



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

May 1, 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: 817-2569-6470

1. Call to Order

Jackson Fox, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

The following were present:

Name	Representing
*Jackson Fox, Chair	FAST Planning
*Olivia Lunsford	FAST Planning
*Corey DiRutigliano, Vice Chair	FAST Planning
*Deborah Todd	FAST Planning
**Michael Bredlie	FNSB Rural Services
**Justin Burgess (absent)	AES Transportation
**Nick Czarnecki	ADEC Air Quality
**Steven Hoke for Michelle Denton	FNSB Transportation
**Brian Lindamood for Kate Dueber	Alaska Railroad Corporation
**Alexa Greene	Eielson Air Force Base
**Kevin McKinley	FNSB Planning Commission
**Brett Nelson	DOT&PF Planning
**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	Fairbanks International Airport
**Jakob Theurich	University of Alaska Fairbanks
**Danny Wallace (absent)	City of North Pole
**John Weinberger	Fort Wainwright
*Don Galligan	FNSB Community Planning
*Randi Bailey	DOT&PF Planning

Sara Lucey	DOT&PF Planning
Jennifer Wright	DOT&PF Preconstruction
Katherine Keith	DOT&PF Commissioner's Office
Sarah Schacher	Michael Baker & Associates
Jeff Kupko	Michael Baker & Associates
Jack Barnwell	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
James Marks	Alaska Municipal League
Karlin Swearingen	National Renewable Energy Authority

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

3. Approval of the May 1, 2024 Agenda

Motion: To approve the May 1, 2024 agenda as presented. (McKinley/Rogers).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the April 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the April 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes. (Rogers/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 April 17, 2024 meeting, the Policy Board:

Approved the comment letter regarding the Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment.

Approved the Letter of Support for the DOT Grant Application for the Project Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP).

b. Update on the STIP from DOT&PF

Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner, explained that the DOT has been working on their schedule for getting resolution on Tier 2 items in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The DOT&PF met with FHWA, members from Washington, DC, and the Director of Planning and talked about priorities and what they wanted to see. DOT&PF spent time with their staff and went line item by line item to make sure they had a clear understanding of what they were looking for. From DOT&PF's perspective, they need to get to a public comment period on the first Amendment to the STIP by June 1, 2024. DOT&PF has a couple strategies and will meet with FHWA and their staff on the Policies & Procedures which will outline what DOT&PF's policy and procedure will look like, the roles of MPO staff, how we are keeping current on updates, what the fiscal tables look like and how they align with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The next meeting will look at Discretionary Grants and how those look in the STIP. For projects that were awarded with Discretionary Grant funding and have already been funded, they should be listed

in the TIP. DOT&PF will be creating fiscal constraint tables. If there are any project changes, this would be a great time to get them included. DOT&PF will keep everyone updated on what the implications for the construction projects are.

6. Old Business

a. Draft FFY2025-26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development (Action Item)

Consideration of Releasing Draft UPWP for 30-day Public Comment Period

Mr. Fox explained that an outline of the proposed Draft UPWP was presented at the April Technical Committee meeting, and the requested items have been incorporated. He then provided a detailed overview of the Draft UPWP document.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to release the Draft UPWP [Unified Planning Work Program] for a 30-Day public comment period. (Spillman/Nelson).

Discussion: Mr. Spillman commented that he had been doing this for about 14 years now and thought this was the most comprehensive plan he had seen. Mr. Spillman commented that for the Richardson Highway project, he thought that the previous PEL Studies prioritized mobility and expansion over everything else. Mr. Spillman thought that they should look at more positive studies that have been done and not hire another consultant to do another expensive PEL Study.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. One abstention. (Weinberger). Approved.

7. New Business

a. Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan-Update from Consultant Team

Jeff Kupko, Michael Baker & Associates, provided an update on the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan.

b. Interior Alaska Transportation Plan – Update from Alaska DOT&PF

Sara Lucey, Planning Manager, DOT&PF Northern Region Planning, provided an update on the Interior Alaska Transportation Plan.

c. FFY2023-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #3 (Action Item)

Consideration of Approval of Minor Changes to Multiple Projects and Programs

Mr. Fox explained that this Administrative Modification was for minor project schedule and cost adjustments in the TIP and detailed the pertinent revisions.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to approve Transportation Improvement Program [TIP] Administrative Modification #3. (Netardus/McKinley).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

d. Proposed Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) Revisions for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Summary of Efforts to Date and Discussion of Next Steps Moving Forward

Mr. Fox explained that this was added to the agenda at the request of Mr. Spillman. The Technical Committee and Policy Board advanced a package of proposed Administrative Code revisions developed by the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee in March of 2021 to the Department of Public Safety Commissioner's Office. Commissioner Cockrell was very supportive of the changes. Between March of 2021 and September of 2023, there has been regular email contact between Mr. Fox and Commissioner Cockrell. To date, there has been no further activity by the Department of Public Safety to move this forward. Mr. Fox noted that he will keep this on the agenda for June so that Mr. Netardus and Mr. Pristash have time to obtain further information.

8. Informational Items

a. Obligations and Offsets

Mr. Fox explained the obligations and offsets included in the meeting packet.

9. Other Issues

No other issues

10. Committee Member Comments

- Mr. Spillman commented that he was at the Downtown Association's annual meeting and the City of Fairbanks handed out the Traffic Control Plan for the demolition of the Polaris Building this summer.
- Mr. Nelson commented that the Richardson/Steese Highway Corridor Action Plan is having a public meeting May 1, 2024 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Carlson Center. This meeting is to discuss safety issues along the corridor. Kinney Engineering is working on the final report and the public comments from these meetings will be incorporated into the report.
- Ms. Lunsford commented that the Bicycle/Pedestrian counts will be May 21-24 and volunteers can go to the FAST Planning website: www.fastplanning.us to sign up for the dates and intersections they want to count.

11. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: (Netardus/Nelson). The meeting was adjourned at **2:09 p.m.** The next Technical Committee Meeting will be held June 5, 2024.

Approved: 
Jackson C. Fox, Chair
FAST Planning Technical Committee

Date: 6/5/2024