

**ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Planning & Development Center
Main Conference Room, 1st Floor
4700 Elmore Road
Anchorage, Alaska**

**March 11, 2021
2:30 PM**

Due to COVID-19, this meeting was conducted virtually.

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
John Crapps	MOA/Traffic Engineering Department
Todd Vanhove	Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), Central Region Planning
Brian Lindamood	Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)
John Linnell	DOT&PF
Shaina Kilcoyne	MOA/Energy and Sustainability
Adeyemi Alimi	Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Jamie Acton	MOA/Public Transportation Department (PTD)
Matt Stichick	MOA/Anchorage Health Department (AHD)
Steve Ribuffo	MOA/Port of Alaska

Also in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Craig Lyon	MOA/Planning
Christine Schuette	MOA/Planning
Jon Cecil	MOA/Planning
Joni Wilm	MOA/Planning
Aaron Jongenelen	MOA/Planning
John Weddleton*	MOA/Assembly Member
James Starzec	DOT&PF
Elizabeth Appleby	MOA/Current Planning
Tom Davis	MOA/Long-Range Planning Division
Wolfgang Junge*	DOT&PF
Luke Bowland	DOT&PF
Bart Rudolph	MOA/PTD
Jim Amundsen	DOT&PF
Meg Zaletel*	MOA/Assembly Member
Adam Moser	DOT&PF

**Policy Committee Member*

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

CHAIR CRAPPS called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Ms. McNulty and Mr. Kohlhasse were excused. A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

CRAIG LYON 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. As a result of the virtual meetings, the public has been asked to submit an email request providing their name, phone number, and agenda item to AMATS by 6:30 p.m. the day prior to the meeting, but can also participate via Teams and provide testimony when the item is opened to the public for comments.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MR. VANHOVE moved to approve the agenda. MR. ALIMI seconded.

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – February 11, 2021

MR. LINNELL moved to approve the minutes. MR. LINDAMOOD seconded

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Citizens Advisory Committee Seat Nomination

BACKGROUND:

The AMATS Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is the citizen's forum for transportation issues affecting the AMATS area. This group serves to review projects and plans, share information with the public and bring forth recommendations about transportation planning issues to the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee. Members of this committee serve rotating three-year terms. Committee bylaws limit members to two consecutive terms. Diana Evans is being nominated to fill the Public Seat for Assembly District 4.

MR. LYON presented the nomination of Diana Evans to fill the vacant Public Seat for Assembly District 4.

There were no comments.

MR. STICHICK moved to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the appointment of Diana Evans to the District 4 seat on the AMATS Citizens Advisory Committee. MR. VANHOVE seconded.

Hearing no objections, this motion passed.

6. PROJECT AND PLAN UPDATES

a. AMATS Project and Plan Updates

MR. LYON briefed the Committee noting that TIP Amendment #2 is out for public comment through March 29. The Non-motorized Plan comment period has ended, and Ms. Wilm is preparing responses to a significant number of comments. The RFP (Request for Proposal) for the 2050 MTP is now open to potential bidders.

There were no comments.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION

a. AMATS Project and Plan Updates (*this item was heard under Agenda Item 6*)

b. Project to Amend Title 21 Parking Regulations

TOM DAVIS with MOA Long-Range Planning Division and Elizabeth Appleby with MOA Current Planning provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

In response to Mr. Stichick's question if the three-parking space requirement applies to new construction and residential new construction, MR. DAVIS explained that the parking space requirement applies to all new construction for most types and does not apply to residential. Removing it is mostly assisting small tenants or very small uses. Most cities do not have that, but just have their use-by-use parking requirements.

MS. KILCOYNE appreciated the presentation noting that it is great to see such a holistic effort in terms of modes of transit, and taking into account electric vehicles, biking, pedestrians, and all the relevant plans.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER WEDDLETON also expressed appreciation for the project. He pointed out that parking spots would be used for Uber and Lyft staging, but suggested adding taxis, instead of just focusing on a couple of specific businesses.

MS. APPLEBY agreed with Assembly Member Weddleton. She mentioned that discussion had taken place, during internal meetings, ensuring those types of services were a part of the code and were equal to taxi services.

There were no public comments.

8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

MR. LINNELL informed the Committee that this was his last meeting. Luke Bowland will be filling the pre-construction engineer position at DOT&PF and replacing him on the TAC.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.