



**Project Enhancement Committee Meeting
MEETING MINUTES**

July 18, 2024 · 11:00-1:00 p.m.

By computer at www.fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom

By telephone at: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 844-8824-1748

1. Call to Order

Jackson Fox called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

NAME	REPRESENTING
**Jackson Fox, Chair	FAST Planning
**Corey DiRutigliano, Vice Chair	FAST Planning
**Olivia Lunsford	FAST Planning
**Deborah Todd (absent)	FAST Planning
*Dan Adamczak	State of Alaska DOT&PF
*Phoebe Bredlie (absent)	Fairbanks North Star Borough
*Jeff Fisher (absent)	Alaska DEC
*David Hayden	Fairbanks North Star Borough
*Jeff Jacobson	City of Fairbanks Public Works
*Cody Lougee (absent)	City of North Pole
*Natalie Lyon	FAST Planning
*Bethany Spence	City of North Pole
*Sue Sprinkle	FAST Planning
*Tim Zinza (absent)	City of Fairbanks
Jeremiah Cotter	City of Fairbanks Public Works
*PEC Committee Member, **FAST Planning Staff	

3. Approval of the July 18, 2024 Agenda

Motion: To approve the July 18, 2024 Agenda. (Jacobson/Sprinkle).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the April 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the April 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes. (Jacobson/Sprinkle).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

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

- The amendment to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was released for public comment. Mr. Fox prepared an 11-page comment letter with corrections for the STIP.
- Ethan Graetz provided updates for the Chena Small Tracts Roundabout at the previous meeting. All the comments from the Project Enhancement Committee were sent to DOT.
- For Airport Way/Cushman Intersection Improvements project, DOT&PF released a video providing the status update for that project. They have run into contamination in the soil from drycleaning solvents which has raised the estimate for the project.
 - a. **Turner Street-5th Avenue** is being resurfaced, and the hope was to have the planters removed. As of July 24, 2024, the planters were removed. The area has been patched and leveled with asphalt. A large metal sign and light pole have also been removed. Mr. DiRutigliano presented this project at a City Council work meeting to show the potential for development in that space.
 - b. **Downtown Parking Garage** – The design start for the improvements to the parking garage and the visitors center will begin in August. DOT will hire a consultant team to lead the design plan set for the project and will coordinate with DOT, the Borough, and Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center as the design progresses.
 - c. **Boat Launch Wayfinding Signs** – Ten of eleven signs were installed by a local contractor at boat launches around town to help people navigate the river safely. The remaining sign will be installed next summer at Pikes due to construction going on there this year.
 - d. **Complete Streets Prioritization Plan** – The goal of this project is to create a prioritization plan to select ideal candidate streets and create design elements that would be appropriate. The Complete Streets Policy will be reviewed and updated as needed.

6. Public Comment Period

- ☞ No public comment.

7. Old Business

a. Welcome to Fairbanks Signs

The goal is to update the Welcome to Fairbanks signs. The area focused on straddles DOT right-of-way and University of Alaska (UAF) property. UAF asked for more detailed information. The sign would be ground-mounted in a wayside to allow for photo opportunities.

b. Community Branding on Local Projects

Mr. DiRutigliano contacted different people who do steel cutting. The icons are near completion and just need to be material tested.

c. Interior Alaska Bridge Art

Barbara Johnson has been the lead on this project. She wrote a letter to Doyon requesting grant funding to subsidize the cost of materials. The first grant was for \$10,000 to kick off the "Call for Artists." The goal of the project is to apply art to area bridges. The art would be on a lightweight printed paper and then adhered to the surface with some water-based type of

adhesive. Testing is ongoing to find out the type of paper and adhesives work best for the weather and the color fastness of the print over time.

d. Bike Infrastructure; Bike Rack Design

This is a project to promote bike infrastructure. The type of rack will be a golden heart post style. Mr. DiRutigliano coordinated with Pete Daley of Hutchison High School to have his Girls Who Weld Program produce these racks. The idea will be to have a blend of the custom Golden Heart bike racks with more off-the-shelf purchased racks. FAST Planning ordered four racks, posts, and the ground mounting hardware that will be delivered in August. There are concepts for how the racks would be installed in a private parking lot or in a single parking space. The bike racks would also be removable. A rack would be installed temporarily in a parking space as a pilot project to see how it would work.

8. New Business

Mr. DiRutigliano asked the group for ideas about topics to discuss under New Business. Mr. Jacobson suggested new art or murals for buildings with historical facts would be an enhancement and of interest to tourists in the downtown core. Mr. DiRutigliano noted that this would be Mr. Jacobson's last PEC meeting as he was retiring.

9. Agenda Setting for October 3, 2024 Meeting

Discussion about what items to include for the October 3, 2024 meeting.

10. Committee Member Comments

- Ms. Sprinkle wished Jeff Jacobson, "God Speed" on his retirement.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **12:18 p.m.** The next scheduled Project Enhancement Committee Meeting is Thursday, October 3, 2024.

Approved: 
Jackson Fox, Chair
Project Enhancement Committee

Date: 10/3/2024