



🚲 BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN/ADVISORY COMMITTEE 🚲

Meeting Minutes

February 29, 2024 • 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: 849-6627-1007

1. Call to Order

Kim Streeter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

- 05:02 *Susan Bissell
- 05:03 *Ron Davis
- 05:04 **Corey DiRutigliano
- 05:05 **Jackson Fox
- 05:06 *Matt Layral
- 05:07 **Olivia Lunsford, **Vice Chair**
- 05:08 *Travis Naibert
- 05:09 *Jim Richardson
- 05:10 *Kim Streeter, **Chair**
- 05:11 **Deborah Todd
- 05:12 *Larry Zervos
- 05:13 Dr. Nathan Belz
- 05:14 Lisa Slaba
- 05:15 Eeve Rynish

**BPAC Representative, **FAST Planning Staff*

3. Approval of the February 29, 2024 Agenda

Motion: To approve the February 29, 2024 Agenda. (Zervos/Davis).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the January 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the January 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes. (Layral/Davis).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

5. Staff/Working Group/Chair Report

a. Staff Report

- ✦ At the February 7, 2024 meeting, the Technical Committee:
 - ✦ Recommended approval of the FFY2024-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #2.
- ✦ At the February 28, 2024 meeting, the Policy Board:
 - ✦ Approved the removal of committee member term limits in the Project Enhancement Committee Roles & Responsibilities document.
- ✦ A Complete Streets Workshop will be held March 19-20, 2024. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The information will be sent to all boards and committees.

6. Public Comment Period (Non-Action Items)

- ✦ **Dr. Nathan Belz** shared a 12-second video he took of two snowmachines on the bike/pedestrian path at the intersection of Boat Street and Fred Meyer West, traveling on the bike path near the Sunrise. The first snowmachine passed the pedestrian at a rate of about 50 mph and the pedestrian had to jump off the sidewalk into the snowbank. The second snowmachine ramped up the throttle about three or feet from the pedestrian, sped up, and nearly hit the pedestrian walking on the sidewalk, then went around them. Dr. Belz commented that by the time he contacted the Trooper Dispatcher, the snowmachines were gone. Dr. Belz commented that this was indicative of the pervasive problem with motorized vehicles on non-motorized paths around the State. Dr. Belz commented that he hoped this was an example to get some of our Legislators and elected officials to clamp down on this.
- ✦ **Stan Justice, President, Fairbanks Trails** sent a comment by email (below) about off-road plowing on Ballaine Road that was read into the record by Olivia Lunsford.

Thank you for serving on the BPAC. As you probably know, throughout Fairbanks the pedestrian ways have been blocked by the snow removal activities of DOT. The Ballaine path is but one example. The first picture shows where I cut some brush as the path was forced off the DOT constructed path into the brush. The second picture clearly shows the white line on the edge of the road, and I drew in a guess at the pavement edge. I ask – What purpose does it serve to plow the shoulder of the road? This is not permafrost ground. This is not a place where melting berms will cause ice on the road. The off-road plowing also does lots of damage to infrastructure. The plows took out a light pole along Farmers Loop and along University Avenue some of the electrical boxes were damaged. In many places we are asking DOT to do more. But in this case, we are asking them to do less – just plow to the edge of the asphalt and move on. I continue to ask for a physical barrier to keep the plows from blocking the DOT-constructed path along Ballaine Road. Any day now I expect the loader to come back and finish the job of blocking Ballaine path like they do every year. Thank You. Stan Justice

7. Old Business

a. Vulnerable Road User Assessment Comment Letter (Action Item)

The draft Vulnerable Road User Assessment comment letter was presented to the members for discussion and revisions.

Public Comment: Lisa Slaba commented about softening the language of the letter.

Motion: To recommend approval of the Alaska Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment comment letter [from the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee]. (Layral/Zervos).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

b. Bike Lane Signing & Striping Pilot Program Update

Mr. DiRutigliano provided an update and photos on each of the different routes included in the pilot program.

c. Transit Plans Update

This Agenda item was postponed to the March 28, 2024 meeting.

8. New Business

a. Complete Streets Policy Update & Prioritization Plan

This Agenda item was postponed to the March 28, 2048 meeting.

b. Report on 2024 Winter Cycling Congress Presentation by Eeve Rynish

Eeve Rynish, a local bike rider and commuter, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the **2024 Winter Cycling Federation Congress** she attended in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

c. Interior Alaska Land Trust (IALT) 220' Bailey Bridge Placement Potential

Mr. Layral commented that Seth Adams informed him that there is a 220-ft. Bailey Bridge at Fort Wainwright they are not using. Mr. Layral suggested that the bridge could be put out on the north side of Ballaine Lake in the Goldstream area where there is overflow. Mr. Layral indicated that the bridge could be cut into sections if necessary.

9. Informational Items

a. IABA Home Show, Bike To Work Week (05/13/24-05/19/24), Bike & Ped Count

Ms. Lunsford explained that she received QR Codes for an app that you can download so when you see a bike rack, you just note it on the map in the app.

FAST Planning will have a booth at the IABA Home Show again this year. They will be talking about the Bike Rack App, the Bike/Pedestrian Counts May 21-23, 2024, and the Bike Friendly Fairbanks Program.

10. Other Issues

No other issues.

11. Committee Member Comments

- Mr. Davis commented regarding Stan Justice's comments about the bike paths and asked if there was some way to tell people who they can contact to get information about those types of things.

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: (Davis/Zervos). The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 28, 2024.**

Approved:  Date: 3/28/24
Kim Streeter, Chair
FAST Planning BPAC