

DCM Updates, Chapter 1 and 6, Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting #4 Summary

Date: April 20, 2026 9:30 am – 1:30pm

Attendees: See attached list

Subject: Site Visits

Summary

The fourth Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) meeting focused on site visits in Anchorage to better understand real streets and traffic control conditions. The meeting began with a short activity on roadway snow maintenance and discussion centered on municipal logistics and the snow removal and hauling process. The site visit locations included Willow View Cr, E 6th Ave and Oklahoma St, and Northern Lights Blvd and Boniface Pwky. At each of the locations, Brandon led discussions of the street conditions and how they could be improved through the DCM update.

Roadway Snow Maintenance

Using scale roadway and vehicle models, Brandon demonstrated how the snow removal process functions on different road classifications in Anchorage.

Site Visits

Willow View Cr

This site served as an example of a local road built using 2007 DCM criteria within a newer Anchorage development with multifamily housing. The road includes a cul-de-sac with parking and driveways, roll curbs, and cluster mailboxes.

Discussion at this site included:

- Use of sidewalks for both snow storage and parking
- Sidewalks do not equate walkability
- Shifting focus to output, rather than outcomes, with infrastructure and its use
- Balance between design changes and policy changes
- Narrow the roadway and implement traffic calming measures
- Reduce the road width to 12 feet while expanding the side path
- Elimination of on-street parking with enforcement challenges and asthenic concerns
- The upcoming right-of-way management strategy will be very relevant for roads like this

E 6th Ave and Oklahoma St

This collector road is a low-volume corridor that was improved to 2007 DCM criteria by a PM&E project. Located near an elementary school, park, and transit routes, the road likely has varied maintenance work.

The roadway includes 10-foot lanes with 3.5-foot shoulders and functions as a neighborhood greenway. Although the posted speed limit is 20 mph, MOA traffic data indicates operating speeds (85th percentile) closer to 37 mph.

Discussion included:

- Questions about the cost of the PM&E project, the level of public investment, and pre-project conditions
- Make streets less convenient for drivers to improve safety and comfort for all users.
- Add raised crosswalks at intersections, removal of marked lanes, and additional speed limit signage.

Northern Lights Blvd and Boniface Pwky

This arterial intersection, one of the few maintained by MOA, features a raised center median, long turning lanes, and a separated pathway on one side.

Discussion at this site included:

- Safety challenges at similar high-risk intersections for cyclists and pedestrians
- Tradeoffs related to safety improvements alongside financial and maintenance constraints, regarding the use of bollards or other physical barriers
- MOA could establish design standards for arterial roads that DOT might adopt
- Speed is a critical factor, though it will not be directly addressed in the DCM update
- The need to move away from reactive transportation planning.

General Questions

- How will the DCM update interact with the OHSP update?
 - o Ideally with continued close coordination between the two, right now the OSHP scope is being written and should be in alignment with the DCM and Complete streets.
- Will the OSHP timeline impact the final DCM draft?
 - o It depends, as the OSHP process may include a stakeholder engagement process similar to this one. There isn't a set due date for the DCM draft, but there are certain things that be completed without the OSHP. The OSHP process will be happening concurrently with the DCM.
- Can the DCM include traffic enforcement?

- Implementation of automated traffic enforcement is not part of the DCM, although the DCM could eventually include criteria for the physical installation of automated enforcement equipment if it becomes legal to implement.

Next steps

SAG members will receive a poll about the DCM update goals to provide input for the draft update plan.

There will be a final SAG meeting to review the developed draft update plan, likely in a few months.

Attendees:

Name	Agency
Aaron Jongenelen	AMATS
Emily Weiser	AMATS
Alexa Dobson	Bike Anchorage
Colin Singleton	CRW
Stephanie Mormilo	HDL Engineering
Daniel Mckenna-Foster	MOA Planning
Kyle Pettibone	MOA PM&E
Shawn Bryan Wilson	MOA PM&E
Kenny Friendly	MOA PWA
Brandon Telford	MOA Public Works
Kent Kohlhase	MOA Public Works
Donovan Camp	MOA Traffic
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Renée Eddy Harvey	Huddle
Holly Spoth-Torres	Huddle