



## **Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 29, 2022 • 5-7 p.m.

FAST Planning Office, 100 Cushman St., Ste. 205

By computer at [www.fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom](http://www.fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom)

By telephone at: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 845-9114-6996

### **1. Call to Order**

Olivia Lunsford, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

### **2. Introduction of Members and Attendees**

\*Nathan Belz, Chair (absent)

\*Susan Bissell (absent)

\*\*Jackson Fox

\*\*Olivia Lunsford, Vice Chair

\*Travis Naibert

\*Jim Richardson

\*Peter Stern

\*Kim Streeter

\*\*Deborah Todd

\*Larry Zervos

Stan Justice

Don Galligan, FNSB Planning

Jessie Doherty, DOH, PAN Unit

*\*BPAC Representative, \*\*FAST Planning Staff*

### **3. Approval of the September 29, 2022 Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the September 29, 2022 Agenda. (Zervos/Richardson).

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

### **4. Approval of the August 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the August 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes. (Stern/Zervos).

**Discussion:** Mr. Richardson had a question and an edit to the Meeting Minutes which were both resolved.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

### **5. Staff /Working Group/Chair Reports**

- The BPAC had a Work Group Meeting on September 15, 2022. Present were Jim Richardson, Peter Stern, and Larry Zervos. The topic of discussion was primarily reranking the projects in the Non-Motorized Plan. There was a consensus from the group on which of the top eight short-term projects to move forward over the next four to five years. During that meeting new items were also suggested for this meeting Agenda.
- At the September 7, 2022 Meeting, the Technical Committee:
  - Recommended that the Policy Board approve TIP Administrative Modification #7.

- Recommended the Policy Board adopt a Resolution to form a Regional/Rural Planning Organization under a cooperative agreement with the State of Alaska.
- Approved a Letter of Support for the Borough Comprehensive Trails Plan that was passed by the Borough Assembly with an 8-0 vote.
- Approved moving the October 5, 2022 meeting to October 12.
- At the September 21, 2022 Meeting, the Policy Board:
  - Approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #7.
  - Approved the Resolution of Support for FAST Planning to expand the MPO boundaries to become a Regional Planning Organization (RPO).
- The new FY23-27 TIP development process has begun and a call for project nominations was issued and several project nominations were received.
- DOT provided estimates for three of the four Illustrative Projects in the TIP.
- FAST Planning also received letters of support to provide funding for those Illustrative Projects awaiting funding such as: Bike Lane Signing & Striping, Holmes Road, Lacey Street Reconstruction, and Nelson Road Bike & Pedestrian Facility.
- FAST Planning had a list of Contingency Plans and Studies over the next two years and received letters of support for a New Household Travel Survey to recalibrate the Travel Demand Model, the Geist/Chena Pump Corridor Study, and the Airport Way/Peger Road Intersection Study.
- FAST Planning received other project nominations that did not fit as standalone projects in the TIP but are good candidates, due to their low cost and simple design, for the FAST Improvement Program.

#### 6. Public Comment Period:

Stan Justice thanked the BPAC members for serving. Mr. Justice commented that it was great to see the Skarland Trail project made it onto the list. Mr. Justice commented that he had talked to the other groomers out that direction and they are willing to groom that Ballaine Road path from the top of Ballaine hill down to the intersection of Farmers Loop as a trail next winter.

Olivia Lunsford stated that was wonderful to hear and she and Jackson Fox would reconvene after the meeting to brainstorm that and thanked Mr. Justice.

#### 7. Old Business

##### a. Prioritization of Non-Motorized Projects (Action Item)

##### ● *Consideration of Support for Top Eight (8) Projects Recommended by Work Group*

Mr. Fox explained that Page 53 of the Meeting Packet contained a summary of the September 15, 2022 BPAC Working Group Meeting and the consensus for what the group thought were the top eight projects that they would like to see move forward for consideration of funding in the short-term over the next four to five years.

**Public Comment:** Don Galligan, Fairbanks North Star Borough, suggested putting together some network suggestions for where the signing and striping would be. Mr. Galligan commented that he thought from a practical sense, looking at that map, you could have four or five different facilities that never connect. Mr. Galligan explained that he thought it was really important for BPAC to come up with a suggestion for where those routes were and what they connected to. Mr. Galligan stated that he would suggest looking at attractors and

trip reduction in that area those routes serve and use that in their decision-making.

**Motion:** To make the list of eight projects to be the priority recommended by the BPAC Working Group. (Zervos/Stern).

**Discussion:** No further discussion.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

## 8. New Business

### a. Letter of Support for Bike Lane Signing & Striping Pilot Project

Mr. Fox explained that Pages 82-83 of the meeting packet contained the letter of support from the BPAC addressed to the Technical Committee and Policy Board. Mr. Fox noted that the Bike Lane Signing & Striping Project remains the #1 ranked non-motorized project by the Technical Committee in our current funding plan that is still awaiting funding. Mr. Fox explained that the City and DOT both support this pilot project. Mr. Fox explained that this pilot project would reduce the overall cost of the project from \$2M to \$500K making it more reasonable to fund. Mr. Fox explained that the pilot project would provide opportunity to collect valuable feedback, evaluate maintenance efforts, and learn about any operational issues, particularly at intersections.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Motion:** To send the Letter of Support for the Bike Lane Signing & Striping Pilot Project as written. (Naibert/Richardson).

**Discussion:** No further discussion.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

### b. Letter of Support for Airport Way/Peger Road Intersection Study (Action Item)

#### • *Including Expansion of Study to Chena River on Peger Road*

Mr. Fox explained that Page 84 of the meeting packet contained the letter that came out of the September 15<sup>th</sup> BPAC Working Group Meeting. Mr. Fox explained that not only did the BPAC want to support this study moving forward, but they would also like to expand the study area to include Peger Road from Airport Way all the way up to the Chena River. This study could also support the proposed improvements in the Pioneer Park Master Plan, the proposed access modifications in the Airport Way design tool kit, and site specific recommendations that looked at realigning the driveways to Pioneer Park.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Motion:** To send the letter of support for the Airport Way/Peger Road Intersection Study as amended. (Stern/Zervos).

**Discussion:** No further discussion.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

**Motion:** To extend the meeting until 7:15 p.m. (Naibert/Stern).

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

**c. Letter of Support for College Road Safety & Access Improvements Planning Study (Action Item)**

Mr. Fox explained that the letter of support idea came out of the September 15<sup>th</sup> BPAC Working Group Meeting to support the College Road Planning Study to revisit the topic of safety and access improvements along the College Road corridor. Mr. Fox explained that this was listed in the two-year staff work plan as a contingency study if the Policy Board wanted them to proceed with this new effort. Mr. Fox explained that since the original study occurred, new bus stops were installed along College Road this summer which indicated that particularly at the Farmers Market and Creamers Field, pedestrian crossings with rectangular flashing beacons were warranted. Mr. Fox explained that the study would be conducted by FAST Planning staff with the assistance of a Consultant with traffic engineering expertise.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Motion:** To send the Letter of Support for the College Road Safety & Access Improvements Planning Study as changed. (Richardson/Stern).

**Discussion:** No further discussion.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

**Motion** To extend the BPAC Meeting to 7:30 p.m. (Stern/Richardson).

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

**d. Letter to Alaska DOT&PF Maintenance for Path Repairs on Davis Road and Farmers Loop (Action Item)**

Mr. Fox explained that the letter on Page 85 of the meeting packet came out of the BPAC Working Group Meeting. Mr. Fox explained that the thought was that maintenance crews could adequately address these projects by patching potholes, minor embankment repairs, etc. to get them done sooner and not have to go through the Federal funding process.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Motion:** To send the letter to DOT Maintenance for path repairs on Davis Road and Farmers Loop as amended. (Zervos/Richardson).

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

**9. Other Issues**

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Maintenance Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the Noel Wien Library.
- The Seasonal Mobility Task Force will meet prior to the Maintenance Forum.
- There was no progress made in terms of the State getting more counters since the previous meeting.
- Ms. Lunsford will create a map so BPAC can begin the process of prioritizing placement of the mobile counters in future years.

**10. Committee Member Comments:**


- Mr. Stern commented that he wanted to let them know that he discovered some damage on the Noyes Slough Bridge on the Johansen and took pictures of it and sent it to DOT. Mr. Stern explained that the pictures ended up in the spam folder, so he did not get action on it. Mr. Stern commented that he did get a chance to talk to Dan Schacher and two days later there was a maintenance crew out there. Mr. Stern

commented that it was likely an anchor on one of the concrete bollards that was sticking out and they were likely cutting it. Mr. Stern commented that he also sent pictures about a tree that was overlaying the Mitchell path that was leaning on another tree across the path.

- Mr. Stern commented that he also talked to Representative Scott Kawasaki and asked him to make sure he spoke with Dan Schacher about Maintenance funding. Mr. Stern commented that he also asked Mr. Schacher about any equipment needs DOT might have and Mr. Schacher mentioned the Holder that was needing replacement so they could potentially nominate that for CMAQ funding.

#### 11. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn.** (Richardson/Zervos). The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. The next BPAC meeting is Thursday, October 20, 2022, 5-7 p.m.

Approved:   
Olivia Lunsford, Vice Chair  
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Date: 10/20/2022