



## WALK, RIDE, & ROLL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

100 Cushman Street, Suite 205 (Key Bank Building)

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1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Members and Attendees
3. Approval of March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Agenda
4. Approval of January 29<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comment Period
6. Old Business Item
  - a. Chena Riverwalk Phase III Project Update
  - b. Committee Vacancies
  - c. Active Mobility Leadership Lab
    - WRRAC Seeking WRRAC Member volunteer(s) for Action Plan Working Group
  - d. Data Bike Update
  - e. AWAI Updates
    - WRRAC Trainor Gate & F Street WRRAC involvement opportunity
    - WRRAC AARP Walk Audit, FBX 50+, Senior Volunteers through MAST
7. New Business Item
  - a. Bike Month
    - WRRAC Planning for Annual Bike & Ped Counts, Bike to Work Day collaboration with Parks & Recreation, Data Bike Launch, Downtown Market + Tiny Bike Valet
  - b. Street Sweeper (video)
  - c. City of Fairbanks Engagement | Planning Efforts
    - WRRAC Update from Corey DiRutigliano about CoF related efforts
8. Other Issues
9. Committee Member Comments
10. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2026 | 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.



## WALK, RIDE, AND ROLL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 29, 2026 • 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: 871-6103-0483

#### 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
- ☞ \*\*Corey DiRutigliano
- ☞ \*\*Jackson Fox (absent)
- ☞ \*Matt Layral (absent)
- ☞ \*\*Olivia Lunsford, **Vice Chair**
- ☞ \*Travis Naibert (absent)
- ☞ \*Jim Richardson
- ☞ \*Kim Streeter, **Chair**
- ☞ Don Galligan

**\*BPAC Representative, \*\*FAST Planning Staff**

#### 3. Approval of the January 29, 2026, Agenda

**Motion:** To approve the January 29, 2026 Agenda. (Davis/Richardson).

**Discussion:** No discussion.

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

#### 4. Approval of the November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** To approve the November 20, 2025 meeting minutes. (Bissell/Davis).

**Discussion:** No discussion.

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

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

##### a. Staff Report

- ☞ There were no action items from the Policy Board or Technical Committee meetings.
- ☞ The Project Enhancement Committee (PEC) is working with Pete Daly with Hutchison High School to design the bike racks for North Pole.

#### 6. Public Comment Period (Non-Action Items)

- ☞ No public comments.

## 7. Old Business

### a. Winter Maintenance Prioritization

**Mr. Richardson:** explained the letter in the meeting packet that he wrote regarding winter maintenance concerns. He commented that he received a written response from the Mayor of Fairbanks and a member of the City Council but nothing further. Members discussed possible solutions.

**Mr. Davis:** explained that there is a sidewalk maintenance priority list that will be published online.

**Mr. Richardson:** commented that one thing they should aim for is a contact number or a way that people could determine what roads have been maintained and whether sidewalks in their area have been cleared, or not.

### b. Committee Vacancies

There are currently vacancies on both the WRRAC and Project Enhancement Committees (PEC). Term limits have been eliminated as well. Letters of interest to join the committees can be sent to FAST Planning.

## 8. New Business

### a. Mayor O'Neill Request for Safety Improvements at Trainor Gate & F Street

### b. Alaska Walkability Action Institute (AWAI) Grant Procurement & Quick Build Solutions

#### Trainor Gate & F Street

#### Danby at Anne Wien Elementary School & Randy Smith Middle School

FAST Planning received a \$5K grant was received from the AWAI to encourage mobility in our community and come up with quick build solutions that could be implemented in high-risk areas. Members discussed lighting solutions, crosswalks, and Hawk beacons, among others, which could be used in both areas.

### c. Complete Streets Policy Update

This is an effort to update the FAST Planning Complete Streets Policy to make sure all aspects of are addressed in the initial design phase of a project and provide some things to make it clearer. The hope is to have better upfront coordination between agencies on projects in the preliminary planning and design phases. This revised Complete Streets Policy would apply to new projects once it is approved.

### d. Data Bikes

FAST Planning is not buying a cargo bike. FAST Planning owns a 360-degree camera, I-Phones, and a power bank. The only things needed are a GoPro and software that detects road conditions. It was put in the FAST Planning budget to set up a data bike this summer. Members of the WRRAC could track surface conditions around town by outfitting their personal bikes with this gear and riding it around town to track road conditions this summer. This data could help with mapping efforts and prioritizing future projects.

Mr. Davis would love to have a map with all the exact dimensions of the trails and sidewalks.

## 9. Informational Items

### a. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2

#### 🗨️ **Public Comment Period Closes on January 30<sup>th</sup>; Multiple Non-Motorized or Alternative Transportation Projects**

The TIP Amendment was out for public review and if anyone wants to submit a letter of support they should do so by January 30, 2026.

### b. League of American Bicyclists “Active Mobility Leadership Lab” Application”

This is the 16-week training program that Ms. Lunsford applied to be a part of. This is the next step in the Alaska Walkability Institute training. Ms. Lunsford asked if anyone wanted to be a part of a small committee with her if she’s accepted. It would be about 1-2 hours per week of learning activities and then working together to develop a plan. If anyone is interested, please let Ms. Lunsford know before the March 2026 meeting.

## 10. Other Issues

a. Ms. Bissell asked about the status of the bike rack installation for fat bikes on the Borough buses.

Mr. Galligan commented that the Policy Board wanted to federalize the bike racks component and it just got put on the back burner. The makeup of the Policy Board has changed, and he doesn’t think they would want that program federalized.

Mr. DiRutigliano commented that they will try to get that back on the agenda.

Ms. Lunsford commented that FAST Planning has signed up to do a Read, Think, and Drink event at Black Spruce next month (March 4, 2026) and she could use some ideas on what topics to discuss.

## 11. Committee Member Comments

🗨️ No comments.

## 12. Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn:** (Davis/Richardson). The meeting was adjourned at **6:31 p.m.** The next meeting is **Thursday, March 26, 2026.**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Kim Streeter, Chair**  
**FAST Planning BPAC**



## WALK, RIDE, AND ROLL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Special Meeting Minutes

MARCH 13, 2026 • 2:00 - 3:00 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: 835-5614-7547

#### 1. Call to Order

Kim Streeter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

#### 2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

\*Ron Davis

\*\*Corey DiRutigliano

\*\*Jackson Fox

\*Matt Layral

\*\*Olivia Lunsford, **Vice Chair**

\*Travis Naibert

\*Jim Richardson

\*Kim Streeter, **Chair**

Randi Bailey, DOT&PF Planning

Don Galligan, Fairbanks North Star Borough Planning

Kimberly Diamond, Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks & Recreation Department

Julie Jones, Festival Fairbanks

**\*BPAC Representative, \*\*FAST Planning Staff**

#### 3. Approval of the March 13, 2026 Agenda

**Motion:** To approve the March 13, 2026 Agenda. (Naibert/Davis).

**Discussion:** No discussion.

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

#### 4. Public Comment Period (Non-Action Items)

No public comment.

#### 5. Business Item

##### a. Chena Riverwalk Phase III (Action Item)

Mr. Fox explained that the Policy Board referred the Chena Riverwalk Stage III project back to the Walk, Ride, and Roll Advisory Committee (WRRAC) for their review and recommendations for design alternatives, maintenance authority, and project funding.

##### Public Comment

☞ **Julie Jones, Festival Fairbanks:** It’s been very frustrating to get to a point where we just hit a brick wall and suddenly, you’re paying for something that was supposed to be donated all those years ago. I’m glad to see that maybe we’ll be moving forward because we would certainly like to put momentum into finishing the north side. Once the Railroad agrees to this portion, maybe we can continue the conversation and do the fundraising to finish it. The whole reason it ended up with the City [of Fairbanks] is because they [the Railroad] wouldn’t work with a non-profit, Festival Fairbanks, to finish the project. We [Festival Fairbanks] did all the improvements on the south side of the river with private funding, fundraising efforts, and municipality participation as well. We just want to see the project completed. We’d love to see the bridges come in eventually. Hopefully, the Railroad will get back on board with supporting Fairbanks in something downtown that will be really fabulous if we get it forward. We’d like to keep the momentum going.

The WRRAC discussion outlined the purpose and need for the project, recently discussed project alternatives, design cost considerations, and maintenance entity responsibilities.

**Motion:** To recommend to the Policy Board to go through with the land purchase, move forward on design criteria and costs, and if there is room in the budget, do it. (Davis, Richardson).

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

**6. Other Issues**

No other issues.

**7. Committee Member Comments**

☞ No comments.

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn:** (Davis/Naibert). The meeting was adjourned at **3:12 p.m.** The next meeting is **Thursday, March 26, 2026.**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kim Streeter, Chair**  
**FAST Planning BPAC**



## STAFF MEMORANDUM

Date: February 20, 2026  
To: **Policy Board**  
Subject: Chena Riverwalk Stage III

The Chena Riverwalk is on the Policy Board agenda as an 'open action item' for the Board to provide direction on next steps for the project in regard to design, maintenance, and funding. Key topics to discuss and actions to consider are as follows:

- **Design** – the original design was an asphalt path on an embankment throughout the alignment with an estimated construction cost of \$1.7 million. The current design, however, is an embankment on either end of the path with a 1,378-ft elevated boardwalk through the floodplain with an estimated cost of \$7.1 million. The decision to include the boardwalk section was based on right-of-way constraints, proximity to the floodway, and public interest. Design of the boardwalk will require retention of a structural engineer and supporting geotechnical investigation, hydraulic analysis, and permitting activities. This work could also further explore design alternatives and permitting opportunities to try to reduce construction cost. How would the Board like to proceed with regard to the design and overall cost of the project?
- **Maintenance** – when the project was initiated in 2017 with Federal funds, the signed maintenance agreement was between the City of Fairbanks and Alaska Railroad under an ARRC Land Use Permit issued in 2014. Provided current right-of-way negotiations are for acquisition/purchase of the land, this permit will be obsolete/void and one of our local governments will need to sign a new maintenance agreement with the Alaska DOT&PF. By default, the portion of the path within the Peger Road right-of-way (Chena River bridge to Phillips Field Road) will be the State's maintenance responsibility. However, the portion of the path along the riverfront is subject to discussion among all parties as to which is the most appropriate government entity to commit to the maintenance responsibility.
- **Funding** – when the project was initiated in 2017 with Federal funds, the non-Federal match for all project phases was programmed with State Legislative fund appropriations given to FMATS for general use on projects. Over the past 10+ years these funds have been used on a variety of projects and there is no longer a

sufficient fund balance to cover the construction phase on this project. The non-Federal match will therefore need to be covered by a new State match commitment and/or local government contributions. Though a variety of Federal funding sources (STP, TAP, CMAQ, CRP, etc) can be used for this project to cover the Federal portion, currently the largest bucket of available funding is CMAQ funds. By Alaska DOT&PF policy, the State covers the match for CMAQ funds. How would the Board like staff to proceed with programming Federal funding for this project in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding plan?

No action is required this month on the right-of-way phase for this project, but it will be a future action item in the coming months. The Policy Board has already approved the necessary funding in the TIP for the land acquisition option, and the Railroad Board of Directors recently approved sale of the land to Alaska DOT&PF. As requested by the Policy Board, however, this will be brought back to the Board for final authorization once negotiations have concluded.

# WRRAC Discussion Topics for Recommendations to Policy Board

March 13, 2026

## SHORT RANGE (2023-2027)

### FAST PLANNING PROJECTS

SR-3	Chena River Walk Stage III	Expand the Chena River Walk to the north side of the Chena River with approximately 2,200 linear feet of pathway from Peger Road to the existing Chena River pedestrian bridge crossing at Pioneer Park. Construct a connection of the existing pedestrian facilities along Peger Road.
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The desired outcome of this Special Meeting is bulleted list of recommendations from the WRRAC to the Policy Board for the Chena Riverwalk Stage III project. Discussion topics for potential recommendations include, but are not limited to, the following:

*\*\*Blue text is WRRAC's comments and recommendations from March 13<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting; vote on Motion to advance these to Policy Board was unanimously approved\*\**

#### 1. Purpose and Need for Project

- Project has been supported by the community and local governments over the span of 40 years (see Resolutions attached)
- Provides a loop for people to walk, take families, grandparents, etc.
- Buys back ½-mile of riverfront from the Railroad for community use

#### 2. Recently discussed Project Alternatives (Chena Landings Loop, Peger Road Bridge)

- Alternatives being solely considered based on the cost, not involving the consideration for public safety, desire for movement, enjoying the riverfront
- Phases I and II of the riverwalk were constructed in 2003 and 2009; this is an integral part of finishing the next Phase (III) of the riverwalk; there is another Phase (IV) after this project that this directly supports
- Urge to not recommend alternatives that channel people along Phillips Field Road for recreational and commuting purposes
- The current project is an excellent alternative for when the Peger Road bridge undercrossing is flooded; when traveling from University towards downtown, this would be the preferred route, and would keep some traffic off the southside path along Pioneer Park (different users/paces, would reduce user conflicts)

### 3. Design and Cost Considerations for Current Preferred Alternative

- Support the path and boardwalk being 12-ft wide as currently designed
- Considering issuing a vendor RFP for prefabricated sections of the boardwalk (metal grated walkway w/ railing) to reduce costs
- Support helical pile foundation for boardwalk, which prefabricated sections could be delivered to Fairbanks and placed on
- Consider metal surface options for bike tires, which might be slippery when wet/icy
- Consider adding access points along riverwalk down to the river's edge
- Worth looking at supports for stairs at UAF; what maintenance have they had to do on the metal stair boardwalk
- Path along east side of Peger Road could eliminate need for Peger Road bridge undercrossing

### 4. What entity(ies) should take on Maintenance Responsibilities

- DOT is a given for maintenance responsibility for portion of path along Peger Road; City already has maintenance responsibility for pedestrian bridge at Pioneer Park; FNSB should be maintenance authority for riverwalk portion of path
- If the FNSB takes this on, they should be part of the design team for maintenance concerns, etc.
- The cost of building something isn't the whole cost; let's make the project something that will require less maintenance in the long term, it will be easier to garner a commitment if they know they aren't inheriting something that might be a nightmare
- Boardwalk might be cheaper in the long run due to pavement degradation and erosion from river
- Metal is best option for boardwalk
- Is there enough ROW along Peger Road to set the path back so snowplowing activity doesn't obscure the path

### 5. Considerations for Federal Funding Type and Match Commitment

- Defer to Jackson

### 6. Right-of-Way Acquisition of Riverfront

- Important to restore community ownership of riverfront that could be used for public use/recreation

- Will make the lots more valuable for the Railroad to sell/lease for businesses that want to build on lots; could be a huge driver and economic impact could be significant

#### 7. Due Diligence and Public Process

- The path on the south side of the river is one of the highlights of our town; adding to the quality of life for residents and visitors alike is a priority here and completing *this project that already contributes so much* to the above should be a priority

#### 8. Consistency with Local Plans

- Project has been in Chena Riverfront Plan for decades, which also supports the Comprehensive Plan
- Project has long been included in FMATS/FAST Planning long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Non-Motorized Plan
- Project directly supports Vision of Pioneer Park Master Plan (“expanding the relationship with the Chena River” + connectivity)
- Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan cites loops and strolling and highly participated in activities that align with this project completion

Recommendation from WRRAC for Next Steps: Go through with the land purchase, move forward on design criteria and costs, **DO IT**. Not concerned about the price tag and we need more opportunities for movement like this in the community.



**POLICY BOARD**

**Action Items**

**03.18.2026**

**Motion:** To authorize Jackson Fox as Executive Director to sign the IRS Form 990 and send it to the IRS. (Little/Terch). None opposed. Approved.

**Motion:** To approve the application materials and advertising of the FAST Planning Community Transportation Grant Program. (Crass/O’Neill).

**Amendment:** To add “as discussed” to the motion [eliminating requirement for match, adding match/in-kind to scoring rubric for bonus points, and making program available Boroughwide]. (Little/Crass). Vote taken on Amendment to include the Main Motion. None opposed. Approved

**Motion:** To authorize Mr. Fox to sign and send the letter of support [for the BASICS Act to Congressional Delegation]. (Crass/O’Neill). Four in favor. Two opposed. (Little, Czarnecki). Approved.

**Motion:** The Policy Board concurs with the preliminary findings of the Interagency Consultation group that a new air quality conformity analysis is not required for TIP Amendment #2, and the TIP remains consistent with the previous Conformity Determination made jointly by FHWA and FTA on November 20, 2025. (Crass/Little). None opposed. Approved.

**Motion:** To move forward with the staff recommendations on the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations [selecting for funding the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Three Bears (North Pole), Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center, Noel Wein Library, North Pole Library, and Pioneer Park]. (Terch/O’Neill). None opposed. Approved.

**Motion:** To postpone this item [Chena Riverwalk ] with public comment open to the next meeting. (Crass/Terch). None opposed. Approved.

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**Mayor Grier Hopkins, Chair**  
**FAST Planning Policy Board**

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**Date**

## Call for Committee Members

Submitted By: [faith.espinosa@alaska.gov](mailto:faith.espinosa@alaska.gov)\_AKDOT

Submitted Time: February 11, 2026 12:09 PM

Creation Time: March 23, 2026 10:24 AM

Welcome! Thanks for your interest 

### Formalities

What is your name?

Faith Espinosa

What is your email or phone number?

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If you provided a phone number, can we text you?

Yes

Walk, Ride & Roll Advisory Committee (WRRAC)

Project Enhancement Committee (PEC)

Now that you know more info...

Which committee are you most interested in serving on?

Walk, Ride & Roll Advisory Committee

### Statement of Interest

#### Why You're Interested

I came up to Fairbanks for College and fell in love with the community. During those first couple years of college, I didn't have a car, so I used public transportation, walked, or rode my bicycle. As I started to work full time, I realized that I could no longer only get around by public transit or by riding my bike. I started to follow the work the WRRAC when I started with Data

Modernization & Innovation Office in April. Working with the safety office and looking at the crash data made me start look more closely at the infrastructure around me. How drivers reacted to bicyclists, and the culture around pedestrians.

#### What You'd Bring to the Table

What I would bring to the table is a strong commitment to safety, collaboration to safety, collaboration, and practical solutions. In my work for the State, I have seen how policies and infrastructure decisions directly impact everyday people. That perspective has strengthened my belief that pedestrian and bicyclist safety must be intentionally prioritized, not treated as secondary to vehicle movement.

#### Perspective, Priorities & Community Connection

I value staying active outdoors throughout the year. In the winter, I enjoy fat biking and am learning to ski. In the summer, I bike as much as possible — this past season I logged over 600 miles before the first frost. Those miles have given me firsthand experience with what feels safe and comfortable, and what doesn't. I've experienced the difference that good infrastructure, maintenance, and thoughtful design can make, especially in a climate where winter conditions add another layer of complexity.

Being a year-round rider has strengthened my belief that safety, connectivity, and maintenance matter just as much as initial construction. It's not only about building facilities — it's about ensuring they are usable, predictable, and accessible in every season.

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Thank You!

## Call for Committee Members

Submitted By: Anonymous user

Submitted Time: February 13, 2026 9:44 AM

Creation Time: March 23, 2026 10:24 AM

Welcome! Thanks for your interest 🙌

### Formalities

What is your name?

Corrine Leistikow

What is your email or phone number?

csleistikow@gmail.com

If you provided a phone number, can we text you?

I didn't provide a phone number.

Walk, Ride & Roll Advisory Committee (WRRAC)

Project Enhancement Committee (PEC)

Now that you know more info...

Which committee are you most interested in serving on?

Walk, Ride & Roll Advisory Committee

### Statement of Interest

#### Why You're Interested

I am an avid bicyclist and believe in bike commuting both as a healthy lifestyle and as a means of using less fossil fuels. I am recently retired and have more time to spend on issues I feel strongly about.. I am interested in this committee to help make biking and walking more friendly and available to Fairbanksans.

### What You'd Bring to the Table

I am an organized person and good with details. I'm very goal oriented. I have had leadership roles in my career as a family physician and can bring those skills to any committee. I also am well connected in Fairbanks and can help bring in others to help with our mission.

### Perspective, Priorities & Community Connection

As mentioned above, I am an avid cyclist. I used to commute once or twice a week to work in the summer. I'd like to promote biking to work and bike to work day, week, etc. I'd like to help get more people out of their cars and walking or biking in town. Most of my volunteering was related to either our kids when they were young or to medical issues through work such as being the Medical Director of the Ethic Committee at the hospital. My free time, I'm usually doing something physically active outside (biking, skiing, hiking) or I'm making quilts. Let me know if you need any further information.

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Thank You!

## Call for Committee Members

Submitted By: Anonymous user

Submitted Time: February 18, 2026 7:19 AM

Creation Time: March 23, 2026 10:24 AM

Welcome! Thanks for your interest 

### Formalities

What is your name?

Ms ANGELA DENISE JONES

What is your email or phone number?

msang3la53@gmail.com

If you provided a phone number, can we text you?

Yes

Walk, Ride & Roll Advisory Committee (WRRAC)

Project Enhancement Committee (PEC)

Now that you know more info...

Which committee are you most interested in serving on?

Either would work for me!

### Statement of Interest

Why You're Interested

I have been looking to volunteer to get out in the community as a whole and help others

What You'd Bring to the Table

Suggestions

Organization skills

Realization

Outreach

Street Team

Special Event Planning

Awareness

Peace

Perspective, Priorities & Community Connection

Answered previously

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Thank You!

## Call for Committee Members

Submitted By: Anonymous user

Submitted Time: February 19, 2026 11:06 AM

Creation Time: March 23, 2026 10:24 AM

Welcome! Thanks for your interest 

### Formalities

What is your name?

**Beezy Bentzen**

What is your email or phone number?

**bbentzen@accessforbind.org. 978 549 8393**

If you provided a phone number, can we text you?

**Yes**

Walk, Ride & Roll Advisory Committee (WRRAC)

Project Enhancement Committee (PEC)

Now that you know more info...

Which committee are you most interested in serving on?

**Walk, Ride & Roll Advisory Committee**

### Statement of Interest

Why You're Interested

**I would like to contribute my specialized knowledge and skills to making walking and bicycling more enjoyable and safer for all users, especially for people who are elderly, children, or disabled.**

### What You'd Bring to the Table

I am a human factors researcher engaged for the last four decades in research to make the built environment accessible to people with vision disabilities. I have been an active participant in development of standards, including the Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way (PROWAG), the ICC A117.1 Standard for Accessible and Usable Facilities, and the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. I am a member of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals. I am well-informed about past and current research and practice. I think my deep knowledge of the research and reasoning behind standards and design guidance can be a unique contribution to the WRRAC.

### Perspective, Priorities & Community Connection

I am an elder who moved to Fairbanks in 2020 to be close to my son and my grandsons. I am no longer able to engage in active outdoor recreation, but I remain very active professionally. I live in Ester, so I'm pretty car-dependent for getting to and around Fairbanks. Particular areas of interest and expertise are traffic signal systems, accessible pedestrian signals, audible information devices, tactile surfaces and edge lane roads.

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## 2026 Active Mobility Leadership Lab Training Schedule

Week #	Week of	Focus Topic
<b>11-Week Training Period</b> <i>(Regular calls &amp; Action Planning Activities)</i>		
1.	3/2/26	<b>Cohort Call #1:</b> Welcome/Introduction, Goal-Setting, and Inspiration from the BFC Program
2.	3/9/26	<b>Cohort Call #2:</b> Community Engagement & Partnerships
3.	3/16/26	<b>1:1 Action Plan Call #1:</b> Building an effective Local Working Group or Committee
4.	3/23/26	<b>[National Bike Summit / No Calls]</b>
5.	3/30/26	<b>Cohort Call #3:</b> Community Design to Support Active Mobility: Bikeways, Networks, & End-of-Trip Facilities
6.	4/6/26	<b>1:1 Action Plan Call #2:</b> Action Plan Check-In with each Trainee/Working Group
7.	4/13/26	<b>Cohort Call #4:</b> Collecting and using data to make the case for improvements
8.	4/20/26	<b>1:1 Action Plan Call #3:</b> Action Plan Check-In with each Trainee/Working Group
9.	4/27/26	<b>Cohort Call #5:</b> Funding and budgeting mechanisms to fund recommended improvements
10.	5/4/26	<b>1:1 Action Plan Call #4:</b> Action Plan Check-In with each Trainee/Working Group
11.	5/11/26	<b>Cohort Call #6:</b> Deliverables/Wrap Up/ Next Steps
<b>5-Week Post-Training Period</b> <i>(1:1 calls as needed and emailed surveys/progress report forms)</i>		
12.	5/18/26	Post-Training Knowledge/Awareness Assessment
13.	5/25/26	Post-Training Action Plan Check-In / Debrief Calls
14.	6/1/26	Post-Training Action Plan Check-In / Debrief Calls
15.	6/8/26	Post-Training Action Plan Check-In / Debrief Calls
16.	6/15/26	Final Post-Training Action/Implementation Assessment & Debrief Calls



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## Active People, Healthy Nation<sup>SM</sup> Plan Action Plans

An Active People, Healthy Nation Action Plan is a document that helps ensure a community's vision for increasing physical activity through community design is concrete. An Action Plan is a public-facing, locally focused plan that provides detailed action steps for achieving high-priority community-driven goals related to changes in policies, systems, and/or environmental changes intended to equitably increase community design for physical activity. This document provides Active People, Healthy Nation Action Plan [guidance](#), [template](#), and an [example](#).

### Guidance

#### Creating an Action Plan

[The Active People, Healthy Nation Active Communities Tool Action Planning Guide](#) (especially pages 11-13) can help cross-sector teams create an action plan for improving built environments to promote physical activity.

When working with a community, encourage representation from three or more relevant sectors as community partners. Encourage at least one of the sectors on the project team include an organization or individual representing the interests of the priority populations and/or communities experiencing the greatest burden of physical activity inequities and disparities. The Action Planning Guide outlines specific steps of the planning process, such as Completing the Active Communities Tool's [Assessment Modules](#) to identify opportunities for action.

Active People, Healthy Nation Action Plans should include the following:

- ✓ **SMART** (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and timebound) goals and action items.
- ✓ At least **one reference to Active People, Healthy Nation**



## Incorporating the Active People, Healthy Nation Design Element/and or Initiative Name

Anyone who works with an Active People funded partner and creates an Action Plan is eligible for an adapted design element with their specific state or local geography. Using the design element shows that the group or organization is part of the larger Active People, Healthy Nation movement to help get people more physically active. To request an adapted design element, please contact Kaitlin Graff, Health Scientist in CDC's Physical Activity and Health Branch and manager of the Active People, Healthy Nation initiative ([mpy6@cdc.gov](mailto:mpy6@cdc.gov)). Also copy your Active People funded partner training or project contact for awareness.

Here are some examples of how to use the Active People design element branding or co-brand:

- "Active People, Healthy Nation<sup>SM</sup>" OR "Active People, Healthy [jurisdiction name here]," for example:



- Co-brand with Active People, Healthy Nation using the national or adapted design element.
- If the organization or group has their own brand and they don't want to co-brand with Active People, Healthy Nation, they should use the following language, "in support of Active People, Healthy Nation<sup>SM</sup>"



## Template: Active People, Healthy [Insert Local Name] Action Plan

If helpful, you may use the following template as a guide when creating the action plan.

**Name of Organization: [Name]**

### Goal #1:

*Estimated Reach: How many people will this goal potentially reach?*

\*Chart rows within the template may be edited to reflect the space needed by the project team's goals and action steps (i.e., delete unused rows or add additional rows if including less than/more than 2 goals or 5 action items).

Action Item	Responsible Agency/Individual/Team	Additional Comments
Specific steps to help you in accomplishing your goal. Include an estimated general timeline	Who will be the main person(s) for completing this action item? Who will support this work, if needed?	Important/useful notes/resources
<b>Action Item 1.1:</b> By (insert month/year), enter action step here (row will expand)		
<b>Action Item 1.2:</b> By (insert month/year), enter action step here (row will expand)		
<b>Action Item 1.3:</b> By (insert month/year), enter action step here (row will expand)		
<b>Action Item 1.4:</b> By (insert month/year), enter action step here (row will expand)		
<b>Action Item 1.5:</b> By (insert month/year), enter action step here (row will expand)		



**Goal #2:**

*Estimated Reach: How many people will this goal potentially reach?*

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<p><b>Action Item</b></p> <p>Specific steps to help you in accomplishing your goal. Include an estimated general timeline</p>	<p><b>Responsible Agency/Individual/Team</b></p> <p>Who will be the main person(s) for completing this action item? Who will support this work, if needed?</p>	<p><b>Additional Comments</b></p> <p>Important/useful notes/resources</p>
<p><b>Action Item 2.1:</b> By (insert month/year), enter action step here (row will expand)</p>		
<p><b>Action Item 2.2:</b> By (insert month/year), enter action step here (row will expand)</p>		
<p><b>Action Item 2.3:</b> By (insert month/year), enter action step here (row will expand)</p>		
<p><b>Action Item 2.4:</b> By (insert month/year), enter action step here (row will expand)</p>		
<p><b>Action Item 2.5:</b> By (insert month/year), enter action step here (row will expand)</p>		



## Example Action Plan

### Active People, Healthy Atlanta Action Plan

**Name of Organization:** Be Healthy East Atlanta

**Goal #1:** By April 2025, Be Healthy Atlanta will have a contract in place with Happy Build ATL, a community planning organization tasked to conduct a walk audit to further assess East Atlanta.

**Estimated Reach:** East Atlanta Population: 11,000

Action Item	Responsible Agency/Individual/Team	Additional Comments
<b>Action Item 1.1:</b> By December 2024, Be Healthy Atlanta will have a first draft of the bid proposal.	<b>Lead:</b> Be Healthy Atlanta <b>Support:</b> Happy Build ATL	
<b>Action Item 1.2:</b> By February 2025, Be Healthy Atlanta will have a final draft of a bid proposal completed and submitted to Happy Build ATL.	<b>Lead:</b> Be Healthy Atlanta	
<b>Action Item 1.3:</b> By April 2025, have a proposal in place and contract finalized with Happy Build ATL to assess the East Lake streetscapes.	<b>Lead:</b> Happy Build ATL <b>Support:</b> Be Healthy Atlanta	



**Goal #2:** By June 2025, add residents to the existing cross-sectoral coalition to hear on the ground concerns and get data on fatalities and injuries (bike, pedestrian, non-motorized vehicle users), mapping out where infrastructure changes can reduce traffic fatalities and injuries.

**Estimated Reach:** East Atlanta Population: 11,000

Action Steps	Responsible Agency/Individual/Team	Additional Comments
<p><b>Action Item 2.1:</b> By December 2024, Be Healthy applies for funding with DOT.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Be Healthy <b>Support:</b> Atlanta DOT</p>	
<p><b>Action Item 2.2:</b> By January 2025, have Be Healthy Atlanta representatives attend a local neighborhood bi-monthly meeting to begin coalition building.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Be Healthy Atlanta <b>Support:</b> Local residents</p>	<p>Have at least 2 Be Healthy Atlanta representatives attend a local neighborhood meeting.</p>
<p><b>Action Item 2.3:</b> By March 2025, at least 5 community residents have joined the existing cross-sectoral coalition.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Be Healthy Atlanta <b>Support:</b> Residents in the coalition</p>	<p>Ensure coalition has an organization or individual representing the interests of the priority populations and/or communities experiencing the greatest burden of physical activity inequities and disparities.</p>
<p><b>Action Item 2.4</b> By April 2025, coalition conducts a neighborhood walk audit to map out where infrastructure changes can reduce traffic fatalities and injuries.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Be Healthy Atlanta <b>Support:</b> Residents in the coalition, Local community planner</p>	<p>Provide training session and materials for walk audit beforehand.</p>
<p><b>Action Item 2.5</b> By June 2025, final community document outlining traffic fatalities and injuries and community concerns.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Be Healthy Atlanta <b>Support:</b> Residents in the coalition</p>	<p>Have additional town hall for other local residents.</p>



**Goal #3:** By October 2025, collaborate with the coalition and a local community planner to assess the existing Vision Zero policy and identify ways to improve implementation to decrease fatalities and injuries.

*Estimated Reach: East Atlanta Population: 11,000*

Action Steps	Responsible Agency/Individual/Team	Additional Comments
<p><b>Action Item 3.1:</b> By July 2025, identify a local community planner to collaborate with to assess the quality of the existing Vision Zero policy.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Be Healthy Atlanta <b>Support:</b> Local community planner</p>	<p>Reach out to ATL Department of Transportation community planner.</p>
<p><b>Action Item 3.2:</b> By September 2025, the community planner will identify ways to improve the implementation of the Vision Zero policy to decrease fatalities and injuries with feedback from the coalition.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Be Healthy Atlanta <b>Support:</b> Residents in coalition, community planner</p>	



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**RE: Trainor Gate & F Street Discussion with Principals!**

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**From** Netardus, John J (DOT) <john.netardus@alaska.gov>

**Date** Mon 3/23/2026 12:24 PM

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**Cc** Allen, Jake (DOT) <jake.allen@alaska.gov>; Beck, Albert M L (DOT) <albert.beck@alaska.gov>

Thanks Tim,

Agree with everything below. We (DOT&PF) need the City's design by EOW next week. We should proceed with the two raised crosswalks per decisions prior to today and look into those other options as a change order or incorporation into the FAST 27 project if we want something built out there this year.

Thank You,  
John Netardus, P.E.  
Engineering Manager  
907-451-5448

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**Subject:** RE: Trainor Gate & F Street Discussion with Principals!

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All,

I just got off the phone with John regarding Trainer Gate Crosswalk. Some additional treatments were talked about on Trainor Gate. This needs to be settled as this could affect schedule, particularly environmental depending on what is decided. Items discussed:

- Raised crosswalk.
- Elimination of turn lane and adding a center island median safe zone.
- Bulb-outs
- Amendment
- Match to be adjusted. I believe the COF is paying the match, need to verify.

Thanks,  
Tim

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Timothy Zinza

**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2026 8:35 AM

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## Spring 2026 Sweeper Giveaway

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3. Finally, please like and share the Insta post on this page.

Organizations, groups, businesses, municipalities, and individuals are all welcome to participate. The winner will be announced by April 25th, based on the creativity of the message and the potential community impact.

To participate, you must be over 18, have a phone number, and have a valid physical address for delivery. The cost of shipping is covered by us.

Here are links to the competition launch video on [Instagram](#), [Youtube](#), and [TikTok](#).

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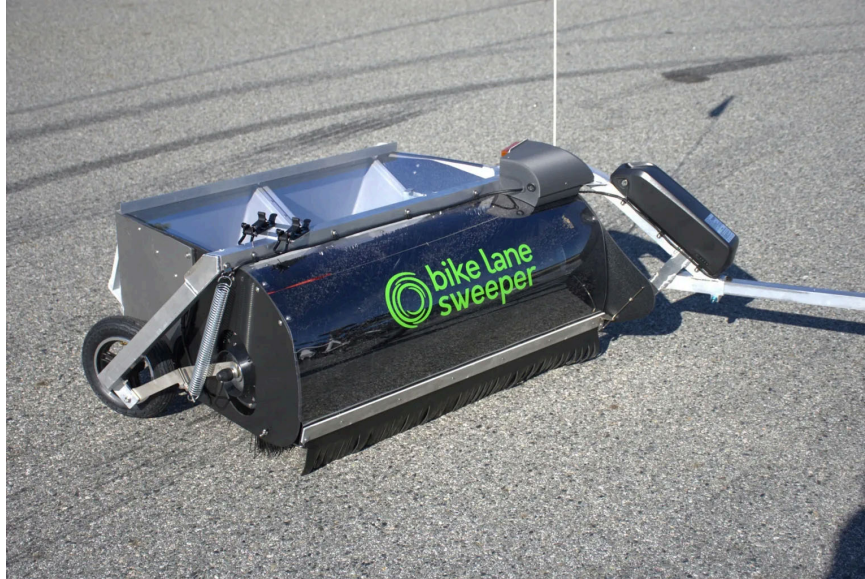
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## A grassroots approach to rethinking transportation

By Jack Barnwell

Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation Planning will roll out a new grant pilot program for community transportation-related projects in April, with \$20,000 in the initial pot.

The FAST Planning Policy Board approved the program last week with some modifications, including making it eligible for anyone in the borough and removing a 10% cash or in-kind match requirement.

“The scope is very broad and because this is a pilot program, we want to see what everyone is interested in doing,” said FAST Planning planner Corey DiRutigliano. “We are intentionally light on guard rails.”

The \$20,000 comes from FAST Planning’s nonprofit account, not the federal suballocation it receives each year.

DiRutigliano said proposals can be broad, such as purchasing bicycle helmets for a group of elementary school children or buying materials to build benches for a park or community gathering center.

“The small grants are designed for visible, community-scale projects that improve safety and access for walking, biking, transit and public right-of-way usability,” the program states. “Whether you’re enhancing a bus stop, building safer walkways or reimagining how people use and move through public space, we’re excited to invest in efforts that center equity, sustainability and community voice.”



**Alice Billings welds a bike rack during the fourth annual Girls Who Weld program in June. The program was funded via a FAST planning grant.**

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## GRANTS

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The program would provide grants of up to \$5,000. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) nonprofits, schools and educational institutions, community organizations or other private groups with a nonprofit partner.

FAST Planning did a similar project in 2025 when it provided funding to the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District’s “Girls Who Weld” program to make Golden Heart bicycle racks to be placed around town.

DiRutigliano told the Policy Board there would be a four-week application period. Applications would be scored by FAST Planning’s Project Enhancement Committee, and projects could be awarded as early as May.

DiRutigliano said the grant program was written to be as simple and straightforward as possible.

Policy Board member Lauren Little, the Alaska Department of Transportation acting Fairbanks director, said the 10% match requirement seemed burdensome to track based on the small grant amount.

“In my world, if I want to do an in-kind match, the paperwork I have to submit to [the Federal Highway Administration] is not insignificant,” Little said.

DiRutigliano said the 10% match was intended “to be some level of buy-in so folks don’t just buy stuff online and then scatter it around.”

“We would want to see some buy-in, whether it’s physical, time or social capital,” he said.

Assemblymember Scott Crass, another Policy Board member, said the 10% match is a goodfaith approach but recommended using it as a scoring metric rather than a requirement.

“Funds are scarce right now so I think even a 10% match could scare away some people that would be a good fit for this program,” Crass said.

The grant program initially called for a one-year follow-up period, which would allow FAST Planning to refine its application process if it funds the project again in 2027. Little said a one-year follow-up can be difficult, especially for short-term “soft programs” like purchasing and distributing bicycle helmets. She proposed a 30-day after-action report instead.

The FAST Planning grant application process is expected to open in April and will be available online at [fastplanning.us](http://fastplanning.us).

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