



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2024 • 12:00 – 2:00 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: 858-6944-0978

1. Call to Order

Jackson Fox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Fox welcomed new members Michael Bredlie and Alexa Greene.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

The following were present:

Name	Representing
*Jackson Fox, Chair	FAST Planning
*Corey DiRutigliano, Vice Chair	FAST Planning
*Olivia Lunsford	FAST Planning
*Deborah Todd	FAST Planning
**Michael Bredlie	FNSB Rural Services
**Justin Burgess (absent)	AES Transportation
**Nick Czarnecki	ADEC Air Quality
**Michelle Denton	FNSB Transportation
**Kate Dueber	Alaska Railroad Corporation
**Alexa Greene	Eielson Air Force Base
**Kevin McKinley	FNSB Borough Planning Commission
**Brett Nelson	DOT&PF Planning
**Lauren Little for John Netardus	DOT&PF Preconstruction
**Robert Pristash	City of Fairbanks Engineering
**William Rogers	City of Fairbanks Engineering
**Lt. Mike Roberts (absent)	Alaska State Troopers
**Kellen Spillman	FNSB Community Planning
**RJ Stumpf (absent)	Fairbanks International Airport
**Jakob Theurich	University of Alaska Fairbanks
**Danny Wallace (absent)	City of North Pole
**John Weinberger (absent)	Fort Wainwright
*Don Galligan	FNSB Community Planning
*Randi Bailey	DOT&PF Planning
Judy Chapman	DOT&PF Planning

David Arvey	DOT&PF Construction
Megan Flory	RESPEC
Robyne Harrington	KUAC
Jack Barnwell	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
Julie Jenkins	FHWA Alaska Division
Natalie Lyon	RESPEC
Nathan Belz	UAF

***FAST PLANNING Staff members ** FAST PLANNING Technical Committee members**

3. Approval of the January 3, 2024 Agenda

Motion: To approve the January 3, 2024, Technical Committee Agenda.
(Denton/McKinley).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the December 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the December 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes. (Denton/McKinley).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

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

a. Staff Report

- ☛ At the December 20, 2023 meeting, the Policy Board:
 - ☛ Approved the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and the Title VI Plan Updates. Both plans will be posted on the FAST Planning website.
 - ☛ Approved the funding request to prepare a Long-Range Transportation Plan and scope of services for the 16 rural communities outside of the FAST Planning boundary.
 - ☛ Adopted revisions to the Roles & Responsibilities document for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) regarding term limits but opposed FAST Planning staff having the ability to appoint vacant seats.
 - ☛ Nominated Mayor Ward as Chair and Mr. Cleworth as Vice Chair for 2024.
- ☛ FAST Planning submitted the new Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary Update to DOT on December 21, 2023 after receipt of the Letter of Support from Eielson Air Force Base.

6. Public Comment Period (Non-Action Items)

- ☛ No public comment.

7. Old Business

No old business.

8. New Business

a. FNSB Comprehensive Roads Plan (Action)

☞ Consideration of Approval of a Letter of Support to FNSB Assembly for Plan Adoption

Mr. Fox explained the Letter of Support from FAST Planning that he prepared for the Fairbanks North Star Borough Comprehensive Roads Plan included in the meeting packet. Mr. Fox introduced Kellen Spillman to provide a presentation of the Plan.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To recommend approval of the Letter of Support for the Fairbanks North Star Borough Comprehensive Roads Plan. (Greene/Denton).

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

b. 5th Avenue Reconstruction – Construction Increase (Action Item)

☞ Consideration of Approval of Project Increase in the Amount of \$155,676

Mr. Fox explained that DOT and the City of Fairbanks Engineering Department had requested additional funding for the construction phase of the 5th Avenue Reconstruction project in the amount of \$155,676. This increase requested was due to change order costs, overruns on the project, and engineering services costs for construction administration tasks. Mr. Fox explained that FAST Planning had available funds to cover this increase. Mr. Fox explained that due to the cumulative dollar amount of increase requests that were received for this project, neither he nor the Technical Committee had the authority to approve this increase and it would have to go to the Policy Board for approval.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to approve a project increase in the amount of \$155,676 for the 5th Avenue Reconstruction project. (Denton/McKinley).

Discussion: Mr. McKinley thanked Mr. Arvey for answering his questions quickly with the detailed information he had asked for.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

c. FAST Planning – 2023 Year in Review

☞ Presentation/Overview of Work Accomplished by Staff and Committees in 2023

Mr. Fox provided a presentation of what FAST Planning had accomplished in 2023 and what they hoped to accomplish in 2024.

9. Other Issues

No other issues.

