

2026/2027 Work Program Comment Response Summary

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1	5/23/2025	Looking Forward	RCCC is supportive of AMATS stated focus on “performance-based planning, strengthening coordination at local regional and state levels, and ensuring accessible travel options for everyone”	Rabbit Creek Community Council	Thank you for your comment and support. No change.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
2	5/23/2025	Looking Forward	The Work Program has scant details on the MTP Update, especially compared to the detailed tasks outlined in other parts of the Work Program (for example, Element 600 Transit). RCCC would like more details, as explained below.	Rabbit Creek Community Council	Details about the MTP update are in the grant agreement, will appear in the RFP, and are usually outlined in a PC-approved resolution. This task covers staff time for managing the consultant contract. Staff recommends updating the task description to say, consultant management and MTP implementation.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
3	5/23/2025	Looking Forward	Page 11, Coordinating Land Use and Transportation This draft refers to “regional development patterns” and to “promote smart land use”. That language is unnecessarily vague and therefore easy to ignore. The language to “protect the significant investment in transportation projects” is also vague. Does this mean prioritizing maintenance before new construction? Does it favor legacy projects such as freeways?	Rabbit Creek Community Council	Thank you for the comment. To make the description clearer; staff recommends the following change, "Coordinating Land Use and Transportation: Coordinating land use and transportation improvements is important to support existing and planned land uses. AMATS will keep working with planners to ensure that the significant investments in transportation projects, including public transit and multimodal access, support local and regional needs and policies."	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
4	5/23/2025	Looking Forward	Revise page 11: ...AMATS will keep working with planners to support public transit, promote smart land use compact infill and redevelopment in locations identified in the Anchorage Comprehensive Plan; and to support the Municipality’s adopted goals for efficient land use and for non-motorized connectivity within neighborhoods and between community centersprotect the significant investment in transportation projects.	Rabbit Creek Community Council	Thank you for the comment. To make the description clearer; staff recommends the following change, "Coordinating Land Use and Transportation: Coordinating land use and transportation improvements is important to support existing and planned land uses. AMATS will keep working with planners to ensure that the significant investments in transportation projects, including public transit and multimodal access, support local and regional needs and policies."	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
5	5/23/2025	Looking Forward	Clarify on page 11: what projects or policies does AMATS propose to “protect the significant investment”? Please explain, or delete this vague language.	Rabbit Creek Community Council	Thank you for the comment. To make the description clearer; staff recommends the following change, "Coordinating Land Use and Transportation: Coordinating land use and transportation improvements is important to support existing and planned land uses. AMATS will keep working with planners to ensure that the significant investments in transportation projects, including public transit and multimodal access, support local and regional needs and policies."	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
6	5/23/2025	100 Element	Page 14, Task 130 – Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update The current Overview for updating the Transportation Plan lacks a purpose statement, in contrast to other Tasks (such as Task 212 Climate Action Plan, or Task 290 Congestion Management Plan, or 410 Traffic & Transportation Data).	Rabbit Creek Community Council	The overview for the task states: "Known as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in the federal planning process, AMATS will create, update, and maintain a multimodal Transportation Plan for AMATS with a 20-year outlook." Staff recommends adding to the decription that this is one of the three main documents that AMATS is federally required to maintain. Staff would need more information on what this commenter thinks is lacking to recommend further changes.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
7	5/23/2025	100 Element	With regard to the Transportation Plan Update, RCCC would like to see Overview language that emphasizes safety, land use analysis, and cost-efficiency/sustainability. AMATS should ensure that the Transportation Plan Update implements adopted Municipal plans for redevelopment and infill of the urban areas of Anchorage.	Rabbit Creek Community Council	Details about the MTP update are in the grant agreement, will appear in the RFP, and are usually outlined in a PC-approved resolution. This task covers staff time for managing the consultant contract. Staff recommends updating the task description to say, consultant management and MTP implementation.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation

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8	5/23/2025	100 Element	Page 14, MTP 2052 update This section is vague—the timeline of “start” the update in 2026, and “continue” the update in 2027 is not helpful to the public. Please add specific tasks as with other sections of this work plan. By contrast, Section 600 of this Work Program has detailed task lists for Transit . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Specifically, identify when AMATS will review goals and objectives, so that the public can participate.</li><li>Commit to incorporating the results of the Climate Plan, especially performance measures. When the existing Transportation Plan 2050 was developed several years ago, AMATS pledged to include climate planning in the next update</li></ul>	Rabbit Creek Community Council	Details about the MTP update are in the grant agreement, will appear in the RFP, and are usually outlined in a PC-approved resolution. This task covers staff time for managing the consultant contract. Staff recommends updating the task description to say, consultant management and MTP implementation.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
9	5/23/2025	200 Element	Page 17, Objective The Work Program does not list any Sub-areas for special study. RCCC has two areas that would benefit from focused Sub-Area Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clarks Road and Mountain Air Drive and the 155th/156th Avenue connectivity for fire egress</li><li>Old Seward Highway from Rabbit Creek Road to Potter Valley Road which has critical safety and maintenance issues and also high potential as a greenway and recreation corridor</li></ul>	Rabbit Creek Community Council	This element uses "subarea" in relation to the AMATS program, not specific to a select portion of the community. -Any additional studies should be recommended for the next MTP or done by the MOA Long Range Planning department. Staff recommends forwarding this comment to the MOA Long Range Planning Department for consideration.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
10	5/23/2025	200 Element	Page 17, Task 211 Complete Streets Plan and Street Typology. RCCC supports this planning and looks forward to participating in the determination of street typologies in our area.	Rabbit Creek Community Council	Thank you for your comment and support. No change.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
11	5/23/2025	200 Element	Page 17, Task 170 – Performance Measures RCCC supports AMATS in its intent to develop, track and report performance measures. We request that the Work Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identify Vehicle Miles Traveled as a key performance measure for public health, safety, efficient land use, reduced greenhouse gas and other emissions, air quality, water quality, and equity.</li></ul>	Rabbit Creek Community Council	New performance measures should be developed as part of broader planning efforts, such as the MTP or Climate Action Plan. Staff recommends forwarding this comment to both the MTP update project manager and the Climate Action Plan project manager for consideration.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
12	5/23/2025	200 Element	Page 18, Task 212 -Climate Action RCCC notes the need to finish this Climate Action Plan for AMATS as early as possible, not in 2027 as shown. Finishing this plan in early 2026 is necessary for it to influence the Transportation Plan 2052 update.	Rabbit Creek Community Council	Unfortunately the timeline for the Climate Action Plan has already been set and the project schedule determined as the project is ongoing. While staff can work diligently with consultants to make use of its data as soon as possible in other planning efforts, it is not feasible to minimize the scope of the project enough to finish a year early. No change.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
13	5/23/2025	200 Element	Page 19, Task 220 -Local Transportation Plan Review and Coordination The Overview of this task calls for “coordinate transportation and land use planning”. Therefore, add language as follows: “Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review planned transportation projects and adopted Municipal Land Use Plans, coordinate transportation and land use planning, and assess transportation impacts.”</li></ul>	Rabbit Creek Community Council	Staff feels that this suggestion is already covered under "As required". No change.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
14		General	I support the comments submitted by Rabbit Creek Council. I offer these personal comments to expand on a couple of issues that RCCC raised; and I have a few additional items.	Nancy Pease	Thank you for your comment. No change.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
15	5/23/2025	Page 11	This draft refers to “expected regional development patterns” and to “promote smart land use” and “protect the significant investment in transportation projects”. Regional development patterns and transportation are mutually influential. AMATS has a key role to ensure that Anchorage isn’t increasingly a vehicle commuter city and parking lot for Palmer-Wasilla or Point McKenzie. Enhancements to the Glenn Highway reinforce the pattern of long-distance vehicle commuting, even though long commuting is demonstrably not healthy or resource-efficient or a good use of time at the personal or societal level. The words “expected regional development patterns” imply re-active, rather than pro-active, shaping of future land use and population centers. “Promote smart land use” is vague and offers no objective guidance. The words “protect the significant investment” is also vague. Does this imply that AMATS will prioritize maintenance before new construction? Does this favor legacy projects, such as freeway build-out, regardless of new priorities? Here are three specific examples that demonstrate the reason to delete or revise the wording “protect the significant investments” of legacy projects or policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2nd Avenue and Seward Highway full interchange</li><li>Brayton Drive, where a one-way, two-lane frontage road causes a lot of extra loop driving and encourages vehicle speeds that kill pedestrians and discourage bicycle use.</li><li>OTPF pavement replacement projects that do not allow for upgrades needed for safety.</li></ul>	Nancy Pease	Thank you for the comment. To make the description clearer; staff recommends the following change, "Coordinating Land Use and Transportation: Coordinating land use and transportation improvements is important to support existing and planned land uses. AMATS will keep working with planners to ensure that the significant investments in transportation projects, including public transit and multimodal access, support local and regional needs and policies."	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation

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16	5/23/2025	Page 11	Revise page 11: Coordinating land use and transportation improvements are important given expected regional development patterns. is essential to ensure economic health, vital neighborhoods, and affordable travel choices within Anchorage, as well as to minimize the impacts of long-distance regional commuting. AMATS will keep working with planners to support public transit, promote smart land use compact infill and redevelopment in locations identified in the Anchorage Comprehensive Plan; and support the Municipality’s adopted goals for safe, affordable non-motorized connectivity within neighborhoods and between community centers. protect the significant investment in transportation projects.	Nancy Pease	Thank you for the comment. To make the description clearer; staff recommends the following change, "Coordinating Land Use and Transportation: Coordinating land use and transportation improvements is important to support existing and planned land uses. AMATS will keep working with planners to ensure that the significant investments in transportation projects, including public transit and multimodal access, support local and regional needs and policies."	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
17	5/23/2025	100 Element	Page14, Overview language: I’d like to see Overview language that the MTP Update will emphasize safety, land use analysis, cost-efficiency and sustainability. AMATS should ensure that the Transportation Plan Update implements adopted Municipal plans for redevelopment and infill of the urban areas of Anchorage.	Nancy Pease	Details about the MTP update are in the grant agreement, will appear in the RFP, and are usually outlined in a PC-approved resolution. This task covers staff time for managing the consultant contract. Staff recommends updating the task description to say, consultant management and MTP implementation.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
18	5/23/2025	100 Element	Page 14, TASK 130, Transportation Plan update (MTP 2052). Please add specific tasks as with other sections of this work plan. • Identify when AMATS will review goals and objectives, so that the public can participate. Some of the current MTP Goals and Objectives have been forwarded from planning contexts more than a decade ago. Needless to say, economic, social, and environmental conditions have, and will continue, to change drastically: this necessitates a public discussion of goals and objectives. • Commit to incorporating the results of the Climate Plan, especially performance measures. When the prior MTP 2040, and then the existing MTP 2050 were developed several years ago, AMATS pledged to include climate planning in the next update.	Nancy Pease	Details about the MTP update are in the grant agreement, will appear in the RFP, and are usually outlined in a PC-approved resolution. This task covers staff time for managing the consultant contract. Staff recommends updating the task description to say, consultant management and MTP implementation.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
19	5/23/2025	200 Element	Page 17, Task 170 – Performance Measures The Work Program should identify a performance measure of travel affordability. The Municipality currently has a focus on housing affordability, while not calculating the very large effect of household travel costs and travel time on the family budget. AMATS should seek to evaluate and promote transportation projects and policies that singly or collectively obviate the need for a private vehicle. I echo RCCC’s request that the Work Program specifically include Vehicle Miles Traveled: • Identify Vehicle Miles Traveled as a key performance measure for public health, safety, efficient land use, reduced greenhouse gas and other emissions, air quality, water quality, and equity.	Nancy Pease	New performance measures should be developed as part of broader planning efforts, such as the MTP or Climate Action Plan. Staff recommends forwarding this comment to both the MTP update project manager and the Climate Action Plan project manager for consideration.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
20	5/23/2025	200 Element	Page 18, Task 212 -Climate Action Finish the Climate Action Plan for AMATS as early as possible in 2026, not in 2027 as shown. Early completion of this plan is essential in order to include climate action in the Transportation Plan 2052 update.	Nancy Pease	Unfortunately the timeline for the Climate Action Plan has already been set and the project schedule determined as the project is ongoing. While staff can work diligently with consultants to make use of its data as soon as possible in other planning efforts, it is not feasible to minimize the scope of the project enough to finish a year early. No change.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
21	5/23/2025	200 Element	Page 22, Task 294 – Transportation Efficiency and Demand Management This task should include public outreach and stakeholder education regarding Transportation Demand Management. Anchorage School District and school families should be specific targets for education about reducing unnecessary and costly individual vehicular transport.	Nancy Pease	Staff recommends adding this comment into the Ongoing under Task 294.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
22	5/23/2025	300 Element	Page 22 TASK 310 – Air Quality Monitoring & Analysis & Reporting How will AMATS monitor, measure, or model Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GGE)? To state the obvious, the current Federal Administration is hostile toward any acknowledgment or action regarding climate change. This does not diminish the responsibility of people in public service, and especially planners and elected officials, to find ways to address the root causes of climate change such as vehicular emissions.	Nancy Pease	This task is specific to the federally required air quality monitoring as listed in the overview. GHG emissions and any performance measures are being looked at as part of the Climate Action Plan.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation
23	5/23/2025	300 Element	Pages 30 -37 600 ELEMENT – Transit The Transit section is really detailed and robust. I’m encouraged especially by the marketing and outreach proposed under Task 670.	Nancy Pease	Thank you for your comment. No change.	Support Staff Recommendation	Approved Staff Recommendation