



🚲 BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN/ADVISORY COMMITTEE 🚲

Meeting Minutes

July 25, 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: 863-1024-0880

1. Call to Order

Kim Streeter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

-  *Susan Bissell
-  *Ron Davis (**absent**)
-  **Corey DiRutigliano (**absent**)
-  **Jackson Fox
-  *Matt Layral
-  **Olivia Lunsford, **Vice Chair**
-  *Travis Naibert
-  *Jim Richardson
-  *Kim Streeter, **Chair**
-  **Deborah Todd
-  *Larry Zervos

**BPAC Representative, **FAST Planning Staff*

3. Approval of the July 25, 2024, Agenda

Motion: To approve the July 25, 2024, Agenda. (Richardson/Zervos).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the June 27, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the June 27, 2024, Meeting Minutes. (Layral/Bissell).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

5. Staff/Working Group/Chair Report

a. Staff Report

🚲 At the **July 3, 2024** meeting, the Technical Committee:

 Recommended approval of the FFY2025-26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

🚲 At the **July 17, 2024** meeting, the Policy Board:

 Approved the amended FFY2025-26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) with amendments to add the City of Fairbanks and City of Noth Pole to the existing staff resources line and include language that staff may also use time to work on advertising for transit options.

- Referred the comment letter regarding Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment #1 back to the Technical Committee.
- Approved Office Lease Amendment #5 to lease 350 sq.ft. of storage space in the Usibelli building to store bicycle helmets and other items.
- Olivia Lunsford has set up an SMS alert system to text subscribers reminders and alerts about upcoming meetings and events.

6. Public Comment Period (Non-Action Items)

- No public comment.

7. Old Business

a. Bike Friendly FBX

Free Bike Valet

A location change was made for the Bike Valet at the Music in the Garden events held at the UAF Botanical Gardens. An average of 50-60 bikes are parked on average. 200 kids hi-visibility vests as well as free helmets were given away. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to assist with this program.

Bikeways Maps in the Wild

The Bikeways Maps are being used every day throughout town by residents as well as tourists. If you see people using the maps, please take a photo and send it to Olivia Lunsford at FAST Planning. Olivia Lunsford has started mapping the bike count data. She wants to set up a template that links each count form to each year and also give people the ability to directly upload their counts.

b. Transit Updates

TUTV Visit

The Transit Unplugged TV (TUTV) visit occurred July 15-16 of this month. This focuses on the transit and things to do around Fairbanks. All of their content is on YouTube. The Fairbanks episode is expected to drop late this year.

New MACS Bus Facility Update: The facility grand opening was held for the new facility on South Lathrop. They expect to be moving in this Fall. The entire facility and all the busses will be fueled by compressed natural gas. The road to it will be paved next summer.

CNG Bus Progress: The compressed natural gas buses are arriving slowly. The delivery is complex due to the logistics of shipping the buses with fuel in them.

MACS Service Reduction: MACS Transit has a driver shortage, and supervisors are currently driving some of the routes so that they have all the routes covered. They are looking to hire.

The Aurora Bridge Progress: DOT is shooting for completion of the bridge this summer. The regular blue and red lines would then resume their related routes.

c. Child Bicyclist Fatality Site Review

Alaska DOT&PF and Alaska State Troopers; Additional Badger Road-Related Concerns

FAST Planning was invited to the scene of the accident on Badger Road where a child was struck and killed while riding his bicycle. Jackson Fox and Olivia Lunsford of FAST Planning, Pam Golden and Nathan Steven of DOT&PF, along with two Alaska State Troopers were present at the site visit. The Troopers explained that the family had visited the Badger Gas Station, were travelling north along Badger Road, and wanted to cross to the south side of the road where there was a path. The family did not

cross at the intersection of Badger and Old Badger Road and instead went farther down Badger Road to cross. Two vehicles were waiting to turn onto Old Badger Road which created visibility issues for the cars behind them. A vehicle went around the two vehicles waiting to turn and struck the child who was in the process of crossing Badger Road. Any time there is a fatal accident, DOT participates in a site visit with law enforcement to determine what happened, review the scene, discuss concerns, and see what might be done to prevent these types of tragedies from happening in the future.

8. New Business

a. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) 2025 Project Nominations (Action Item)

DOT Statewide Traffic & Safety has established a multi-year Road Safety Audit project that is set up to rotate between the three regions and the three MPOs. They are looking for single intersections or segments that are similar from one end to the other for nomination as 2025 Highway Safety Improvement Projects (HSIP). Based on their data, the intersection of Farmers Loop Road in the Northern Region, as well as Debarr between Pine and Boniface Parkway in Central Region will be reviewed in the Audit. DOT has asked FAST Planning to suggest other problematic intersections in our area. One suggestion was the intersection of Trainor Gate and the street where Ladd Elementary and Tanana Valley Middle School are located. A rapid flashing beacon, Hawk signal, or a flashing red light were discussed as possible solutions in that area.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To recommend that the list gets passed on for potential Road Safety Audits. (Naibert/Zervos).

- Intersections
 - Trainor Gate Road & F Street
 - 2nd Avenue & Wilbur Street
 - Wendell Avenue & Clay/Hall Streets
 - Farmers Loop Road & Ballaine/Auburn/Summit/McGrath Roads
- Corridors
 - Barnette Street – 1st Avenue to Airport Way
 - Lathrop Street – 19th to 23rd Avenues
 - Van Horn Road – Peger Road to South Cushman Street

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

b. Old Airport Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility

FAST Planning received a project nomination request to fund construction of a shoulder or sidewalk on Old Airport Road so pedestrians walking in that area would not have to cross the road to get to Fred Meyer and other businesses in the area.

9. Informational Items

a. Pedestrian/Vehicle Interaction Data

Matt Layral explained the email chain he received regarding reporting bicycle and pedestrian accidents/near accidents.

10. Other Issues

Ms. Bissell commented that she noticed that there have been two reports in the News-Miner of Troopers actually stopping ATVs which she thought was a positive step forward.

11. Committee Member Comments

- Ms. Streeter commented that with the change in the North Pole leadership maybe they would be more receptive to nominating someone for the vacant BPAC seat since it would be helpful to have that voice at the meetings.

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: (Streeter/Naibert). The meeting was adjourned at **6:33 p.m.** The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 29, 2024.**

Approved: Kim Streeter Date: 8/29/24
Kim Streeter, Chair
FAST Planning BPAC