



SPECIAL POLICY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023 • 12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

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: 862-1242-1433

1. Call to Order

Jerry Cleworth, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

Attendee	Representative Organization
*Bryce Ward, Chair(absent)	Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough
*Jerry Cleworth, Vice Chair	Fairbanks City Council
*Joe Kemp	Acting Director, DOT&PF Northern Region
*Jason Olds	Director, DEC Air Quality
*David Pruhs	Mayor, City of Fairbanks
*Brett Rotermund	FNSB Assembly
*Michael Welch	Mayor, City of North Pole
**Jackson Fox	FAST Planning
**Olivia Lunsford	FAST Planning
**Corey DiRutigliano (absent)	FAST Planning
**Deborah Todd	FAST Planning
**Randi Bailey	DOT&PF Planning
**Don Galligan	Fairbanks North Star Borough Planning
David Guttenberg	Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alexa Greene	Eielson Air Force Base
Danny Wallace	City of North Pole

****FAST Planning Policy Board Members, ** FAST Planning Staff Members, + FAST Planning Technical Committee Members, • Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Members***

3. Approval of the October 10, 2023 Agenda

Motion: To approve the October 10, 2023 agenda. (Rotermund/Kemp).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Public Comment Period (Non-Action and Action Items)

No public comment.

5. New Business

a. Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary Update (Action Item)

Review of Draft MPA Boundary Update in Coordination with 2020 Census Results, and Consideration of Releasing for 30-Day Public Comment Period

Mr. Fox explained that the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary is updated every 10 years following the U.S. Census. Mr. Fox explained that the method for updating the Boundary is to take the Census-designated Urbanized Area and expand it to what we project the Urbanized Area will be 20 years from now.

Ms. Lunsford presented the new Draft Metropolitan Area Boundary Update that the Technical Committee recommended for release for public comment at their October 4, 2023 meeting.

Public Comment: David Guttenberg asked what impact the boundaries would have on Road Service Areas and taxation?

Mr. Fox explained that it does not affect taxation, but if you have a project within the boundary, you can ask for funding from FAST Planning for road improvement projects. The advantage is that you only have to pay a 9% match. However, most Road Service Areas cannot come up with the 9% match. FAST Planning funds are limited but we have some money available for project development in those areas.

Motion: To send the Draft MPA [Metropolitan Boundary Area] Update to a 30-day public comment period. (Kemp/Rotermund).

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

6. Other Issues

No other issues.

7. Policy Board Member Comments

No comments.

8. Adjournment

Motion for Adjournment: (Rotermund/Kemp). The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m. The next Policy Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

Approved:  Date: 10-25-23
Mayor Bryce Ward, Chair
FAST Planning Policy Board