



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2022

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom/>

Telephone Number: 1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 850-7889-8429

1. Call to Order

Jackson Fox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendee

The following were present:

Name

*Jackson Fox, Chair
*Olivia Lunsford, Vice Chair (**absent**)
**Andrew Ackerman
**Justin Burgess
**Randi Bailey for Judy Chapman
**Dey Johnson for Michelle Denton
**Andrew Gallagher for Kate Dueber
Steven Hoke (absent**)
**Kevin McKinley
**Bob Pristash
Lt. Mike Roberts (absent**)
**Sarah Schacher
**Don Galligan for Kellen Spillman
**RJ Stumpf
**Jakob Theurich
**Danny Wallace
John Weinberger (absent**)
*Deborah Todd
Kathryn Wenger
Jack Barnwell
Kimberly Diamond
Trisha Levasseur

Representing

FAST Planning
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City of Fairbanks Engineering
AES Transportation
DOT&PF Planning
FNSB Transportation
Alaska Railroad Corporation
ADEC Air Quality
FNSB Borough Planning Commission
City of Fairbanks Engineering
Alaska State Troopers
DOT&PF Preconstruction
FNSB Community Planning
Fairbanks International Airport
UAF
City of North Pole
Fort Wainwright
FAST Planning
FHWA
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
FNSB Parks & Recreation
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* FAST PLANNING Staff members

** FAST PLANNING Technical Committee members

3. Approval of the July 6, 2022 Agenda

Motion: To approve the July 6, 2022 Technical Committee Agenda.
(Pristash/Ackerman).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the June 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the June 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented.
(McKinley/Pristash).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

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

Mr. Fox noted the following updates:

- The Policy Board approved the FFY2019-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #6. It is posted on the FAST Planning website.
- The Policy Board released the FFY23-24 UPWP for a 30-day public comment period. The comment period will be June 19th to July 19th.
- The Policy Board approved a \$30,000 contribution for the tile mosaic in Graehl Park.
- The Asphalt Art on 5th Avenue and Lacey Street is complete. The art project was done to explore different design concepts using street and sidewalk murals. The background and funding information are included in the meeting packet. The painting was done June 3-5. A drone took photos of the final artwork.
- The Graehl Park Athabaskan-themed tile mosaic proposed for the central plaza/picnic area in the park will go to construction in 2023. The tile will be glass inlaid in concrete. FAST Planning worked with Denakkanaaga staff and the Alaska Native Cultural Coalition of the Interior to come up with themes for that design based on beadwork similar to the ones used for tile mosaics at Morris Thompson Cultural Center. A call was put out by Denakkanaaga for beadwork designs and ten beadwork designs were submitted. The winner of the beadwork design competition was selected at the annual Denakkanaaga meeting. The winner was Denise Newman, a Special Education Teacher with the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. Ms. Newman's beadwork design is included in the meeting packet.

6. Public Comment Period (Non-Action Items)

No public comment.

7. Old Business

a. Draft FFY23-24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

• Open for Public Comment Through July 19, 2022

Mr. Fox explained that the UPWP is the staff work plan for the next two years and the document is available for public review and comment from June 19 to July 19, 2022. One of the big changes in the Work Plan is the proposal to take on the transit work on behalf of the Borough. The funds for this will be transferred directly to FAST Planning through DOT. FAST Planning intends to accomplish this task with consultant work and the addition of a new staff member. To do this work, FAST Planning can go back as far as 2019 to grab unspent funds. Beginning in October there will be over \$600,000 available and approximately \$150,000 a year after that to perform transit planning work. The funds have already been transferred to FHWA and DOT will apportion those funds between Fairbanks and Anchorage using a distribution formula approved by FHWA and FTA. DOT has asked FHWA if they could use the same distribution formula that they use for the Metropolitan Planning funds. The request was approved. One benefit of transferring the funds from FTA to FHWA is it reduces the match funding requirement from 20% to 9.03%. Mr. Fox also noted that in the Work Plan on pages 37-42 in the meeting packet, there are a variety of supplemental plans that are listed that FAST Planning intends to continue funding such as: the Advance Project Definition Program, continuing work on the Road Service Area Expansion Plan, developing a new Complete Streets Prioritization Plan for our area,

designating some additional mileage of critical urban freight corridors, and developing a local electric vehicle supplemental deployment plan.

8. New Business

a. FFY23-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

• Review of Funding Availability & Call for Project Nominations

Mr. Fox explained that he put together a template for the TIP that went beyond the four year funding plan out to ten years. Mr. Fox explained that projects that had construction phases in the beyond years of the TIP going to construction in 2023 were 5th Avenue and Yankovich/Miller Hill Road; the Chena River Walk and the Woll Road Resurfacing and Widening Project in 2024, Cowles Street Reconstruction Phase I from 1st Avenue to Airport Way in 2025, and Minnie Street in 2026. Mr. Fox explained that they needed to consider funding the design and construction phases for the FAST Improvement Program. Mr. Fox explained that they should consider funding for future phases of the North Pole Street Light Signalization project. Mr. Fox explained that there were a number of illustrative projects in the current TIP that included: the Bike Lane Signing and Striping project on City streets in Fairbanks, Holmes Road Reconstruction project, Lacey Street Reconstruction project, and the Nelson Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility. Mr. Fox explained that this was a template that looked at the amount of funds FAST Planning receives each year and takes into consideration the projects that are already out, and projects it out ten years.

9. Other Issues

No other issues.

10. Informational Items

a. Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) Update

Mr. Fox provided an update of the IIJA funding opportunities that are available to Alaska.

b. Obligations and Offsets

Mr. Fox explained the obligations and offsets included in the meeting packet.

11. Technical Committee Member Comments

- Ms. Schacher commented that DOT&PF was having a Public Open House for the Richardson Highway MP 351 Interchange which was 12 Mile at Hawks Farm and Garden where the Old Richardson comes out. Ms. Schacher commented that they were envisioning a partial interchange similar to the Eielson Air Force Base access. Ms. Schacher stated that Open House would be at the Hotel North Pole from 4 to 7 pm.

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: (Ackerman/Burgess). The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m. The next Technical Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 3, 2022.

Approved:  Date: 8/3/2022
Jackson Fox, Chair
FAST Planning Technical Committee