

**ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Mayor's Conference Room, 8th Floor
632 W. 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska**

**September 22, 2022
1:30 PM**

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Policy Committee Members Present:

Name	Representing
Wolfgang Junge	Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)
Adam Trombley	Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
Emma Pokon	Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Air Quality
Meg Zaletel	MOA/Municipal Assembly
Daniel Volland**	MOA/Municipal Assembly

Also in attendance:

Name	Representing
Aaron Jongenelen	MOA/Planning Department
Chelsea Ward-Waller	MOA/Planning Department
Marcela Pena	Aztec, LLC
Steve Rzepka	DOT&PF
Craig Lyon*	MOA/Planning Department
Brian Lindamood*	Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)
Sean Baski	DOT&PF
Luke Bowland*	DOT&PF
James Starzec	DOT&PF
Kevin Jackson	DOT&PF
Jessi Miranda	Kinney Engineering
Jeanne Bowie	Kinney Engineering
Bart Rudolph	MOA/Public Transportation Department (PTD)
Brad Coy*	MOA/Transportation Engineering Department
Renee Whitesell	DOWL
Todd Vanhove*	DOT&PF
Randy Vanderwood	DOT&PF
Emily Weiser	Bike Anchorage
Randy Brown	
Joann Mitchell	Kinney Engineering
John Linnell	DOT&PF
Jovie Garcia	
Cheryl Richardson	
Adeyemi Alimi*	ADEC
Keith Baltozer	DOT&PF
Mark Eisenman	DOT&PF

Allie Hartman Anchorage Assembly Legislative Services Team
Kathryn Wenger Federal Highways Administration (FHWA)
Ann Rappaport Rabbit Creek Community Council Co-Chair

**AMATS Technical Advisory Committee Member*

***Designated Assembly Alternate*

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

CHAIR JUNGE called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Adam Trombley, Community Development Director represented Mayor Bronson. Assembly Member Volland acted as Designated Assembly Alternate for Assembly Member Dunbar. A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

AARON JONGENELEN encouraged public involvement in this meeting of the AMATS Policy Committee. He explained staff would first make their presentation, followed by any comments from Committee members, and the floor would then be open to public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MR. TROMBLEY moved to approve the agenda. ASSEMBLY MEMBER ZALETEL seconded.

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – None

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Non-Single Occupancy (SOV) Targets

MR. JONGENELEN presented the targets noting that Non-Single Occupancy Vehicles (SOV) are part of the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Federal Performance Measures program, which is a subpart of the Transportation Performance Management (TPM). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) defines TPM as a strategic approach that uses system information to make investment and policy decisions to achieve national performance goals.

The Committee discussed telecommuting percentages and adding the Household Travel Survey.

CHAIR JUNGE opened the floor to the following public comment:

CHERYL RICHARDSON

MR. TROMBLEY moved to approve. ASSEMBLY MEMBER ZALETEL seconded.

Hearing no objections, this motion passed.

b. Public Transportation Department (PTD) Memorandum - Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets

MR. JONGENELEN noted that, as required by the Transit Asset Management Final Rule and regulation at 49 CFR Part 625, the performance management requirements outlined in 49 CFR 625 Subpart D are a minimum standard for operators that provide public transportation services and receive funds under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

There were no Committee comments.

CHAIR JUNGE opened the floor to the following public comment:

CHERYL RICHARDSON

MR. TROMBLEY moved to approve. ASSEMBLY MEMBER VOLLAND seconded.

Hearing no objections, this motion passed.

c. Rabbit Creek Road - Project Update

MR. JONGENELEN presented the update noting that the Rabbit Creek Road project was nominated and included in the 2019-2022 TIP and is carried forward into the 2023-2026 TIP. During the development of the project, DOT&PF ran into some changes that are being brought forward to AMATS for review. The changes are shown below:

1. Changing the project name from Rabbit Creek Road Reconstruction to Rehabilitation.
2. Changing project scope to “Project would rehabilitate Rabbit Creek Road from the Seward Highway to Goldenview Drive and will look at left turn accommodations, where possible. Project will include non-motorized improvements, where possible.”
3. Changing estimated total project cost to \$35,050,000.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended approval of these changes with a modification to the project description to remove the words “where possible” from non-motorized improvements. The new description will read as follows:

“Project would rehabilitate Rabbit Creek Road from the Seward Highway to Goldenview Drive and will look at left turn accommodations, where possible. Project will include non-motorized improvements.”

The Committee discussed the considerable cost change; number of people effected; rescoring projects; funds allocated; buffers; and grandfathered projects.

CHAIR JUNGE opened the floor to the following public comments.

BART RUDOLPH, MOA Public Transportation Department

NANCY PEASE

ANN RAPPAPORT, Rabbit Creek Community Council Co-Chair

MARCELA PENA

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ZALETEL moved to approve. MR. TROMBLEY seconded.

Hearing no objections, this motion passed.

The Committee agreed to schedule a work session to discuss the rescoring of projects process.

6. PROJECT AND PLAN UPDATES

a. Ocean Dock Road Reconnaissance Study

KEVIN JACKSON with DOT&PF and JEANNE BOWIE with Kinney Engineering provided a PowerPoint presentation.

There were no comments.

b. Seward Highway Dimond to O'Malley/92nd Avenue Undercrossing – Update from Staff

MR. JONGENELEN updated the Committee, regarding Assembly Resolution 2022-254(S), on the response from the TAC and their edit to include a cost estimate in the feasibility study for an undercrossing, as well as an overcrossing. The letter was sent to DOT&PF on September 9, 2022.

There were no comments.

CHAIR JUNGE opened the floor to the following comment:

NANCY PEASE

7. GENERAL INFORMATION

a. October Policy Committee Meeting

MR. JONGENELEN informed the Committee that the October 27th meeting has been

moved up to October 20th as staff will be attending the AMPO (Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations) conference. He introduced Chelsea Ward-Waller as the new AMATS Senior Planner. Chelsea will be responsible for both current and future MTP updates.

8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

ASSEMBLY MEMBER VOLLAND discussed the letter sent to the municipality regarding the Golden Lion that would preclude it from being used for a different purpose in the Interim. It is not in the STIP yet and a NEPA process has not been done. He asked if this was four, five, or six years out?

CHAIR JUNGE explained that there has been a request to provide this information at the October meeting.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ZALETEL asked for clarification that if there is a question before the Assembly on Monday about turning the Golden Lion into an active facility to be used, is there anything about your letter that precludes that from happening?

CHAIR JUNGE replied, no, DOT&PF does not control or manage or own that property, as it sits today. The only real action that has occurred, as a result of the sale from the previous owner to the municipality, is that we revoked the permitted parking area directly adjacent to the highway. Until they have gone far enough down the process of project development, purpose and need, and preferred alternatives to identify what additional impacts there would be, we do not have a say in what that property can or should be used for moving forward. He pointed out that in-depth questions are considered pre-determined outcomes and, by definition, are in violation of the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act).

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

MARCELA PENA commented on Title 11 renewal fees and right-of-way acquisitions and community values.

NANCY PEASE commented on AMATS' funding allocation in 2023 for the trails plan.

10. ADJOURNMENT

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ZALETEL moved to adjourn. ASSEMBLY MEMBER VOLLAND seconded.

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.