



FMATS Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting
FMATS Conference Room, 800 Cushman Street
October 11, 2018 • 5:00-7:00PM

1. Call to Order

Mr. van den Berg, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

*David van den Berg, Chair

*John Stowman

*Randi Bailey

*Bud Kuenzli

*Nathan Belz (via telephone)

**Alicia Stevens

Jim Richardson

Peter Stern (via telephone)

Lauren Little

Phoebe Bredlie

Juan Diego

***BPAC Representative**

****FMATS Staff**

3. Approval of the October 11, 2018 Agenda

Motion: To approve the October 11, 2018 Agenda.

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved by consent.

4. Approval of the August 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the August 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved by consent.

5. Staff /Working Group/Chair Reports

Staff Report: Ms. Stevens stated that she had been busy trying to transition FMATS into a non-profit organization, going to conferences, and planning and holding the event for the award that Cushman Street received.

Working Group Reports:

Chair Report: Mr. van den Berg stated that he met with Ms. Stevens and discussed the priorities for sidewalk plowing this year and the recommendation was to take those to the Technical Committee

6. Public Comment Period

Peter Stern -Mr. Stern stated that he thought that DOT and the Contractor on University Avenue had done a good job of maintaining pedestrian access on the University Avenue project. Mr. Stern stated that the one problem he ran into was the vandalism of the detour sign for the bike path.

Jim Richardson – Mr. Richardson stated that the City plowing sidewalks at Lathrop High School and Cowles was impassible for bicycles last winter and the City should either decide whether they were going to plow or not plow this winter. Mr. Richardson stated that he thought that plowing the sidewalks should be a priority for the City.

Juan Diego—Mr. Diego stated that Wilbur and the Airport frontage road was dangerous in the area around Dennys. Mr. Diego stated that he also wanted to bring their attention to Lathrop frontage and there was no direct route for pedestrians which created a dangerous situation.

7. Old Business

a. Work Plan Overview

MTP Update: Ms. Stevens explained that there was an Open House scheduled for the Long-Range Plan and she would send out an invitation to them. Ms. Stevens stated that the Policy Board met on October 17 to approve the release of the Draft MTP for public review and comment.

Maintenance Improvements—Ms. Stevens stated that the meeting packet contained a Resolution from the City about making the sidewalks a priority.

TAP Grant – Ms. Stevens stated that they just received an email that the match requirement had changed from 20% to 9.03% which was much more feasible. Ms. Stevens stated that FMATS was not able to apply but could partner with other entities and help them apply.

Walk/Wheel About on October 29: Ms. Stevens stated that she had sent an email about where they wanted to meet and where they wanted to go.

Airport Way Functional Features Analysis: Received a final draft plan.

Bike Lane Signing and Striping: Included in the MTP Project List

5th Avenue: also included in the Medium Range on the Project List.

b. City of Fairbanks Sidewalk Maintenance Priority (Action Item)

Ms. Stevens explained that they had looked up the City requirements for sidewalk maintenance and they conflicted with the Federal requirements. Ms. Stevens stated that she and Mr. van den Berg had met and drafted a Resolution for them to review and approve or amend as they thought necessary.

Discussion followed about whether to send the Resolution to the Technical Committee as an action or information item.

Ms. Stevens stated that they could send it as an informational item and the Technical Committee could make a motion to support it further. Ms. Stevens thought it would be good to have the Resolution signed and approved so they could take have it to take to the Maintenance Forum.

Motion: To approve the Resolution. (Kuenzli/Stowman)

Discussion: Mr. van den Berg thought it was an important topic.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved by consent.

c. Walk/Wheel-about Community Assessment

Ms. Stevens stated that it was October 29, 2018 from 4-5 pm and she would send them an invite. Ms. Stevens stated that they might want to have certain challenges for them to complete. Ms. Stevens stated that she would update the invite as she received the information about where to meet, where they were going, and what the weather might be like.

d. PSA Video

Mr. Kuenzli stated that the PSA had gotten stopped in its tracked due to a family emergency this summer and he did not know if it was worth doing in the winter or waiting until spring.

Ms. Stevens suggested that he could videotape the wheelabout.

Mr. Kuenzli thought that was a great idea stated that he would plan on coming to shoot video of the walkabout and take another look at the storyboarding.

Mr. Beltz thought it was a good time to do a PSA reminding bikes and pedestrians to start using reflective gear and reminding motorists to be on the lookout for bikes and pedestrians as well.

e. 2019 Membership

Ms. Stevens stated that Ms. Bailey's position had become available and they needed to think about who they wanted to replace her and what agency from the community needed representation on the Committee. Ms. Stevens stated that Mindy O'Neall and John Stowman's positions had also expired and they had elected to remain on the Committee.

Ms. Stevens stated that Ms. Bailey's spot had been appointed by the DOT.

Mr. van den Berg asked if they could appoint someone from the City.

Ms. Bailey stated that she was appointed by the Policy Board, so they would probably have to go through DOT and the Policy Board to make the decision of who to appoint.

Discussion followed about what user groups should be represented on the Committee. There was consensus that it should be a group that represented walk/bike/transit.

Ms. Little suggested Tim Calhoun of Far North Christian School who was very active in the community.

8. New Business

a. Gillam Way Reconstruction

Lauren Little of DOT explained that they had a third Open House for the project and were working toward a 95 percent completed plan set and the project should be in construction next summer. Ms. Little stated that the project would reconstruct Gillam Way from 14th Avenue to 22nd Avenue. Ms. Little stated that they were adding pedestrian facilities and traffic calming features as well as improving drainage problems south of 19th Avenue. Ms. Little stated that they would be reducing pavement and giving that area back to the pedestrians and bicyclists. Ms. Little stated that the City had installed flashing school zone signs the year before.

Mr. Stern stated that he had asked about the lane mileage and the impact of sidewalk maintenance on the project but had not received an answer.

Ms. Little stated that the City of Fairbanks were required to sign a Maintenance Agreement before they could build the project. Ms. Little added that the facilities, even if poorly maintained, still provided a place for children to be in that separation between the traffic that currently did not exist.

b. Airport Way West Improvements

Ms. Stevens stated that there had been no new communication for the project but on the MTP Short-Range Project List there was an FMATS funded project to add a sidewalk to Old Airport Way where there were currently just shoulders under the FMATS Sidewalk Improvement Project. Ms. Stevens stated that it was their current fix to the Airport Way West Project that would not be built until 2020.

c. TIP Nomination Form and Scoring Criteria

Ms. Stevens presented the most recent version for how to nominate a project to FMATS. Ms. Stevens explained the nomination form and the scoring criteria for a project. Ms. Stevens stated that they were still working on the draft and they were welcome to make suggestions for or comments on the non-motorized section.

d. Maintenance Forum – October 23, 2018

Ms. Stevens explained that the FMATS Maintenance Forum would be held October 23, 2018 and representatives from the City, Borough, and DOT would make presentations with questions and answers following their presentations.

e. FAIRBIKES Ridership Data

Mr. Stowman explained that there were 2551 rentals, 1677 users, and there were still 16 bicycles he had not put away yet. Mr. Stowman stated that this was the third year of operation.

9. Other Issues

No other issues.

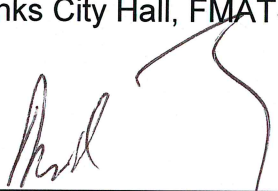
10. Committee Member Comments

- No comments.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next BPAC meeting is Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 5 p.m. in the Fairbanks City Hall, FMATS Conference Room, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, AK.

Approved: _____



David van den Berg, Chair
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Date: _____

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