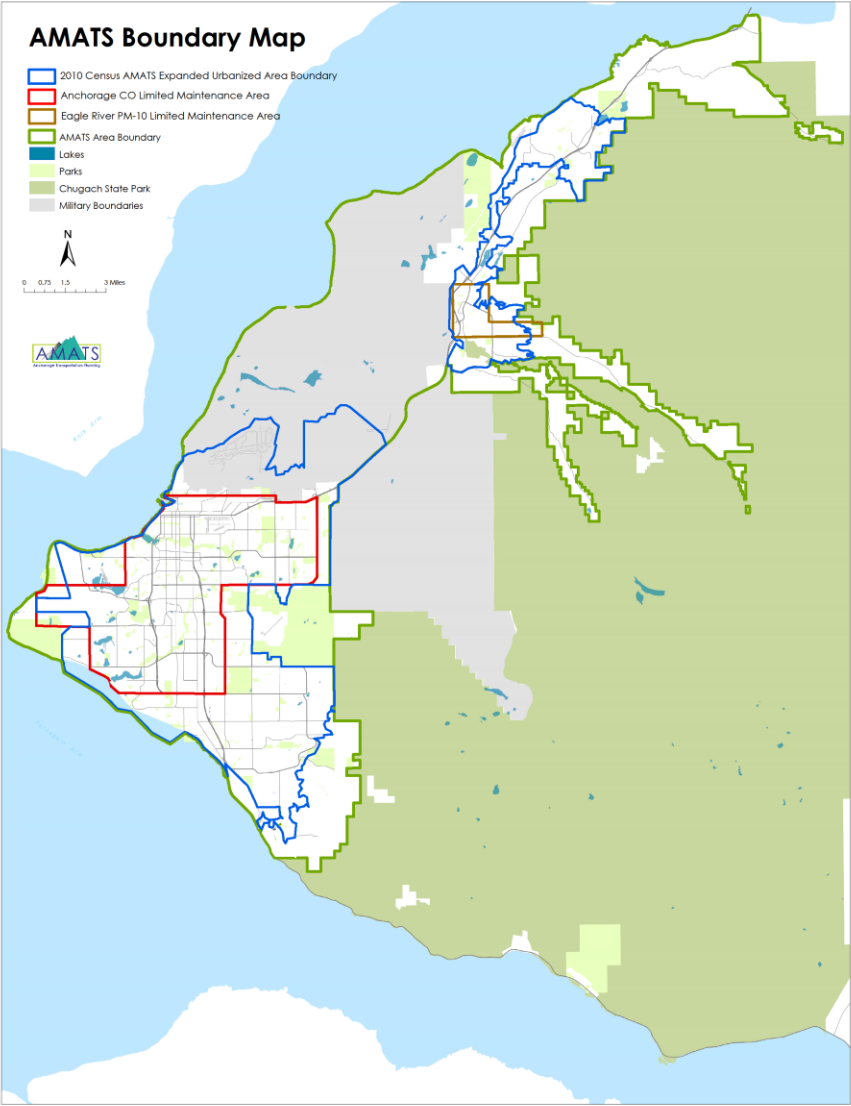
- Municipal Traffic Director - Chair
- Alaska Railroad Corporation
- Municipal Departments of HSS, Transit, Planning, Public Works
- MOA Energy & Sustainability Manager
- Port of Alaska
- Alaska DOT & PF and DEC

# *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



# AMATS Metropolitan Planning Area



# *Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)*

- Updated every 4 years – Last Update 08/20  
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*

- Three Allocations
  - **Surface Transportation Block Grants**
  - **Transportation Alternative**
  - **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality**

# *Public Participation GET INVOLVED!*

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