

**ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION
FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MS TEAMS Online
Anchorage, Alaska**

**AUG. 11, 2021
3:00 PM**

Those in attendance were:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Joe Michel	ATA
Steve Ribuffo	Port of Alaska
Dan Smith	MSC/ADOT&PF
Doug Thompson	Holland America-Princess
Richard Heath	UPS
Mike Thrasher	TOTE/OCEAN
Robert Sherrill	USAF, DLA
Steve Ribuffo	Port of Alaska

Excused: Terri Lindseth, TSAIA

Absent: Jimmy Doyle, Weaver Bros, Brian Lindamood, ARRC, Darren Prokop, UAA

Other Participants:

Craig Lyon, AMATS
Jon Cecil, AMATS
Christine Schuette, AMATS
James Starzec, DOTPF
Brad Coy, DOTPF
Donovan Camp, DOTPF
Galen Jones, DOTPF
Joann Mitchell, Kinney Engineers
Jeanne Bowie, Kinney Engineers
Jesse Miranda, Kinney Engineers
Eric Taylor, DOTPF

1. CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR MICHEL called the online meeting being conducted via MS Teams to order at 300 PM. A quorum was not established.

2. **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT.** Mr. MICHEL read the public involvement message. A recording will be available of the meeting along with a sign in sheet.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approval moved for agenda by MR RIBUFFO; seconded by MR. HEATH.
Agenda approved unanimously.

4. **MINUTES** – MR. SMITH moved to approve with no objections to approve the May 12, 2021 meeting minutes. **Minutes approved unanimously.**

5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- a. **Ocean Dock Road Reconnaissance Study – Kinney Engineers - Presentation** – Galen Jones, Project Manager started a PowerPoint presentation on the Ocean Dock Road Reconnaissance Study. (Minor technical difficulties at beginning so switched to Item b. and then returned to a. with quorum established.) Resumed after Item 6.b completed. Galen Jones explained background of the study and hiring of Kinney Engineers. Goal is to introduce study and outline study goals. Jeanne Bowie from Kinney Engineering described project in more detail as to the Study Area (Ocean Dock Road-Whitney Road to Roger Graves Road). Described the Scope components and different modes. Described Project Schedule from 8/2021 to 8/2022. Will come up with a broad list of alternatives. FAC will be involved throughout the study. JOE MICHEL asked to be called for a list of stakeholders that could be forwarded to project team. Port of Alaska should be the main priority in his opinion. STEVE RIBUFFO indicated that he is anxious to see where the project goes. This project is a trucking efficiency solution. JOE MICHEL asked about alternatives. Will study lead to a project? Galen Jones replied study will list alternatives and provide costs/benefits. Document will be given to AMATS for adding projects to the TIP. Design could take a couple of years. STEVE RIBUFFO said his understanding is that the Railroad is looking at the grade crossings in that area. Suggested investigating jointly with Railroad. Galen Jones acknowledged this point. Department added to Kinney's

scope about the grade crossing and will work closely with Railroad. JOE MICHEL asked if is this a mandatory AMATS project or a State mandated project? Galen Jones responded that financing is with AMATS. State money will contribute match, but DOTPF is also looking for federal funding for design and construction. Not assuming much state funding will be available beyond the required match. JOE MICHEL expressed his concern about this project competing with other AMATS funded projects.

- b. Draft TIP Criteria (AMATS Staff)** - Aaron Jongenelen, Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed the draft TIP Criteria. The TIP Criteria is 4-year funding program that is eligible federal funding. Criteria released in July. At the beginning of Public Comment Period. Guidebook provides brief background which was reviewed by the committee. Five major categories: Safety, Mobility, Economic, Environment, Preservation. Each category has scoring criteria. Scoring explained. There may be areas where there is not a lot of data available. Bonus points are a new feature. Scoring is easy process, no weighting. On safety really tried to make improvements that are effective based on countermeasures. RICH HEATH asked what determined maximum points in the Safety category? Staff made that determine, tried to break down the point spread as evenly as possible. JOE MICHEL asked Rich HEATH if he saw the draft criteria previously emailed to FAC members. MR. MICHEL asked for an email with explanation of acronyms. Aaron said there should be an acronym section and thanked chair for his comment.

Discussion of Mobility Category. Want to note that Freight is just as important as other modes which is found throughout the criteria. Some penalties to projects based on staff selection such as EJ locations. List of negative impacts. JOE MICHEL asked about bike/ped column and another for motorized vehicles and asked for clarification. Left-hand column is for corridors. Right-hand column addresses bike/pedestrian specific project. Truck movements are noted in both columns. RICH HEATH asked about scoring clarification.

Economic: Includes land uses, health equity areas, freight system worth up to 20 points. Negative points if negative impacts.

Environment: Stormwater run-off, air quality, VMT, climate action plan, environmental impacts worth up to 20 points.

Preservation: Includes improves roadway improvements, improves sidewalks or off street facilities, improves traffic signal equipment, utilities coordination, resiliency, improvement transit stops worth 20 points.

Once Public Comment period is closed then the Criteria will be brought back to TAC and PC. JOE MICHEL asked if new criteria would affect projects that are in current program? No, it's going forward with new projects. Drastic improvement over original draft. There are some items that may be crossed over between economic versus environment. Will get FAC after meeting to discuss internally. Thanked Aaron for his presentation. JOE MICHEL asked about CAC meeting to hear a 2-hour review of TIP Criteria. Could attend as a member of the public. It's a work session.

No Public Comments or messages in the Chat.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS. JOE MICHEL indicated that he would attend the CAC meeting. Will work with staff about any other AMATS projects that could be of interest to the FAC. Kinney presentation was appreciated.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS. November 10 is next FAC meeting. A special meeting could be called to address the TIP comments and staff is happy to facilitate meeting via TEAMS. RICH HEATH asked about timeline to finalize FAC comments. JOE MICHEL will follow up with committee members by next week. Staff misspoke about the TIP Criteria coming back to FAC after end of public comment period.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.