

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

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

**July 27, 2023
12:30 PM**

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Policy Committee Members Present:

Name	Representing
John Binder	Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)
Kent Kohlhasse	Municipal Manager, Mayor's Office
Daniel Volland	MOA/Municipal Assembly
Kevin Cross**	MOA/Municipal Assembly
Adeyemi Alimi*	Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Air Quality

Also in attendance:

Name	Representing
Aaron Jongenelen	AMATS
Christine Schuette	AMATS
Rhiannon Brown	AMATS
Jon Cecil	AMATS
Chelsea Ward-Waller	AMATS
James Starzec	DOT&PF
Bart Rudolph	MOA/Public Transportation Department (PTD)
Ben White*	DOT&PF
Randy Brown	MOA/PTD
Morgan McCammon	DOWL
Mike Lee	DOT&PF
Kassie Andrews	
Zakary Hartman	MOA/Traffic Engineering
Luke Bowland*	DOT&PF
Kyle Mielke	
Brad Coy*	MOA/Traffic Engineering
Theresa Dutchuk	DOWL
Adam Moser	DOT&PF
Sean Holland	
Lindsey Hajduk	
Allie Hartman	
Colin Singleton	CRW Engineering
Mark Butler	
Todd Lindley	
Renee Whitesell	DOWL
Sherry Coburn	
Todd Lance	

**AMATS Technical Advisory Committee Member*

***Designated Assembly Alternate*

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

CHAIR BINDER called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Kent Kohlhase, Municipal Manager, represented Mayor Bronson. Assembly Member Cross acted as designated alternate in the absence of Assembly Member Zaletel. Adeyemi Alimi represented the Department of Environmental Conservation on behalf of Emma Pokon. 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. ALIMI moved to approve the agenda. MR. KOHLHASE seconded.

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – June 22, 2023

MR. KOHLHASE moved to approve the minutes. ASSEMBLY MEMBER VOLLAND seconded.

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update for Reconnecting Communities Grant

MR. JONGENELEN presented the update, noting that additional discretionary grant language needed to be added to the 2023 UPWP, which is the exact same copy of the information added to the 2024-2025 UPWP. These are for the discretionary grants that are part of the new infrastructure built.

There were no comments.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER VOLLAND moved to add the “Discretionary Grants Within the AMATS Area” language to the 2023 UPWP. MR. KOHLHASE seconded

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

b. Alaska DOT&PF Carbon Reduction Strategy

RENEE WHITESELL, THERESA DUTCHUK, and ADAM MORRILL with DOWL provided a PowerPoint presentation.

The Committee discussed funding, congestion mitigation, vanpools, charging stations, and complete streets.

MR. JONGENELEN clarified that the Technical Advisory Committee recommended a joint work session with the Policy Committee in August for further discussion.

CHAIR BINDER opened the floor to public comments. The following individuals commented:

TODD LINDLEY
SHERRY COBURN
KYLE MIELKE
PEGGY BECK
TODD LANCE
KASSIE ANDREWS

CHAIR BINDER clarified that no motions are associated with this topic.

6. PROJECT AND PLAN UPDATES

a. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

CHELSEA WARD-WALLER presented the MTP update.

CHAIR BINDER opened the floor to public comments on this topic. The following individuals provided additional comments on the Carbon Reduction Strategy:

TODD LANCE
SHERRY COBURN

b. Pilot of Protected Bike Lanes in Anchorage – DOT&PF

COLIN SINGLETON with DOT&PF and BRAD COY with the MOA Traffic Engineering Department provided a PowerPoint presentation.

The Committee discussed the concept of seasonal bike lanes, support from community councils, assessing traffic impacts, and collecting qualitative data on vehicle speed and bicycle volumes during the study.

There were no public comments

7. GENERAL INFORMATION

MR. JONGENELEN noted that AMATS' staff recently received their draft certification review from FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) and FTA (Federal Transit

Administration) and will be able to provide comments in return. FHWA will be presenting this to the Policy Committee in September.

8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS - None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

JAMES STARZEC with DOT&PF noted that the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2024-2027 has been released for public comment. New information is available on the webpage on project phasing and funding up to 2030 with some of illustrative events.

CHAIR BINDER added that DOT&PF is using a new product that provides different ways to break down and display information based on legislative districts, census bureaus, etcetera that solicit feedback.

MS. WHITESELL also added with regard to the STIP, that a mutual public meeting is being held next Thursday evening and will provide an overview of the STIP and ways to comment with details available on the DOT&PF website. There will be a presentation and an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. In addition, meetings will be held in key locations for DOT&PF including Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Juneau. The Anchorage meeting is scheduled for August 9 from 5:30p -7:30p and will be available through the official public notice system either today or tomorrow.

MS. SCHUETTE noted that the event had also been linked on AMATS' upcoming events website.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.