



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2022

Key Bank Building, 100 Cushman Street, Suite 205

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

Telephone Number: 1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 849-6359-8775

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	Representing
*Jackson Fox, Chair	FAST Planning
*Corey DiRutigliano	FAST Planning
*Olivia Lunsford, Vice Chair	FAST Planning
*Deborah Todd	FAST Planning
**Justin Burgess (absent)	AES Transportation
**Judy Chapman (absent)	DOT&PF Planning
**Nick Czarnecki	ADEC Air Quality
**Michelle Denton	FNSB Transportation
**Kate Dueber	Alaska Railroad Corporation
**Kevin McKinley	FNSB Borough Planning Commission
**Robert Pristash	City of Fairbanks Engineering
**Bill Rogers	City of Fairbanks Engineering
**Lt. Mike Roberts (absent)	Alaska State Troopers
**Sarah Schacher	DOT&PF Preconstruction
**Kellen Spillman	FNSB Community Planning
**RJ Stumpf	Fairbanks International Airport
**Jakob Theurich	University of Alaska Fairbanks
**Danny Wallace (absent)	City of North Pole
**John Weinberger (absent)	Fort Wainwright
Peter Stern	Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Brent Johnson	Ft. Wainwright
Megan Flory	RESPEC
* FAST PLANNING Staff members	
** FAST PLANNING Technical Committee members	

3. Approval of the December 7, 2022 Agenda

Motion: To approve the December 7, 2022 Technical Committee Agenda.
(Denton/McKinley).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the November 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the November 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes. (Denton/Schacher).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

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

Mr. Fox noted the following:

- At the November 11, 2022 Policy Board Meeting, the Policy Board:
 - Approved a motion to remove the College Road Safety & Access Improvements Planning Study illustrative project from the FFY23-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document.
 - Authorized the release of the FFY23-27 TIP for 30-day public review from November 20-December 20, 2022.
 - Approved a motion to advance the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update document for a 30-day public review period from November 20-December 20, 2022.
 - Approved a motion to increase funding for the Design and Utilities phases of the 5th Avenue Reconstruction project contingent upon delaying the construction funding for the Minnie Street Corridor project by one year.
 - Authorized the Executive Director to sign the Cooperative Agreement between the State of Alaska and FAST Planning to form a Regional Planning Organization (RPO) for the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

6. Public Comment Period (Non-Action Items)

No public comment.

7. Old Business

a. FFY23-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- ***Review of Comments Received to Date, 30-Day Public Comment Period Ends December 20, 2022***

Mr. Fox explained that the FFY23-27 TIP went out for public review from November 20-December 20, 2022 and presented the list of comments received to date on the interactive map posted on the FAST Planning webpage. Mr. Fox then explained the list of recent revisions that were made to various projects included in the TIP.

b. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

- ***Review of Comments Received to Date; 30-Day Public Comment Period Ends December 20, 2022***

Mr. Fox explained that, similar to the TIP, the 2045 MTP Update went out for 30-day public review from November 20-December 20, 2022. Mr. Fox explained that one comment had been received to move the Phillips Field Road Widening project up from the long range into the short or medium-range project list.

8. New Business

a. Proposed Revisions to Scoring Criteria for Transportation Projects That Improve Air Quality (Action Item)

- ***Consideration of Adopting Revisions to Scoring Criteria for Joint Call for Project Nominations for Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program Funds***

Mr. Fox explained that this winter FAST Planning will be having another call for project nominations for the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program funds. Mr. Fox explained that the next step to get these project nominations out is to update the project scoring criteria. Mr. Fox provided a summary in the meeting packet of the two different funding programs and the specific eligibility requirements for each program.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To recommend approval of the CMAQ [Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality] and CRP [Carbon Reduction Program] project scoring criteria as presented to the Policy Committee. (Spillman/Denton).

Discussion: Mr. Spillman commented that in his opinion there were relatively minor additions to be made to the scoring criteria and, since we just went through a relatively large scoring process a few years ago, he did not think they needed to rehash everything since they were just adding to the scoring criteria. Mr. Spillman commented that for that reason, he did not know if a working group would be the best use of their time.

Mr. Czarnecki commented that he supported this motion also and felt that there was a lot of similarities between the two funding pots. Mr. Czarnecki commented that as long as FAST Planning commits to working on the back end to separate and identify which funding pot is most appropriate for which project then he thought the funding process will work just fine.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

b. Pavement & Bridge Condition Performance Measure Targets (Action Item)

• Consideration of Supporting the State's 2024 & 2026 Targets

Mr. Fox explained that this was the fourth set of performance targets brought forward to the Technical Committee for a decision of whether to support the State's targets or create our own. Mr. Fox explained that these targets were for the pavement and bridge conditions primarily on DOT highways and statewide and did not apply to any of our local roads.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to support the State's Performance Management Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition on the National Highway System. (Denton/Theurich).

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

c. Approval of FAST Planning 2023 Meeting Calendar (Action Item)

Mr. Fox explained that the Page 49 of the meeting packet contained the FAST Planning 2023 Meeting Calendar for the Technical Committee (TC), Policy Board (PB), Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), and Project Enhancement Committee (PEC).

Public Comment: None public comment.

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to approve the proposed 2023 FAST Planning meeting dates. (Schacher/Theurich).

Discussion: Mr. Spillman explained that since it did not affect the Technical Committee, it might be useful to ask the Policy Board to see what their preference was for a potential August meeting date change.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

d. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Action Item)

Mr. Fox explained that each December, a new Chair and Vice Chair were chosen for the new calendar year. Mr. Fox explained that currently he was the Chair and Ms. Lunsford was the Vice Chair. Mr. Fox explained that they could nominate a Chair and Vice Chair among themselves if preferred.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To nominate Jackson Fox as Chair of the Technical Committee.
(Dueber).

Discussion; No other nominations.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To nominate Olivia Lunsford as Vice Chair of the Technical Committee.
(Denton).

Discussion: No other nominations.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

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

- No comments.

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: (Denton/McKinley). The meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m. The next Technical Committee meeting is Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Approved: _____



Jackson Fox, Chair
FAST Planning Technical Committee

Date: _____

1/4/2023