

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

**October 13, 2022
2:30 PM**

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Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Name	Representing
Brad Coy (Chair)	MOA/Traffic Engineering Department
Brian Lindamood	Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)
Todd Vanhove	Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), Central Region Planning
Luke Bowland	DOT&PF
Adeyemi Alimi	Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Matt Stichick	MOA/Anchorage Health Department (AHD)
Craig Lyon	MOA/Planning Department
Russ Oswald	MOA/Project Management & Engineering (PM&E)

Also in attendance:

Name	Representing
Aaron Jongenelen	MOA/Planning
Jon Cecil	MOA/Planning
Chelsea Ward-Waller	MOA/Planning
Joni Wilm	MOA/Planning
Christine Schuette	MOA/Planning
Sean Baski	DOT&PF
Kathryn Wenger	Federal Highways Administration (FHWA)
Adam Moser	DOT&PF
Ron Johnson	
Cheryl Richardson	
Emily Haynes	FHWA
Holly Spoth-Torres	Huddle AK
Rachel Steer	DOWL
Claire Dougherty	Kittelson & Associates
Mark Eisenman	DOT&PF
Eric Taylor	DOT&PF
James Starzec	DOT&PF
Renee Whitesell	DOWL
Jovie Garcia	DOWL

**Policy Committee Member*

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

CHAIR COY called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Jamie Acton and Steve Ribuffo were excused. Russ Oswald represented PM&E on Kent Kohlhase's behalf. 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

CHAIR COY informed the Committee that Item 6.a., Seward to Glenn PEL Update will need to be removed from the agenda.

MR. LYON moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of Item 6.a. MR. VANHOVE seconded.

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved, as amended.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – September 8, 2022

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

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY23 Budget

MR. JONGENELEN presented the UPWP noting that, for purposes of developing the FY2023 Budget, staff was advised to use \$1,700,684 in PL (Planning) allocation, with a required \$151,899 in non-federal match for a program total of \$1,852,583. This breakdown reflects a 90.97% federal funding level, with the required 9.03% local match. The final amount of PL funds may be subject to an annual obligation authority limit, which has yet to be determined by ADOT Headquarters [estimated at 90%]. AMATS utilized the 20.3% OH (Overhead) rate as set by the Municipal OMB (Office of Management and Budget). AMATS staff is recommending providing the ADOT&PF Anchorage Field Office with \$121,500 of the annual PL allocation, with the remainder supporting MOA in-house personnel and consultant contracts. ADOT&PF must provide their own match for the PL funds they receive.

The Committee discussed the specific dollar amounts for each task and when the funds in the 300 Elements would be obligated.

There were no public comments.

MR. LYON moved to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the UPWP 2023 Budget. MR. ALIMI seconded.

Hearing no objections, this motion passed.

b. Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) Appointment

MR. CECIL informed the Committee that the AMATS Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) is the community forum for freight issues affecting the AMATS area. Specific functions of this group are to assist in promoting public and private participation in the freight planning process and to comment on freight planning issues. Members of this committee may serve up to three rotating three-year terms. Jimmy Doyle resigned from the committee and Eddie Walton with Matson has agreed to serve and fill the current vacancy.

MR. LYON expressed appreciation to Mr. Doyle for his valuable knowledge and service on the FAC since its inception.

There were no public comments.

MR. VANHOVE moved to recommend the appointment of Eddie Walton to the Policy Committee. MR. LINDAMOOD seconded.

Hearing no objections, this motion passed.

c. Travel Time Reliability Targets

MR. JONGENELEN noted that the Travel Time Reliability (TTR) is part of the System Performance 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 how the targets are measured and confirmed.

There were no public comments.

MR. LYON moved to recommend approval of the targets to the Policy Committee. MR. BOWLAND seconded.

Hearing no objections, this motion passed.

6. PROJECT AND PLAN UPDATES

Item 6.a. was removed from the agenda.

- a. Seward to Glenn PEL (Planning and Environmental Linkages) Update
- b. State Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

HOLLY SPOTH-TORRES with Huddle AK and CLAIRE DOUGHERTY with Kittelson & Associates provided a PowerPoint presentation.

There were no comments.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION

In response to Chair Coy's question regarding the recent TAC vacancy, MR. JONGENELEN noted that he is currently working on it but is unable to discuss it at this time.

8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

MR. VANHOVE noted that STIP Amendment No. 5 is out for public review, which is a minor, cleanup amendment. What it does have in it that is concerning to AMATS would be a new Need ID for the Seward Highway and 36th Avenue Interchange to be put into the STIP amendment as a placeholder. Public comments are due by the end of October.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

SEAN BASKI with DOT&PF announced that a winter road maintenance questionnaire and survey is available to the public on the GovDelivery website. In the spring of 2022, the Legislature asked DOT&PF to solicit input on how we establish road priorities across the state. This survey is part of that evaluation process. DOT&PF has seven maintenance operators operating in the Anchorage and Indian area at any point in time because we split our 14-member fleet in half to cover night and day shifts. If we were to try to prioritize where to send those seven employees, this information could potentially help us change our priority system and facilitate the public's needs better, but we are still talking about the same number of operators. We are not talking about an influx of additional resources, just how to prioritize. The fleet covers from Indian all the way to the Knik Flats with seven operators in the morning and seven operators in the evening.

ADJOURNMENT

MR. LYON moved to adjourn. MR. LINDAMOOD seconded.

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.