



🚲 BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN/ADVISORY COMMITTEE 🚲

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2023 • 5:00 - 7:00 PM

FAST Planning Office, 100 Cushman Street, Suite 215, Fairbanks, AK










Web Conference at: <https://fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom/>

Zoom Meeting Telephone Number: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 822-7310-6048

1. Call to Order

Olivia Lunsford, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

-  *Nathan Belz, **Chair (absent)**
-  *Susan Bissell **(absent)**
-  **Corey DiRutigliano
-  **Jackson Fox
-  **Don Galligan
-  Carl Heim
-  Matt Layral
-  **Olivia Lunsford, **Vice Chair**
-  *Travis Naibert
-  *Jim Richardson
-  *Kim Streeter **(absent)**
-  **Deborah Todd
-  *Larry Zervos

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

3. Approval of the July 27, 2023 Agenda

Motion: To approve the July 27, 2023 Agenda.

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: No vote due to lack of quorum.

4. Approval of the June 29, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the June 29, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: No vote due to lack of quorum.

5. Staff/Working Group/Chair Report

a. Staff Report

- At the July 5, 2023 meeting, the Technical Committee:
 - Recommended Policy Board approval of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #1.
 - Recommended Policy Board approval of Electric Vehicle Charging Station Infrastructure Scope of Services for the Request for Proposals (RFP).
- At the July 19, 2023 meeting, the Policy Board:
 - Approved Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #1.
 - Approved Electric Vehicle Charging Station Infrastructure Scope of Services for the Request for Proposals (RFP).
 - Governor Dunleavy vetoed the E-Bike Bill.
 - An email was received from Tom McGrane about the gravel along paths caused by snow removal and motorized vehicles on non-motorized paths on McGrath Road.

6. Public Comment Period (Non-Action Items)

- Michael Peterson commented that he commutes to work at UAF along the Johanson bike path and wondered if there was any kind of sound proofing that they could get there because between the road and the bike path because right now there is just a chain-link fence.
- Matt Layral thanked DOT for the educational opportunity at the Midnight Sun Street Fair about the Gaffney/Airport/Richardson/Steese Intersection (GARS) project.

7. Old Business

a. Bike Lane Signing and Striping Pilot Program

Mr. DiRutigliano explained that FAST Planning met with DOT and the City of Fairbanks regarding the Bike Lane Signing & Striping Pilot Program. Mr. DiRutigliano explained that they discussed the different routes, the markings on some of the roads, and how markings could be blocked out on some roads. The City of Fairbanks requested alternate options on First and Barnette looking at single lanes rather than the consolidated two-lane configuration and also suggested adding Cowles Street from Airport to Second Avenue to the list.

b. Bikeway Map/Bike Friendly Business Program

Ms. Lunsford presented the new 2023 Bikeways Map and explained that the maps will be distributed to the Bike Friendly Business participants. Ms. Lunsford explained that FAST Planning started a Bike Friendly FBX Business Program to highlight the businesses that provide discounts or other incentives for bike customers and have bike racks. Ms. Lunsford explained that fifteen bike tool kits were purchased for Bike

Friendly Businesses who donated \$75 to help sponsor the printing of the new bike maps. The businesses who sponsored were listed on the new map and approximately \$1800 was raised by this sponsorship effort. Ms. Lunsford explained that she is currently in the process of creating an interactive visual version of the bike map on the FAST Planning website. Ms. Lunsford explained that she will be promoting the Bike Friendly Business Program online, on social media, and will also be on KUAC to promote the program.

c. Peter Stern Memorial Path (Johansen Path, North Side) Work Plan

Ms. Lunsford explained that DOT was supportive of this effort and has volunteered to create and install the signs. Ms. Lunsford explained that Mr. Stern's family had been contacted and they were in favor of the sign idea.

Mr. DiRutigliano explained the possible locations where the signs could be installed for best visibility.

d. Outsourcing Non-Motorized Route Maintenance

Mr. Fox explained that at the last meeting of the Seasonal Mobility Task Force they discussed trying to get a line item in the State budget for outsourcing maintenance of non-motorized routes. Mr. Fox explained that there is unanimous support from other urban areas in the state to push this idea forward to the Legislature. This maintenance would be performed both in the summer and in winter. Mr. Fox explained that Lee Hart is on the Active Transportation Coalition and that group as well as the Commissioner are in support of outsourcing maintenance. Mr. Fox proposes to develop a white paper that could introduce this idea into the House and the Senate. Mr. Fox explained that people in other communities and other agencies would also like to offer letters of support for this.

8. New Business

a. Gaffney/Airport/Richardson/Steese (GARS) Guest Presentation by DOT&PF

Ms. Lunsford introduced Carl Heim of DOT&PF to provide a presentation and updates on the GARS Intersection Project.

b. Winter Maintenance Forum Date and Location

Ms. Lunsford explained that the Winter Maintenance Forum was held in early to mid-November last year and could be held on a similar date this year. Ms. Lunsford explained that the Noel Wien Library is closed so suggestions for the meeting location were discussed. Ms. Lunsford explained that, as in years past, there would be prize giveaways and any ideas for prizes would be welcome.

9. Informational Items

Ms. Lunsford noted that FAST Planning bought a half-page ad in the program for the Tanana Valley State Fair this year.

Mr. Richardson asked about the status of the convex mirrors that were ordered for installation under the Peger Road Bridge.

Mr. DiRutigliano explained that he was told by the vendor that the mirrors would be delivered in two more weeks.

10. Other Issues

No other issues.

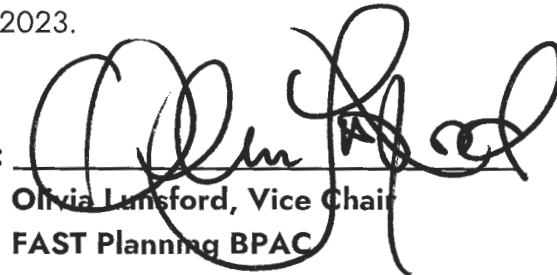
11. Committee Member Comments

☞ Mr. Zervos commented that he worked at the Bike Valet and thought it was a lot of fun.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **6:52 p.m.** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2023.

Approved: _____



Olivia Lunsford, Vice Chair
FAST Planning BPAC

Date: _____

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