



## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2025 • 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: 873-6674-9360

#### 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, <b>Chair</b>	FAST Planning
*Olivia Lunsford, <b>Vice Chair</b>	FAST Planning
*Corey DiRutigliano	FAST Planning
*Deborah Todd	FAST Planning
*Randi Bailey	DOT&PF Planning
**Michael Bredlie	FNSB Rural Services
**Justin Burgess ( <b>absent</b> )	Odyssey Logistics
**Adeyemi Alimi for Nick Czarnecki	ADEC Air Quality
**Kate Dueber	Alaska Railroad Corporation
**Tim Glidden	City of North Pole
**Alexa Greene	Eielson Air Force Base
**Steven Hoke for Michelle Denton	FNSB MACS Transit
**Brett Nelson	DOT&PF Planning
**John Netardus	DOT&PF Preconstruction
**Robert Pristash	City of Fairbanks Engineering
**Walker Ringstad	FNSB Planning Commission
**Lt. Mike Roberts ( <b>absent</b> )	Alaska State Troopers
**William Rogers	City of Fairbanks Engineering
**Don Galligan for Kellen Spillman	FNSB Community Planning
**R.J. Stumpf	Fairbanks International Airport
**Jakob Theurich	University of Alaska Fairbanks
**John Weinberger ( <b>absent</b> )	Fort Wainwright
Al Beck	DOT&PF Preconstruction
Ben White	DOT&PF Planning
Cody Lougee	City of North Pole

Phoebe Bredlie  
Megan Flory  
Sarah Schacher  
Laurie Achee  
Jack Barnwell  
Mary Farrell

Kinney Engineering  
RESPEC  
Michael Baker  
Senator Bjorkman's Office  
Fairbanks News Miner  
Participant

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

### **3. Approval of the July 2, 2025 Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the July 2, 2025 agenda. (Pristash/Rogers).

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved,

### **4. Approval of the June 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the June 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes. (Rogers/Pristash).

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

### **5. Staff/Working Group/Chair Report**

There will be a DOT&PF Open House event for the Chena Lake Recreation Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Project at the Chena Lake Swim Beach Pavillion, 3780 Laurance Road, on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 from 5-7 p.m.

At the **June 18, 2025** meeting, the **Policy Board**:

- Approved Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #6 with an addition of a new project site for the DOT Preventative Maintenance Program in conjunction with the Parks Highway/Sheep Creek Road Intersection project.
- Approved the letter to the Governor supporting the continuation of the Roads & Highways Advisory Board after removing a couple bullet items and adding a bullet highlighting the recent concerns with the State match shortage in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The Governor vetoed the State match funding for the STIP in the budget. A letter was received from the Alaska DOT&PF Commissioner's Office explaining that the Legislature was short of general fund money and was attempting to reappropriate funding from old match projects to new projects shown in the STIP.

### **6. Public Comment Period**

No public comment.

### **7. Old Business**

#### **a. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment #2**

The STIP Amendment along with the FAST Planning and AMATS TIP Amendments were submitted by Alaska DOT&PF to the FHWA on July 1, 2025. The Alaska DOT&PF's goal for approval is July 15, 2025. The notification to Alaska DOT&PF that the STIP had been submitted came with the comment response letters to each of the three MPOs.

**b. Letter to Alaska DOT&PF Requesting AMATS and FAST Planning TIP Amendments be submitted to FHWA Separately from STIP Amendment #2 (Action Item)**

The letter to the Alaska DOT&PF requested by the Technical Committee was drafted and included in the meeting packet before the notification that they had already submitted the STIP and TIP Amendments to FHWA.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**Motion:** No motion was made.

**8. New Business**

**a. Letter to Alaska DOT&PF Requesting Information on MPO Coordination Items (Action Item)**

***Request for FFY2026 Federal Funding Suballocation Amounts, Resolution of Comments on 3C Process Document, Update on Project Prioritization Pilot Program Grant Award, and Engagement Opportunities and Schedule for Development of Updates to the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan, Freight Plan, Rail Plan, and Transit Plan***

This item was put on the agenda at the request of the Policy Board. They asked for a letter to Alaska DOT&PF requesting a spreadsheet showing the funding suballocations for the MPO funding suballocations. Currently, the MPOs receive an annual letter showing what the Planning fund amounts are, but not the MPO funding suballocation amounts for the project funding categories. They would also like to see resolution of the comments from the three MPOs in the 3C Process document. The State of Alaska was awarded a U.S. DOT Grant for the Project Prioritization Pilot Program, and the Policy Board would like an answer from DOT on the status of those funds. They would also like to be informed, provide input, and receive updates on the schedule and development details for the updates to the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan, Freight Plan, Statewide Rail Plan, and Statewide Transit Plan.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**Motion:** To advance the letter [to DOT&PF requesting information on MPO Coordination items] to the Policy Board approval. (Pristash/Galligan).

**Discussion:**

**Mr. Galligan** Would this be an appropriate letter to add something about the STIP development and schedule.

**Mr. Fox** commented that he thought that made sense since that gives a schedule of what the development would be for the next STIP.

**Amendment to the Motion:** To add a fifth bullet to the letter requesting an update on the schedule for development of the next STIP [Statewide Transportation Improvement Program]. (Galligan/Pristash).

**Mr. Galligan:** I think the STIP is their short-range plan. I think it is appropriate to ask for updates on the Long-Range Plan as well.

**Vote on Amendment to the Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

**Discussion:** No further discussion.

**Amended Motion:** To advance the letter [to DOT&PF requesting information on MPO Coordination items] to the Policy Board for approval, and add a 5<sup>th</sup> bullet to the letter requesting an update on the schedule for development of the next STIP.

**Vote on Motion:** Eleven in favor. Two abstentions. (Nelson, Netardus). Approved.

**b. FFY2026 FAST Improvement Program**

**Report Back to Technical Committee on June 9<sup>th</sup> Subcommittee Meeting**

Mr. Fox presented the FFY26 FAST Improvement Program projects that were decided on at the Subcommittee Meeting on June 9, 2025. A Doodle Poll will be sent out to the Subcommittee to set a date to reconvene, determine the final list of projects, and discuss increasing the amount of funding available to the FAST Improvement Program.

**c. Update to FAST Planning's Policies and Procedures on Development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Discussion of Staff Recommendations for Update to TIP Policies & Procedures**

Mr. Fox noted that there are a series of policies and procedures that relate specifically to the FAST Planning TIP that have not been updated to reflect our current practices and he would like to establish a subcommittee to review and revise those.

**9. Informational Items**

**a. Monthly on Federal Actions Potentially Impacting MPOs**

Mr. Fox provided a brief update on recent orders and directives from US DOT's Transportation Secretary.

**b. FFY2025 Obligations & Offsets**

Mr. Fox provided an update on the status of obligations and offsets.

**10. Other Issues**

No other issues.

**11. Committee Member Comments**

**Mr. Netardus:** Pioneer Park plugins were going to be obligated in FY26. They still want to construct them, but it will be in FY27, and they may have to change the funding.

**Mr. Netardus:** Chena Lake Recreation Area Bicycle & Pedestrian Path Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 from 5-7 pm at the Chena Lake Swim Pavillion on 3780 Laurance Road.

**12. Motion to Adjourn:** (Netardus/Pristash). The meeting was adjourned at **1:04 p.m.**  
The next Technical Committee Meeting is **August 6, 2025.**

Approved:  Date: 8/13/2025  
**Jackson C. Fox, Chair**  
**FAST Planning Technical Committee**