



**Project Enhancement Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

July 8, 2021 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

By computer at www.fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom

By telephone at: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 835 5374 3702

1. Call to Order

Jackson Fox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

NAME	REPRESENTING
*Dan Adamczak	State of Alaska
*Morgan Brown (absent)	State of Alaska
*Thomas Blair (absent)	City of North Pole
*Joyce DeCarufel (absent)	Fairbanks North Star Borough
*Corey DiRutigliano	FAST Planning
*David Hayden	Fairbanks North Star Borough
*Jeff Jacobson	City of Fairbanks
*Cody Lougee (absent)	City of North Pole
*Sue Sprinkle	FAST Planning
*Tim Zinza	City of Fairbanks
**Jackson Fox	FAST Planning
**Olivia Lunsford	FAST Planning
**Deborah Todd	FAST Planning
Donald Galligan	Fairbanks North Star Borough
Ivet Hall	DOT&PF
Nathan Hawkaluk	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Lauren Little	DOT&PF
Robert Pristash	City of Fairbanks
Adina Keirn	DOT&PF
Josh Kunz	DOT&PF
Barbara Johnson	Guest
Tim Spry	DOT&PF

***PEC Committee Member, **FAST Planning Staff**

3. Approval of the July 8, 2021 Agenda

Motion: To approve the July 8, 2021 Agenda. (Jacobson/Sprinkle).

Discussion: Mr. Hayden requested moving Item 8a of New Business: Steese/Johansen Interchange Project presentation on the Agenda to before Item 7a of Old Business right after the Public Comment Period.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes. (Sprinkle/Hayden)

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

5. Committee/Work Group Reports (including Chair's Report)

- The Cushman Street Bridge fence design work group meetings were held on April 28 and May 6, 2021. At the conclusion of those two meetings feedback was provided to the design team and at the conclusion of the meetings, there was consensus and approval of that design.
- The 5th Avenue and Airport Way project work groups had not met since the last PEC meeting.
- Corey DiRutigliano created new graphics for the 5th Avenue project and a Stakeholder Meeting will be held prior to the October 7, 2021 meeting.
- Work group meetings will be scheduled for the Airport Way and Cushman Street intersection project before the end of the month.

6. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

7. Old Business

a. Wendell Avenue Bridge Replacement-Guest Presentation by Barbara Johnson

Mr. Fox introduced Barbara Johnson who lived in the area where the bridge was located and provided a presentation with pictures of enhancements that could be made to the Wendell Avenue Bridge with glass mosaics or other art that would be appropriate for the area and environment. Ms. Johnson explained that she was hopeful that they would be able to obtain funding, possibly through grants.

b. 5th Avenue Reconstruction-Continuation of April 8 Discussion/Ideas/Feedback

Mr. Fox explained that there was a new 5th Avenue Stakeholder Meeting calendared for July 15, 2021, facilitated by Ivet Hall of DOT&PF and Bob Pristash of the City of Fairbanks. Mr. Fox explained that following that meeting, recommendations from the PEC Committee would be welcomed. Mr. Fox displayed and explained the drawings created by Corey DiRutigliano of Bettisworth North from the sketches presented by Bob Pristash with the City of Fairbanks at the previous meeting.

8. New Business

a. Steese/Johansen Interchange Project- Guest Presentation by Lauren Little

Mr. Fox introduced Lauren Little of DOT&PF who provided a presentation of the Steese/Johansen Interchange Project.

b. Review of Downtown Sign Designs (Wayfinding, Historic, Interpretive, etc.)

Mr. Fox explained that there was interest expressed at the previous meeting in obtaining an inventory of all the signs in downtown Fairbanks, so he created a slideshow presentation containing all the different signs.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that she thought it would be good to nominate signs for installation around town.

Mr. DiRutigliano commented that he appreciated Ms. Johnson's comment about cohesiveness of signs in the City and color-coding of signs according to the different information they presented. Mr. DiRutigliano stated that he thought it would be good to identify the types of signage, to point out where utilitarian and navigational signs to

point out major points of interest. Mr. DiRutigliano stated that it might be beneficial to develop a plan for cohesiveness of those signs and to address signage for downtown parking. Mr. DiRutigliano explained that he thought it would also be good to have historic signs with information about the history and culture of Fairbanks as well since most of the signs were about the more recent goldrush era.

9. Agenda Setting for October 7, 2021 Meeting

Mr. Fox explained that based on the current discussion, they would keep 5th Avenue on the agenda as an Action Item and following the Steering Committee Meeting, they might form a steering committee to formulate motions for the October meeting. Mr. Fox stated that they would also keep the wayfinding signs on the agenda as well as the Wendell Avenue Bridge.

Ms. Sprinkle explained that she recently worked with someone at the Borough who took care of the flowers etc. and he explained that DOT used to take care of the green areas along Airport Way that were in a shambles and she would love to see those taken care of.

Mr. Jacobson stated that he agreed with her and one of the things that got cut back when funding was cut back was the beautification of Airport Way and the City took over and then when that went by the wayside, DOT took it over again.

Mr. Adamczak explained that it was not only the funding decrease, but also staff to perform that work.

Ms. Sprinkle asked why they had fencing on Airport Way.

Mr. Adamczak explained that it was an access-controlled facility designated by the FHWA and they would lose funding if they removed the fences.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if that was also the reason for the concrete dividers along some of the roads.

Mr. Adamczak explained that Ms. Sprinkle was correct.

Mr. Fox explained that through FAST Planning funded a project to create a design tool kit to provide some alternatives to the fencing and other features. Mr. Fox explained that they could add Airport Way to the October Agenda and provide a presentation of the design concepts that were created for that tool kit.

Mr. DiRutigliano asked to add Airport Way West project to the agenda for design concepts.

Ms. Johnson stated that she had seen enhancements to chain-link fences and could have a design contest to come up with enhancements for them.

10. Committee Member Comments

- No comments.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. (Adamczak/DiRutigliano). The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m. The next scheduled Project Enhancement Committee Meeting is Thursday, October 7, 2021.

Approved: 
Jackson Fox, Chair
Project Enhancement Committee

Date: 10/19/2021