

**ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Planning & Development Center  
Main Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
4700 Elmore Road  
Anchorage, Alaska**

**June 10, 2021  
2:30 PM**

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

**Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Kim Carpenter	MOA/Traffic Engineering Department
Todd Vanhove	Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), Central Region Planning
Matt Stichick	MOA/Anchorage Health Department (AHD)
Jamie Acton	MOA/Public Transportation Department (PTD)
Michelle McNulty	MOA/Planning Department
Luke Bowland	DOT&PF
Steve Ribuffo	MOA/Port of Alaska
Adeyemi Alimi	Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Brian Lindamood	Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)

**Also in attendance:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Craig Lyon	MOA/Planning
Christine Schuette	MOA/Planning
Aaron Jongenelen	MOA/Planning
Jim Amundsen	DOT&PF
Steven Rzepka	DOT&PF
James Starzec	DOT&PF
Bart Rudolph	PTD
John Weddleton*	MOA/Municipal Assembly
Josie Wilson	

*\*Policy Committee Member*

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

ACTING CHAIR CARPENTER called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Kohlhasse and Ms. Kilcoyne were excused. Mr. Alimi represented ADEC on behalf of Cindy Heil. A quorum was established prior to Mr. Lindamood's arrival at 2:34 p.m.

## 2. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

CRAIG LYON encouraged public involvement in this meeting of the AMATS Technical Advisory 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. RIBUFFO moved to approve the agenda. MR. ALIMI seconded.

*Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.*

## 4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – April 8, 2021

MR. VANHOVE moved to approve the minutes. MS. MCNULTY seconded.

*Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.*

## 5. BUSINESS ITEMS

### a. Safety Targets

#### BACKGROUND:

*Safety Performance Management (Safety PM) is part of the overall Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program, which (Federal Highway Administration) FHWA defines as a strategic approach that uses system information to make investment and policy decisions to achieve national performance goals. The Safety PM Final Rule supports the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), as it establishes safety performance measure requirements for the purpose of carrying out the HSIP and to assess fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. States are required by 23 CFR 490, Subpart B, to establish and submit to FHWA annual targets for five safety performance measures. Targets are expressed as five-year rolling averages. The targets are applicable to all public roads in Alaska. DOT&PF coordinated with AMATS on the establishment of targets and MPOs must inform DOT&PF not later than 180 days after the HSIP annual report is submitted whether they will support state targets or set their own targets. MPOs have two options when setting their own targets for each measure:*

- 1. Establish a numerical target for each performance measure specific to the MPO planning area.*
- 2. Agree to support the State DOT target.*

MR. LYON reminded the Committee that these set of performance measures are required to be revisited every year. AMATS is recommending supporting the State's targets to the Policy Committee for approval.

*Mr. Lindamood arrived at 2:34 p.m.*

MR. VANHOVE responded to Mr. Stichick that, yes, these are statewide transportation network figures.

There were no public comments.

MR. RIBUFFO moved to approve what is stated in the Memorandum as the Safety Targets for 2022. MR. VANHOVE seconded.

***Hearing no objections, this motion passed.***

#### **b. Committee By-laws**

##### BACKGROUND:

*The AMATS Policy Committee voted on March 25, 2021 to change the name of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Additionally, AMATS staff proposes standardizing the language in all three subordinate committee by-laws. Section By-laws are to follow this order:*

- I. Preamble
- II. The Committee
  1. Membership
  2. Membership Terms
  3. Meetings
  4. Quorum & Attendance
  5. Voting
  6. Conflict of Interest
- III. Officers
  1. Chair & Vice Chair
  2. Elections
- IV. Amendments to the by-laws
- V. Parliamentary Procedure

In addition, AMATS staff proposed changing the term limit of the CAC and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) from two to three years to match the Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) terms. AMATS staff also proposed the addition of a telephonic meetings clause under the Meetings section. This clause states that meetings may take place by means of a telephonic conference call, or other form of electronic virtual communication.

MR. LYON briefed the Committee on the above-noted Operating Agreement changes and proposals. The TAC is being asked to recommend approval to the Policy Committee.

There were no comments.

MR. STICHICK moved to recommend the updates to the by-laws to the Policy Committee for approval. MR. ALIMI seconded.

*Hearing no objections, this motion passed.*

**6. PROJECT AND PLAN UPDATES - None**

**7. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**a. Virtual Public Meetings**

MR. LYON informed the Committee that with regard to the current Public Involvement Plan, there has been some discussion on virtual public involvement meetings. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are very interested in this process and AMATS staff is looking to update our Public Involvement Plan to reflect this. The plan, for July, is to return to in-person participation for AMATS technical and policy committees; and still hold some type of hybrid meeting allowing members of the public to participate telephonically, but, for the most part, we are expecting in-person participation.

There were no comments.

**8. COMMITTEE COMMENT**

MR. RIBUFFO shared photographs of the first 3 of 9 monopiles installed that are going to be the mooring and breasting dolphins as part of a new petroleum cement terminal at the Port.

MR. VANHOVE noted that the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is being updated. A survey has been made available on the AMATS website and he encouraged everyone to take the survey and forward it to anyone that is interested in transportation. The LRTP creates the vision for spending and choosing projects on the National Highway System (NHS). Most of the streets within the Municipality are DOT&PF owned and maintained. An example of why this is so important is that we are currently facing the least amount of spending in the Anchorage Bowl that has taken place for quite some time. We have not had any new projects in the last five years within the Municipality, and we are currently underspending dramatically.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.*