



❖ SPECIAL POLICY BOARD MEETING ❖

Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 8, 2026, 8:30-9:30 AM

100 Cushman Street, Suite 215 (Key Bank Building)

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1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Members & Attendees
3. Approval of May 8, 2026 Agenda
4. Public Comment Period
5. Old/New Business
 - a. Approval of Construction Increase for Chena Lake Recreation Area Access via Plack Road Project in the Amount of \$655,145 **(Action Item)** | Pg 2-13
 - b. Grant Awards for new Community Transportation Grant Program **(Action Item)** | Pg 14-26
 - c. Authorization to Retain an Alaska Fellow for 2026/27 **(Action Item)** | Pg 27-39
6. Policy Board Member Comments
7. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Policy Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 7, 2026

To: **Policy Board**

Subject: Construction Increase – Chena Lake Recreation Area Access via Plack Road

Background

The subject project was programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with \$3,130,275 for construction based on the latest Engineer's Estimate prior to bidding. In April the bids came back higher than anticipated. Based on the certified low bid and construction engineering budget, the new construction amount is \$3,785,420. This is an increase of \$655,145.

TIP Administrative Modification #8 was recently prepared to accommodate this increase, as well as a number of other minor changes to existing projects. The Technical Committee recommended approval of the Administrative Modification at their May 5, 2026 meeting.

Action Requested

Under FAST Planning's Policy for 'Approval Authority for Project Funding Increases,' construction increases greater than \$500k must be approved by the Policy Board. Staff request the Policy Board consider approving this construction increase at the May 8, 2026 Special Meeting so the construct contract and award can move forward as soon as possible in consideration of the short construction season.



RE: CORRECTION: 00862 Chena Lakes Recreation Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Access (FAST) - Certified Bidtab

From Netardus, John J (DOT) <john.netardus@alaska.gov>
Date Wed 4/29/2026 10:11 AM
To Schacher, Sarah (DOT sponsored) <sarah.schacher@mbakerintl.com>; Ruerup, Erica M (DOT) <erica.ruerup@alaska.gov>; Jackson Fox <jackson.fox@fastplanning.us>

Erica and Jackson,
 I am emailing to check on this, are we good with TIP and funding? Certification is at Erica/project control now.

Thanks,
 John

From: Schacher, Sarah <Sarah.Schacher@mbakerintl.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 10:48 AM
To: Netardus, John J (DOT) <john.netardus@alaska.gov>; Ruerup, Erica M (DOT) <erica.ruerup@alaska.gov>; Jackson Fox <jackson.fox@fastplanning.us>
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Hi there, here is the corrected Phase 4 total needs and corrected CENG budget, attached. This raises FNSB match need on total project cost (no contingency on construction) to \$400,518, still just below collected match amount of \$402,512.

Certified Low Bid		\$ 2,991,111.00
644 Items	-	\$ 27,000.00
CE Budget *	+	\$ 628,392.00
ICAP (5.37%)	+	\$ 192,917.41
Total Phase 4		\$ 3,785,420.41
* 21.01% of the Certified Low Bid Amount		

From: Schacher, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 7:14 AM
To: 'Netardus, John J (DOT)' <john.netardus@alaska.gov>; Ruerup, Erica M (DOT) <erica.ruerup@alaska.gov>; Jackson Fox <jackson.fox@fastplanning.us>
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: FW: 00862 Chena Lakes Recreation Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Access (FAST) - Certified Bidtab

Approval Authority for Project Funding Increases

Approval Authority	Project Phase	
	Planning, Design, Right-of-Way, & Utilities	Construction
Executive Director	\$50,000	\$250,000
Technical Committee	\$150,000	\$500,000
Policy Board	>\$150,000	>\$500,000

Policy Last Updated

August 21, 2019



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Action Items

05.06.2026

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to move forward with Option 2, the partial boardwalk [for the Chena Riverwalk project]. (Zinza/Loaiza).

Amendment: To amend the motion to recommend the Policy Board consider Alternatives 2 and 3 for reevaluation of the environmental document and additional public feedback. (Spillman/Netardus).

Vote on Amendment to carry Main Motion: None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To raise the budget from \$1M to \$2M for the 2027 construction season, and \$2M for the 2028 season as well [for the FAST Improvement Program]. (Zinza/Netardus). None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To accept as read [FFY2023-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #8]. (Zinza/Theurich).

Amendment: To add a new program block to the TIP for the FAST Improvement Program, Project #NFHWY01221, for 2027 to 2029 and include all current programmed funding; and move the Holmes Road Rehabilitation utilities phase from 2026 to 2027. (Netardus/Zinza). None opposed. Approved.

Vote on Main Motion, as Amended: None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to direct staff to prepare an Amendment to the TIP to add the Airport Way Connected Corridor project, conduct an interagency consultation for air quality conformity, and release the Amendment for a 30-day public comment period. (Zinza/Dueber). None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To recommend the Policy Board support implementation of the three-lane configuration for College Road. (Zinza/Theurich). Fourteen in favor. (Bredlie, Fisher, Hoke, Dueber, Glidden, Nelson, Netardus, Olds, Roberts, Loaiza, Spillman, Stumpf, Theurich, Zinza). Two abstentions. (Greene, Wienberger). One absent for roll call. (Richardson). Approved.

Motion: To recommend the Policy Board support consideration of roundabouts at the high crash intersections identified along Badger Road. (Netardus/Theurich).

Amendment: To change the name of the project to 'Badger Road Intersection Review Project' and add "...or other intersection improvements..." after the word 'roundabouts'. (Spillman/Netardus). Five in favor. (Hoke, Nelson, Spillman, Stumpf, Theurich). Eight opposed. (Bredlie, Dueber, Glidden, Netardus, Olds, Roberts, Loaiza, Zinza). Two abstentions. (Greene, Wienberger). Two absent for roll call. (Richardson, Fisher). Motion failed.

Vote on Main Motion: Thirteen in favor. (Bredlie, Hoke, Dueber, Glidden, Nelson, Netardus, Olds, Roberts, Loaiza, Spillman, Stumpf, Theurich, Zinza). Two abstentions. (Greene, Wienberger). Two absent for roll call. (Richardson, Fisher). Approved.

Motion: To postpone to the next meeting [Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Funding Split]. (Hoke/Netardus). None opposed. Approved.



Jackson C. Fox
Chair, Technical Committee

5/17/2026

Date

**FAST Planning FFY23-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #8
SUMMARY OF CHANGES - May 1, 2026**

Project	Description
1 Doughchee Avenue/Beaver Springs Bridge	Increased construction phase funding from \$393k to \$430.6k using offset funds per latest estimate from DOT
2 Committed Measures for the Fairbanks SIP	Moved construction phase funding for 'Motor Vehicle Plugins #1: North Pole City Hall & Alaskaland Plugins' from 2026 to 2027 per DOT request; reduced construction phase funding from \$1.7 to \$1.0 million for 'Fairbanks & North Pole Electric Vehicle Charging Stations' for first bundle of stations approved by Policy Board; increased construction phase funding from \$3.1 to \$3.8 million to award low bid for 'Chena Lake Recreation Area Bike & Pedestrian Access via Plack Road'; AC'd construction phase funding for 'University of Alaska CNG Fueling Station' to free up CMAQ funding for increase on 'Chena Lake Recreation Area Bike & Pedestrian Access via Plack Road'; increased equipment purchase budget from \$500k to \$600k for 'Sidewalk Snow Removal Equipment' per latest estimate from DOT
3 FAST ADA Improvements Program	Moved multiple projects within program from 2027 to 2026 construction and one project out from 2026 to 2027; no funding changes
4 FAST Improvement Program	Increased construction phase funding from \$3.2 to \$3.7 million for 2026 bid package per latest estimate from DOT
5 Holmes Road Rehabilitation	Moved right-of-way phase funding from 2026 to 2027 per DOT request
6 Old Steese Reconstruction	Reduced construction phase funding from \$31 to \$28.6 million, changed funding type from STP to STP and CMAQ, and AC'd funding from 2027 to 2026 per DOT request
7 Minnie Street Improvements	Moved utilities phase funding from 2027 to Beyond year per DOT request
8 Parks Hwy/Sheep Creek Ext Traffic Signal	Increased utilities phase funding from \$200k to \$300k per DOT request
9 Parks Highway MP 356 Auxiliary Lane	Moved utilities phase funding from 2026 to 2027 year per DOT request
10 Statewide Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality	Added \$500k to design phase for 'Sheep Creek Road & West Tanana Drive Roundabout' per DOT request
11 Yankovich/Miller Hill Road Reconstruction	Added \$184k to right-of-way phase per DOT request
12 FTA & FRA Projects Table	Updated FFY2026 funding amounts for Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant for operating assistance and capital (purchase of paratransit vans) for MACS Transit; added 5339(b) 'Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant' recently awarded to UAF for expanding and rehabilitating their bus maintenance facility
13 General	Update various project numbers and need IDs per DOT requests

MTP	IRIS	Priority	Project Description	Fund Code	Phase	FFY23	FFY24	FFY25	FFY26	FFY27	FFY28	FFY29	FFY30	FFY31	FFY32	Beyond	
SR-46	TBD	[2020] #3	FNSB Transportation CNG Buses Purchase of CNG buses. Funds for this project will be transferred from FHWA to FTA.	CRP	Equipment						909.7	909.7					
				3PF						90.3	90.3						
Project Total						0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
MR-58	NFHWY00554	[2020] #4	Highway Dynamic Messaging Signs Install highway dynamic messaging signs along the Richardson Highway and Badger Road to inform drivers of air quality alerts, hazardous road conditions, and detours and delays. Includes 5 years of operating costs.	SW-CMAQ	Operation	127.4	→										
				SM		12.6	FFY23 Fund Carryforward to FFY24										
Project Total						140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
N/A	NFHWY00555	[2020] #5, #6, #7	Motor Vehicle Plugins Installation of motor vehicle plugins at Birch Hill Recreation Area, Chena Lakes Recreation Area, Tanana Lakes Recreation Area (TLRA), and UAF's U-Park Facility. Includes 5 years of operating costs. Phase 4 (construction) funds for TLRA will be transferred from FHWA to WFL.	CMAQ	Design			14.4									
				SM			1.4										
				CMAQ	Utilities			54.5	195.7								
				SM			5.4	19.4									
				CMAQ	Construction	154.6											
				SM		15.4											
Project Total						170.0	59.9	230.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
SR-7	NFHWY00712	[2020] #8	Pearl Creek Elementary Access Improvements & Motor Vehicle Plugins Construct a new driveway, reconfigure and repave existing parking lots and access roads, and install new electrical plug-ins at Pearl Creek Elementary School in Fairbanks. Project work also includes roadside hardware, drainage improvements and ADA improvements.	CMAQ	Design	68.2	242.0										
				SM		6.8	24.0										
				CRP	Construction												
				CMAQ													
Project Total						75.0	266.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
SR-17	NFHWY00612	[2020] #9	University Avenue South Bicycle & Pedestrian Path Construct a year-round non-motorized path on the east side of University Avenue South from the Mitchell Expressway to Armistead Way (1.8 miles) to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians to/from Fairbanks International Airport East Ramp charter flight operators.	CMAQ	Design	90.1											
				SM		8.9											
				CMAQ	Utilities			91.0									
				SM			9.0										
				SW-CMAQ	Construction				2,547.2								
SM				252.8													
Project Total						99.0	100.0	2,800.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
SR-25	NFHWY00891	[2020] #10	Peger Road Bicycle & Pedestrian Path Construct a 1,400-foot bicycle/pedestrian path on the east side of Peger Road from the Chena River bridge to Airport Way through Pioneer Park with a direct connection to the Chena Riverwalk path. Transfer funds to Pioneer Park North Parking Lot & Boat Launch project to coordinate design and bundle bid package.	CRP	Design		159.2										
				CMAQ				181.9									
				SM		15.8	18.1										
				CMAQ	Utilities				91.0								
				SM				9.0									
				CMAQ	Construction				640.4								
SM			63.6														
Project Total						0.0	175.0	0.0	200.0	804.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
SR-6	N/A	[2020] #11	Tanana Lakes Recreation Area South Lathrop Street Extension & Parking Area Provide asphalt pavement for South Lathrop Street Extension Road project, and pave the existing Non-Motorized Boat Launch/Trailhead parking lot and a portion of the Motorized Boat Launch/Trailhead. Funds for this project will be transferred from FHWA to WFL.	CMAQ	Construction	542.1											
				SM		53.8											
Project Total						595.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

MTP	IRIS	Priority	Project Description	Fund Code	Phase	FFY23	FFY24	FFY25	FFY26	FFY27	FFY28	FFY29	FFY30	FFY31	FFY32	Beyond	
TBD	NFHWHY00874	[2023] #1	MACS Transit SaaS (Software as a Service) Purchase of annual subscription(s) to a suite of SaaS technologies with public facing apps: trip planning, route tracking (real-time bus locations, estimated time of arrival, text notifications), purchasing electronic tickets, and booking on-demand transport rides (VanTran, Uber, Lyft, Taxis, etc).	CMAQ	Misc/Other												
				SM													
Project Total						0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TBD	TBD	[2023] #2	MACS Transit Subsidized Ticketing Free ticketing for University of Alaska students and staff, seniors, and primary school students up to age 19; and subsidized ticketing for all other riders at nominal fee. FAST Planning Policy Board removed funding for this project 06.21.2023.	ILLU	Misc/Other											1,000.0	
Project Total						0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,000.0
TBD	NFHWHY00922	[2023] #3	Fairbanks Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center Enhancements Construct improvements on the grounds of and near the MTCVC. Project includes utilities, roadside hardware, and ADA improvements. Improvements include the addition of dual bike lockers, installing a rectangular rapid flash beacon, constructing a pedestrian pathway between the bus stop and parking lot, and replacing and upgrading the display panel within the existing digital welcome sign. Combine design and construction effort with Downtown Parking Garage Enhancements, Project #6 [2023].	CMAQ	Design	91.0	→	154.6	→								
				SM			9.0	FFY23 Fund Carryforward to FFY24	15.4	\$90k FFY25 Carryforward to FFY26							
				CMAQ	Utilities				72.8								
				SM					7.2								
				CMAQ	Construction				463.9								
				SM					46.1								
Project Total						100.0	0.0	170.0	590.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TBD	NFHWHY00911	[2023] #4	Northern Region Signal Interconnect - Stage 2 Construct a signal interconnect system to communicate with six traffic signals (Van Horn/Lathrop, Van Horn/Cushman, Badger/Holmes/Montgomery, Badger/Hurst, Richardson/Dawson, and Richardson/Buzby) to the Traffic Operations Center (TOC) on the DOT&PF complex on Peger Road.	SW-CMAQ	Design			624.1									
				SM					61.9								
				SW-CMAQ	Construction					3,211.7							
				SM						318.8							
Project Total						0.0	0.0	686.0	0.0	3,530.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
SR-9	NFHWHY00846	[2023] #5	University Avenue Rail Crossing Automated Train Switch Replacement of the Fairbanks main rail yard manually operated lead switch with a remote control, power-operated switch to allow trains to continue into/out of the rail yard without stopping. To be funded under a Utility Agreement with ARRC.	CMAQ	Utilities	591.3	136.5										
				SM			58.7	13.5									
Project Total						650.0	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
SR-30	NFHWHY00922	[2023] #6	Lavery Transportation Center Enhancements Construct improvements in and near the Lavery Transportation Center parking garage. Project includes utilities, roadside hardware, and ADA improvements. Improvements include restriping and resigning the parking garage, installation of wayfinding signs, enhancement of bicycle parking area, installation of a transit notification system for pedestrians waiting inside, and several building enhancements including replacement of the building's awning and installation of a new illuminated sign. Project also includes public outreach campaign to promote the use of the parking garage. Combine design and construction effort with MTCVC.	CMAQ	Design	45.5	→	109.2	68.2								
				SM			4.5	FFY23 Fund Carryforward to FFY24	10.8	6.8							
				CRP	Construction				573.1								
				3PF					56.9								
Project Total						50.0	0.0	120.0	705.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
MR-35	NFHWHY00843	[2023] #7	Fairbanks & North Pole Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan Development of a locally-coordinated plan to address the introduction of Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure to the Fairbanks and North Pole area.	CRP	Planning	136.5											
				OFF				27.3									
				FAM			13.5	2.7									
Project Total						150.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TBD	TBD	[2023] #8	West Valley High School Roundabout Construction of a roundabout at the Sandvik Street and Gradelle Avenue intersection on West Valley High School's campus. Design start to be initiated after completion of Access/Circulation Study for West Valley and Hutchison High Schools under Project #12 [2023].	ILLU	Design											750.0	
					Utilities												200.0
					Construction												3,000.0
Project Total						0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,950.0

MTP	IRIS	Priority	Project Description	Fund Code	Phase	FFY23	FFY24	FFY25	FFY26	FFY27	FFY28	FFY29	FFY30	FFY31	FFY32	Beyond		
MR-35	NFHYW01060	[2023] #9	Fairbanks & North Pole Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Installation of electric vehicle charging stations at North Pole City Hall, Pioneer Park, FNSB Administrative Building, North Pole Library, Noel Wein Library, Carlson Center, UAF Bunnel & Arctic Health Research Buildings, Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center, and Downtown Parking Garage. Includes 5 years operations/maintenance assistance.	CRP	Design			272.9	213.8									
				SM				27.1	21.2									
				CRP	Construction					909.7								
				SM						90.3								
				CMAQ	Operation							181.9						
				SM								18.1						
Project Total						0.0	0.0	300.0	235.0	1,000.0	200.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
TBD	NFHWY00902	[2023] #10	Sheep Creek Road & West Tanana Drive Roundabout Construct a roundabout at the intersection of Sheep Creek Road and West Tanana Drive. Work will include intersection and adjacent pathway improvements, drainage improvements and roadside hardware. Work will also include relocation of parking for UAF trails access to the opposite side of West Tanana Drive to eliminate mid block pedestrian crossings adjacent to the new roundabout, and completion of the shared use path connection between Goldhill Road and the roundabout.	SW-CMAQ	Design		513.1	909.7	454.9	454.9								
				SM			50.9	90.3	45.2	45.2								
				SW-CMAQ	Right-of-Way													
				SM														
				SW-CMAQ	Utilities						272.9							
				SM							27.1							
				SW-CMAQ	Construction							2,611.7						
SM								259.3										
Project Total						0.0	564.0	1,000.0	500.0	3,671.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
TBD	NFHWY01087	[2023] #11	FNSB Hybrid Fleet Vehicle Pilot Program Purchase of four hybrid Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs).	CMAQ	Equipment	204.0	23.4	→										
				AC		23.4	→	FFY23 Fund Carryforward to FFY25										
				ACC			-23.4											
				SM		22.6												
Project Total						250.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
SR-15	NFHWY00844 NFHWY01195	[2023] #12	High School Access & Circulation Plans Evaluate access, circulation, and safety for all modes (bike, ped, bus and automobile) and identify improvements to address delay and modal conflicts at the following high school campuses: West Valley/Hutchinson High Schools, Lathrop High School, North Pole High School, and any other schools identified as a need. First study to be initiated for West Valley/Hutchinson High Schools campus to support Project #8 [2023]. Second study to be initiated for North Pole High School [2026].	CRP	Planning	136.5	210.0	293.8	→									
				SM		13.5	20.8	27.1	FFY25 Fund Carryforward to FFY26									
				Project Total						150.0	230.8	320.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MR-25	NFHWY00862	[2023] #13	Chena Lake Recreation Area Bike & Pedestrian Access via Plack Road Pave and extend Plack Road from Nelson Road intersection past Gordon Rd intersection, construct new parking pad, and add a pedestrian/bike bath. Work will include intersection improvements, drainage work, and roadside hardware additions.	CRP	Design	163.7	63.7	341.1										
				3PF		16.3	6.3	33.9										
				CMAQ	Utilities					4.5								
				SM						0.5								
				CRP	Construction			1,450.9	→									
				CMAQ			1,396.7	FFY24 Fund Carryforward to FFY26		596.0								
				AC					596.0									
				ACC						-596.0								
				3PF						144.0								
SM						192.5												
Project Total						180.0	2,917.6	375.0	937.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			

MTP	IRIS	Priority	Project Description	Fund Code	Phase	FFY23	FFY24	FFY25	FFY26	FFY27	FFY28	FFY29	FFY30	FFY31	FFY32	Beyond			
SR-30	NFHWY00845	[2023] #14	Fairbanks Airport Area Non-Motorized Path Wayfinding Signage Installation of non-motorized wayfinding signage for the Fairbanks International Airport Main Terminal area along the newly installed path that runs from the terminal entrance to Dale and Hoselton roads. The scope includes the design and installation of: physical signage along the corridor, two semi-mobile kiosks for use inside the	CRP	Design	40.9			22.7										
				SM		4.1			2.3										
				CMAQ	Construction			181.9											
				SM				18.1											
				Project Total						45.0	0.0	0.0	225.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TBD	NFHWY01086	[2023] #15	Motor Vehicle Plugins #1: North Pole City Hall & Pioneer Park/Alaskaland Plugins Installation of motor vehicle plugins for at North Pole City Hall and Pioneer Park/Alaskaland's main parking lot. Includes 3 years operations/maintenance assistance.	CMAQ	Design			272.9	139.2										
				SM				27.1	13.8										
				CMAQ	Construction			1,118.0											
				SM									111.0						
				CMAQ	Operation								136.5						
SM									13.5										
Project Total						0.0	0.0	1,418.0	153.0	0.0	261.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
SR-30	NFHWY00891	[2023] #16	Motor Vehicle Plugins #2 Installation of motor vehicle plugins at the future north parking lot at Pioneer Park. Transfer funding to Pioneer Park North Parking Lot & Boat Launch project.	CRP	Design		45.5		22.7										
				3PF			4.5		2.3										
				CRP	Construction					182.8									
				3PF						18.2									
Project Total						0.0	50.0	0.0	226.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
SR-13	NFHWY00912 NFHWY00885 NFHWY01194	[2023] #17	Sidewalk Snow Removal Equipment Purchase of sidewalk snow removal equipment for City of Fairbanks, MACS Transit, UAF, and Alaska DOT&PF	CRP	Equipment	409.4		91.0											
				CMAQ				454.9	91.0										
				AC				91.0											
				ACC															
				SM															
				3PF			40.6		9.0										
Project Total						450.0	0.0	100.0	600.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
TBD	NFHWY01097	[2023] #18	University of Alaska CNG Fueling Station Construction of a CNG fueling station at UAF campus to support the conversion of the shuttle bus fleet from Diesel to CNG.	CMAQ	Design			181.9	91.0										
				SM				18.1	9.0										
				CMAQ	Construction							1,546.5							
				AC						1,546.5									
				ACC															
SM								153.5											
Project Total						0.0	0.0	200.0	100.0	1,700.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
TBD	NFHWY01169	[2023] #19	CNG Shuttle Buses Conversion of the UAF shuttle bus fleet from Diesel to CNG; purchase of up to 5 buses.	CMAQ	Equipment				454.9		454.9								
				SM				45.2		45.2									
Project Total						0.0	0.0	0.0	500.0	0.0	500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
N/A	NFHWY00269	[2023] #23	North Pole Sidewalk/Road Lighting Enhancements Replacement of HPS (high-pressure sodium) bulb "candy cane" streetlights with LED lights. To be funded under a Change Order with contractor selected for North Pole Streetlight Standardization Phase I project.	CMAQ	Construction	72.8													
				SM		7.2													
Project Total						80.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				

MTP	IRIS	Priority	Project Description	Fund Code	Phase	FFY23	FFY24	FFY25	FFY26	FFY27	FFY28	FFY29	FFY30	FFY31	FFY32	Beyond		
SR-41	NFHWY01108	[2025] New	Gaffney Road Parking Lot Construct a parking lot at the east end of the Gaffney Road. The parking lot will be available in the summer and may be used for Park and Ride. The access will be via Gaffney Road. The project will include roadside hardware and drainage and ADA improvements.	SW-CMAQ	Design				91.0	91.0								
				SM					9.0	9.0								
				SW-CMAQ	Construction						682.3							
				SM							67.7							
				Project Total						0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	850.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LR-36	NFHWY01109	[2025] New	Sheep Creek Road Extension Shared-Use Path Construct a new shared-use path along Sheep Creek Road Extension to connect existing non-motorized facilities along the Goldhill Road and the Parks Highway. Work includes ADA improvements, drainage improvements and roadside hardware.	SW-CMAQ	Design				227.4									
				SM					22.6									
				SW-CMAQ	Construction						591.3							
				SM						58.7								
				Project Total						0.0	0.0	0.0	900.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
VLR-11	NFHWY01110	[2025] New	Ballaine Path Improvements Widen and resurface non-motorized pathway along the Ballaine Road between Yankovich Road and Goldstream Road. Project will include ADA improvements, drainage improvements and roadside hardware.	SW-CMAQ	Design				181.9	204.7								
				SM					18.1	20.3								
				SW-CMAQ	Utilities							22.7						
				SM							2.3							
				SW-CMAQ	Construction							2,729.1						
				SM							270.9							
Project Total						0.0	0.0	0.0	200.0	225.0	3,025.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

MTP	IRIS	Priority	Project Description	Fund Code	Phase	FFY23	FFY24	FFY25	FFY26	FFY27	FFY28	FFY29	FFY30	FFY31	FFY32	Beyond
			Fund Code Description	Fund Code												
Available PM2.5 Area CMAQ Funding [Need ID 29232]																
			Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality	CMAQ		1,950.6	1,960.1	2,060.0	2,121.8	2,185.5	2,251.0	2,318.5	2,388.1	2,459.7	2,533.5	
			State Match	SM		193.6	194.6	204.5	210.6	216.9	223.4	230.1	237.1	244.2	251.5	
			<i>Funding Total</i>			2,144.2	2,154.6	2,264.5	2,332.4	2,402.4	2,474.5	2,548.7	2,625.2	2,703.9	2,785.0	
Programmed PM2.5 Area CMAQ Funding																
			Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality	CMAQ		1,859.6	1,944.0	2,046.8	2,113.2	1,418.4	2,319.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
			State Match	SM		184.6	193.0	203.2	209.8	140.8	230.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
			<i>Funding Total</i>			2,044.2	2,137.0	2,249.9	2,323.0	1,559.1	2,550.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
			<i>Difference (Federal)</i>			91.0	16.0	13.2	8.6	767.1	-68.7	2,318.5	2,388.1	2,459.7	2,533.5	
Programmed Statewide CMAQ Funding [Need ID 18791]																
			Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality	SW-CMAQ		127.4	513.1	4,080.9	1,546.5	7,529.1	2,751.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
			State Match	SM		12.6	50.9	405.1	153.5	747.4	273.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
			<i>Funding Total</i>			140.0	564.0	4,486.0	1,700.0	8,276.5	3,025.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Available CRP Funding [Need ID 33863]																
			Carbon Reduction Program	CRP		887.0	1,929.2	1,051.1	1,077.7	1,099.2	1,121.2	1,143.6	1,166.5	1,189.8	1,213.6	
			State/Local/FAST Planning Match	SM/3PF/FAM		88.0	191.5	104.3	107.0	109.1	111.3	113.5	115.8	118.1	120.5	
			<i>Funding Total</i>			975.0	2,120.7	1,155.4	1,184.6	1,208.3	1,232.5	1,257.1	1,282.3	1,307.9	1,334.1	
Programmed CRP Funding																
			Carbon Reduction Program	CRP		887.0	1,929.2	998.8	1,015.2	909.7	909.7	909.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	
			State/Local/FAST Planning Match	SM/3PF/FAM		88.0	191.5	99.1	100.8	90.3	90.3	90.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
			<i>Funding Total</i>			975.0	2,120.7	1,097.9	1,116.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
			<i>Difference (Federal)</i>			0.0	0.0	52.3	62.4	189.5	211.5	233.9	1,166.5	1,189.8	1,213.6	
Programmed AC/ACC Funding																
			Advanced Construction	AC		23.4	0.0	0.0	687.0	1,546.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
			Advanced Construction Conversion (Payback)	ACC		0.0	-23.4	0.0	0.0	-687.0	-1,546.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

FAST Planning

May 7, 2026

Community Transportation Grant Program Applications - 2026

Applicant	Project	Type	Committee Scoring									Total	Award Request	Award Recommend	Notes
			Dan	Jeremiah	David	Trisha	John	Bethany	Sue	Kayde					
Festival Fairbanks	Paint artistic crosswalks and sidewalk art at the intersection of 1st Ave and Lacey Street	Supplies	N	95	Y	87	91	101	Y	85	459	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		
Ester Volunteer Fire Department / Ester Community Association	Ester Park Bike Rack and Bike Repair Station	Equipment	Y	73	Y	95	90	101	Y	81	440	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	Increased	
North Star Community Foundation / Fairbanks Skatepark Coalition	Lacey Street Mobile Skatepark at the Starter Bock	Equipment	Y	95	Y	72	76	93	Y	85	421	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		
Randy Smith PTSA	Reflective Tape for 300+ Students (for backpacks, jackets, etc.)	Supplies	Y	85	Y	59	96	98	Y	72	410	\$ 200	\$ 1,000	Increased (up to \$1k)	
FairBikes / Festival Fairbanks	FairBikes Starter Block Rental Fleet Expansion & Repair	Program	Y	98	Y	81	89	43	Y	84	395	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		
Fairbanks Children's Museum	Forget-Me-Not Steel Drums in Alley between Children's Museum and Post Office	Equipment	Y	75	N	56	69	87	N	51	338	\$ 4,560	\$ -	Refine & resubmit in 2027	
Yellow Bird Yoga Healing Collective / Golden Healing Collective	"Breathe, Hydrate, Move" engaging, movement-based program designed to help children build awareness of their bodies through breath, hydration, and play	Program	N	88	N	50	62	38	N	59	297	\$ 5,000	\$ -	Refine & resubmit in 2027	
Bread Line Inc	"Josh Hanson Memorial Bicycle Clinic" mini-fixit workshop	Program	<i>(application withdrawn)</i>									\$ -	\$ -	n/a	
												\$ 26,760	\$ 19,000		

Project Enhancement Committee reviewed and scored nominations on May 7, 2026, and passed motion recommending Policy Board award grants as outlined above.

Community Transportation Grants

2026 Letter to Applicants



April 1, 2026

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for funding through our local community transportation and public right-of-way improvement grant program. We are excited to support community organizations that are working to make our shared spaces safer, more accessible, and more connected. *This grant is open to **registered nonprofit organizations and educational institutions in the borough** who are undertaking projects that enhance **public transportation infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle safety and access, or public right-of-way usability** in our community. *For-profit organizations may participate as project partners in collaboration with an eligible nonprofit or educational institution**

We believe that vibrant, inclusive communities start with the spaces we all share. Through this grant, we aim to support projects that do more than improve infrastructure — we're looking for ideas that open up movement, opportunity, and connection. 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. If your project helps more people get where they need to go — safely, affordably, and with dignity — we want to hear from you.

Eligible projects and programs may include, but are not limited to:

- Improve transportation access for underserved or marginalized communities.
- Increase pedestrian, bicycle, or public transit use and elevate safety
 - Purchase bike helmets and reflective gear for a student classroom
 - Purchase and installation of a public use bike rack
- Improve public spaces for non-motorized users, including the elderly and children.
 - Purchase materials to build/install a bench at a bus stop
 - Support community-based fabrication and installation of small-scale public infrastructure elements that enhance mobility and public space.
- Enhance environmental sustainability or reduce reliance on cars.
 - Purchase bus tokens for public distribution
 - Carpooling program startup
 - Setup a park and ride station with bike lockers
- Demonstrate strong community support and involvement.
 - Create public safety campaign and messaging

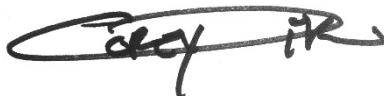
Application Materials Checklist

Please submit the following materials as part of your complete application package:

- 1. Cover Letter (1 page max)**
 - a. Introduce your organization.
 - b. Summarize your proposed project and its intended community impact.
 - c. Share why your organization is well-positioned to lead this work.
- 2. Completed Forms**
 - a. **Application** Answer all required questions included in the online application document. [FAST Planning - Transportation Community Grants Application 2026](#)
 - b. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**. If applicable, complete and attach a signed MOU (template available on grant website).
- 3. Proposed Project Budget;** Include a rough line-item budget and note how grant funds will be used. Highlight any in-kind contributions. *A total of \$20,000 is available in this grant cycle. Individual awards may be up to \$5,000 per applicant.**
- 4. Project Timeline;** Provide a timeline showing key project milestones and include anticipated start and completion dates.
- 5. Proof of Nonprofit Status;** Include IRS determination letter or equivalent documentation.
- 6. Supporting Materials (Optional but Encouraged)**
 - a. Letters of support from partners or community members.
 - b. Maps, drawings, or photos of the project site.
 - c. Any permits, approvals, or relevant documentation. (FAST Planning staff can help contribute staff time in the creation of these materials)
 - d. Data or research that supports the project's need or impact.

Please direct any questions to Jackson Fox (jackson.fox@fastplanning.us) and submit** your full application package no later than April 28, 2026. Thank you for your commitment and service to our community, we look forward to learning more about your work!

Cheers,



Corey M. DiRutigliano (he/they)

Transportation Planner, FAST Planning

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2026 Community Transportation Grants; Letter to Applicants

** No Match Required. This program does not require a financial match. Projects of all sizes and capacities are encouraged to apply. In-kind contributions—such as volunteer time, donated materials, or partnerships—may strengthen an application by demonstrating community support but are not required.*

*** You can deliver your application materials (attachments, figures, budgets, letters of support, etc) three ways:*

- 1. Visit us in person at the FAST Planning office at 100 Cushman Street Suite 205/215 during regular business hours (M-F 9am-5pm).*
- 2. By submitting electronically via email application and additional materials to jackson.fox@fastplanning.us; please include your organization name and "CTG Application Materials" in the subject line.*
- 3. By submitting electronically via the website "Upload Application Materials" button here: <https://fastplanning.us/keepup/grants/> *Note that applications filed and submitted online are automatically sent to staff**

FAST Planning Staff will review and send a confirmation receipt within 5 days.

Applications close April 28, 2026 and participants will be notified of awards in late May 2026.

Community Transportation Grants

2026 Program Description



The FAST Planning Community Transportation Grants Program supports local, borough area, nonprofit organizations, education institutions and other community organizations, in making small, practical improvements that help people move more safely, comfortably, and confidently through our community. This program is designed to fund visible, community-scaled projects—such as better walking and biking connections, transit-supportive amenities, and welcoming public spaces—that improve safety, access and usability for the public, in the public right-of-way. We prioritize projects that serve historically underserved populations, strengthen neighborhood connections, and demonstrate shared community investment. FAST Planning has allocated \$20,000 for this grant cycle. Individual requests may be up to \$5,000, though the program is designed to support multiple smaller awards—often in the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000—to help fund a variety of community-led projects. This program does not require a financial match. Projects of all sizes and capacities are encouraged to apply. In-kind contributions—such as volunteer time, donated materials, or partnerships—may strengthen an application by demonstrating community support, but are not required. The application process is intentionally simple, and FAST Planning works as a partner with grantees to help projects succeed from idea to implementation.

2026 Grant Program Timeline

- **April 2026 – Applications Open April 1-28 (4 weeks)**
The FAST Planning Community Transportation Grants application will be open for a four-week period in April. During this time, interested nonprofit organizations may submit proposals through a simple online application, and other supporting materials as required/relevant. FAST Planning staff will be available to answer questions and help applicants determine whether their project is a good fit.
- **Late April–Early May 2026 – Application Review & Scoring (2 weeks)**
Submitted applications will be reviewed and scored over a two-week period by FAST Planning’s Project Enhancement Committee, and awarded by the Policy Board. Projects will be evaluated based on community benefit, feasibility, equity impacts, and alignment with program goals.
- **Late May 2026 – Awards Announced & Funds Distributed**
Selected applicants will be notified in May. Grant agreements will be finalized shortly thereafter, and funds will be distributed to allow projects to begin as soon as possible.
- **Summer–Fall 2026 – Project Implementation & Check-Ins**
Grantees will implement their projects according to the proposed timeline. FAST Planning will conduct light check-ins during implementation to offer support, answer questions, and help troubleshooting any challenges.
- **Within 30 Days of Project Completion – Final Report**
Grantees will submit a brief 1-2 page final report documenting completed activities, final expenses, program feedback and photos of the finished project.
- **1-Year After Completion – Follow-Up Check-In**
On a per-project basis, a short follow-up will confirm ongoing maintenance, lessons learned, and continued public benefit of the project. This may include a brief site visit, call, or email update.

Community Transportation Grants

2026 Application



(Also available online at: [FAST Planning Community Transportation Grants - 2026 Application](#))

General Information

- 1 **Organization Name** _____
- 2 **Applicant Point of Contact** _____
(Name, Phone, Email)
- 3 **Is your organization a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) or equivalent?** Yes No
(See item #3)
- 4 **Is your organization located within the Fairbanks North Star Borough?** Yes No
(At this time, we are only offering this program to organizations within the borough)
- 5 **If you answered "No" above, and are NOT a registered non-profit, are you partnering with a (501(c)(3) or equivalent?** Yes (See item #4) No
(At this time, we are not providing grants exclusively to for-profit businesses)
- 6 **Who is your non-profit partner(s)?** _____

Project Name, Purpose and Intent

- 7 **Please describe the project you are proposing.** (Include project name, goals, location, activities involved and 2-3 measurable outcomes.)
Project Name: _____
Purpose and Intent: _____

8 **How will this project improve public transportation and/or public rights of way in our community?** (Highlight expected outcomes like increased safety, accessibility, or users/ridership.)

9 **Who will benefit from this project, and how?** (Who are the primary users? Are any of these groups historically underserved or facing mobility barriers?)

Implementation and Feasibility

10 **What is your project timeline, including key milestones?** (You may submit this as a separate document)

11 **Are there partners or stakeholders involved in this project? If so, please describe their role(s).** (e.g., local governments, local businesses, community groups.)

12 **Are there necessary permits, approvals, or support to complete this project? If so, what are they, and what steps are you taking to obtain them?** (Note that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) form is included for your use, as part of this application)

Budget and Accountability

13 **Please describe how grant funds will be used. You may include any in-kind contributions (e.g., volunteer labor, donated materials, or partnerships), though these are not required.** Note that a line-item budget should be submitted with your application (see Letter to Applicants, Application Materials Checklist Item #3); this does not need to be final or professionally formatted, a rough, but realistic, estimate is sufficient.

Grant Request Amount:	In-Kind Contributions (optional) <input type="checkbox"/>
	Estimated value:

Budget Description:

14 **How will you measure the success or impact of this project? Include both qualitative and quantitative metrics if possible.** (E.g., number of users, observed behavior changes, photos, testimonials, before/after conditions)

Thank you for your application!

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Community Transportation Grants

2026 Memo of Understanding (MOU)



Between FAST Planning and _____ (Grant Recipient)

This Memo of Understanding (“MOU”) outlines the responsibilities of grant recipients under the FAST Planning Community Transportation Grant and establishes mutual expectations for transparency, stewardship, and accountability.

Purpose

This agreement ensures that awarded grant funds are used as proposed and that any physical improvements resulting from the project are maintained for continued public benefit.

Responsibilities of the Grant Recipient

Maintenance Commitment

The recipient agrees to maintain any infrastructure, installations, or improvements funded by this grant for a minimum of two years after project completion, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Maintenance includes reasonable efforts to keep the site safe, clean, and functional, consistent with the scale and nature of the project.

Use of Funds

Grant funds must be used solely for the purposes outlined in the approved application and budget. Any changes to project scope or spending must be pre-approved in writing.

Community Contribution (Optional)

A financial match is not required for this program. Applicants are encouraged to identify in-kind contributions, such as volunteer labor, donated materials, or partnerships, which may strengthen the overall application. These contributions signal shared investment and community ownership.

Reporting and Check-Ins

The recipient agrees to:

- Submit a **Final Report** within **30 days of project completion**, including:
 - A summary of activities completed
 - Final budget showing actual expenditures
 - At least 2 photos of the completed project
- Participate (as applicable) in a **1-year check-in**, which may include a brief site visit, call, or short follow-up report to confirm ongoing maintenance and impact.

Public Acknowledgment

When applicable, recipients will acknowledge the support of FAST Planning in any public-facing materials or signage related to the project; materials (and associated costs) can be provided by FAST Planning staff. FAST Planning recognizes that community projects can change due to circumstances outside the recipient’s control and commits to working in good faith with recipients to resolve challenges

Agreement

By signing below, the parties acknowledge and agree to the preceding terms.

Recipient Organization: _____
 Authorized Signatory: _____
 Title: _____
 Date: _____

FAST Planning: _____
 Authorized Signatory: _____
 Title: _____
 Date: _____

Please include any additional relevant Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), letters of permission, or similar agreements between the Recipient Organization and the property owner or Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

Examples may include:

- **Private property:** A tenant or partner organization obtains written permission from a private property owner to install or improve transportation-related amenities on the property.
- **Public right-of-way:** A property owner or organization obtains permission from the City of Fairbanks (or other appropriate agency) to install an amenity such as a bicycle rack, bench, or wayfinding element within the public sidewalk or right-of-way.

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Community Transportation Grants

2026 Applicant Scoring Rubric



Applicant(s) Name _____
 and Organization _____

Reviewer Name _____ Date: _____

Project Name _____

Grant Request Amount: _____ In-kind Contribution: (value?): \$ _____

1. Community Benefit & Transportation Impact (0 – 25 points)

How clearly does the project improve public transportation or public right-of-way conditions?

Scoring Guide

0 – 10: Limited or unclear impact

Consider:

- Improves safety, access, or usability
- Benefits multiple users
- Creates visible, tangible improvement
- Supports walking, biking, or transit use

11 – 20: Clear benefit with moderate impact

21 – 25: Strong, well-articulated, high public benefit

2. Equity & Underserved Populations (0 – 20 points)

Does the project serve historically underserved communities or reduce mobility barriers?

Scoring Guide

0 – 8: Equity not clearly addressed

Consider:

- Identifies specific user groups
- Addresses access gaps
- Demonstrates awareness of barriers
- Advances inclusive mobility

9 – 15: Serves broader public, some equity consideration

16 – 20: Strong equity focus with clear beneficiaries

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3. Feasibility & Readiness (0 – 20 points)

Is the project realistic and likely to be successfully completed?

Scoring Guide

Consider:

- Clear timeline
- Reasonable budget
- Identified partners
- Permits or approvals addressed
- Demonstrated capacity to deliver

0 – 8: Major gaps in readiness

9 – 15: Generally feasible with minor questions

16 – 20: Well-prepared, realistic, ready to implement

4. Community Support & Shared Investment (0 – 15 points)

Does the project demonstrate collaboration and local buy-in?

Scoring Guide

Consider:

- Partnerships
- Letters of support
- Community involvement
- Local need

0 – 5: Limited , or unclear support

6–11: Some partnerships or Demonstrated support

12–15: Strong collaboration and shared investment

5. Measurable Outcomes & Stewardship (0 – 10 points)

Does the applicant describe how success will be measured and maintained?

Scoring Guide

Consider:

- Clear outcomes (quantitative or qualitative)
- Maintenance plan (consistent with MOU requirements)
- Photos, before/after documentation
- Realistic evaluation methods

0 – 3: Vague or unclear metrics

4 – 7: Some measurable outcomes

8 – 10: Clear, specific, and realistic measures

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6. Budget (0 – 10 points)

Is the budget realistic and aligned with proposed activities?

Scoring Guide

Consider:

- Clear line items
- Appropriate use of funds
- Cost effectiveness

0 – 3: Budget unclear or misaligned

4 – 7: Generally appropriate

8 – 10: Clear, realistic, and cost-effective

Optional: Bonus (Up to +10 Additional Points)

For projects that demonstrate exceptional added value beyond core criteria (2 pts each):

- Leverage significant in-kind contributions (e.g., volunteer labor, donated materials, professional services, or partnerships that expand project scope or impact)
 - Offer a creative or innovative approach to improving transportation or public space
 - Demonstrate strong potential for replication or scaling in other locations
 - Include unique or cross-sector partnerships (e.g., schools, trades programs, local businesses)
 - Show strong placemaking or catalytic potential (e.g., activates underused space, supports future investment, or builds momentum for additional improvements)
- Demonstrate creativity

Application Total

Scoring Notes

Alaska Fellows Program Guide

This document outlines the basic structure and benefits provided to fellows. Matriculated fellows will be provided with detailed logistical information and a formal program agreement.



Mission and background

The Alaska Fellows Program (AFP) is a fall-to-spring residential fellowship program that nurtures the next generation of Alaska-based leaders by pairing talented young people with strong communities and professional mentors.

Read about the program's [history](#) and [background](#) here.

Timeline and structure

As of 2026, AFP operates in four sites: Anchorage, Juneau, Fairbanks, and Sitka. You can read more about the program housing and other differences between sites [here](#).

Fellows at each site live in community and attend opening and closing retreats together.

The Alaska Fellows Program facilitates site-specific opening and closing retreats (e.g., fellows in Sitka escape to [Samsing Cove Cabin](#) as a group for the start of their program and hike [Mount Edgecumbe volcano](#) at the end of the program year, as a closing retreat).

To bring together fellows from all four sites, the Alaska Fellows Program hosts an “opening convening” in September. Relationships forged during the opening reunion carry forward through the duration of the program year. In addition to fellowship and frivolity, the opening reunion includes professional development seminars.

In April, all fellows join again for a closing reunion in Juneau. Fellows spend a few days on retreat at the Eagle River Methodist Camp, then soak in the festivities of [Alaska Folk Fest](#), one of the state's biggest festivals.



Benefits and support

All fellows receive a monthly stipend of \$1200, as well as housing and utilities. Fellows receive a flat \$750 travel stipend to defray the cost of travel to the program site. Travel and housing for opening and closing retreats are fully funded. Upon successful completion of the program fellows also receive a \$500 end-of-year honorarium

The program team includes an on-the-ground site coordinator for each site. The site coordinator supports fellows to integrate into the broader community and to build strong fellowship communities.

Fellows

AFP looks for talented, dynamic young people interested in investing long-term in both the fellowship community and their broader Alaska communities. We expect fellows to contribute meaningfully to their community of fellows and to their Alaska communities, and we support fellows to stay in Alaska after the program term and continue contributing to the community. We encourage Alaskans and non-Alaskans to apply. There are no requirements around age or degree to participate; host organizations, however, will each have specific professional criteria for applicants. To participate in the program, fellows are required to live in program housing and complete the full program term with their host organization.

Host organizations

AFP works with diverse nonprofit and public-sector organizations in each of our program sites. We look for organizations doing work that directly benefits the community — organizations at the front lines of positive change in Alaska.

If an organization does not fall into one of these categories but would like to request consideration, AFP may choose to make exceptions for host organizations that present compelling justification.

We also look for organizations with strong, dynamic mentors. A dynamic mentor is a highly effective member of the organization — someone with bandwidth and passion to invest in the fellow's professional growth. Putting fellows into orbit around dynamic mentors is a means of growing the organization's capacity while supporting the fellow to grow professionally.

Expectations and Guidelines for Host Organizations

The Alaska Fellows Program orients around the experience. We are able to attract capable, dynamic fellows because of the program's experiential value. The program and the host organizations work together to facilitate positive experiences for fellows by creating warm, supportive communities within which the fellows live; by connecting fellows with community networks; and by providing fellows with strong professional mentorship and support. **Fellows are not interns** — we expect that they are given substantial responsibility and meaningful work through host organizations.

Fast Facts on Host Organization Responsibilities:

Host orgs are responsible for:	AFP is responsible for:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contributing \$25,000-\$27,000, depending on location, towards hosting a fellow. ● Developing a scope of work and providing professional mentorship, including a weekly check-in. ● Excusing fellows from work for programmed retreats and events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Securing housing. ● Distributing living stipend ● Facilitating opening and closing retreats. ● Supporting and facilitating strong fellows' communities within and across sites. ● Providing professional development, goal-setting, and networking support. ● Supporting fellows in career and housing searches following the program term.

Documents that may be helpful:

- The [Program Guide](#): the purpose, structure, and model of the Alaska Fellows Program.
- [Master chronology](#): the history and background of the program.
- Sample [contract](#)
- [Characteristics often found in successful host organizations](#)
- [Admissions and Interviewing guide](#)

Mentorship expectations:

Host organizations are expected to commit to regular, weekly check-ins with the fellow — meaningful, intentional conversations in which constructive criticism and positive feedback are offered and feedback is requested from the fellow.

Host organizations commit to providing professional mentorship and growth opportunities throughout the course of the year, with the goal of facilitating a dynamic, experientially rich program year for the fellow in a way that will ultimately be mutually beneficial.



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Application review begins March 25, 2026. Apply before that date to guarantee consideration.

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We encourage you to review the [Program Guide](#) & [What to Consider Before Applying](#) for information about program structure.

- Many of the questions below are longer essay questions. You may wish to download/copy the [this Google Document](#), fill out your responses and then copy and paste them into the Google Form.

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Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center (AK CASC)

Geohazard Visualization and Communication fellow

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Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC)

New - Tribal Resource Stewardship Policy Fellow

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Tribal Realty and Climate Fellow (2 Fellows will be selected for this role)		UNDER REVIEW
NEW - TCC Tribal Protection & Safety Fellow	FAIRBANKS	UNDER REVIEW
Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA)		
Housing Stabilization Fellow	ANCHORAGE	UNDER REVIEW
Association of Alaska Housing Authorities (AAHA)		
Communications & Development Fellow	ANCHORAGE	UNDER REVIEW
The Alaska Center		
Digital Communication Fellow	ANCHORAGE	UNDER REVIEW
Alaska Venture Fund		
Alaska Climate Impact Program Fellow	ANCHORAGE	UNDER REVIEW
Alaska Travel Industry Association		
Sustainable Tourism Fellow	ANCHORAGE	UNDER REVIEW
Alaska Literacy Program		
Digital Communication Fellow	ANCHORAGE	UNDER REVIEW
University of Alaska Career Services Offices		
Marketing & Program Development Fellow	ANCHORAGE	UNDER REVIEW
Sitka Counseling		
Family Engagement Fellow	SITKA	UNDER REVIEW
KCAW - Raven Radio		
Volunteer & Outreach Fellow		UNDER REVIEW

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Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA)

Public Health & Outreach Fellow	SITKA	UNDER REVIEW
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Marine & Outdoor Youth Survival Education Fellow	SITKA	UNDER REVIEW
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Outer Coast

Academic Operations Fellow	SITKA	UNDER REVIEW
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Outreach Fellow	SITKA	UNDER REVIEW
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Sealaska Heritage Institute

Education Fellow	JUNEAU	UNDER REVIEW
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Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC)

Policy & Conservation Fellow	JUNEAU	UNDER REVIEW
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Southeast Conference

Outreach & Engagement Fellow	JUNEAU	UNDER REVIEW
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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska

Program Specialist and Community Coordinator Fellow	JUNEAU	UNDER REVIEW
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Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP)

Energy Policy & Innovation Fellow	FAIRBANKS	UNDER REVIEW
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Energy Storytelling & Science Communication Fellow	FAIRBANKS	UNDER REVIEW
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Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC)

Education and Programs Fellow		UNDER REVIEW
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The Folk School

Storytelling & Communications Fellow

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Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning

Community Transportation & Implementation Fellow

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Nanook Recreation — UAF Student Health and Counseling Center

UAF Campus Wellness Promotion Fellow

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Public Education Fellow

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Alaska American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AK AFL-CIO)

Technology and Democracy Policy Fellow

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Alaska Heat Smart

Energy Literacy & Communications Fellow

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Sitka Tribe of Alaska

Archive and Records Management Fellow

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Alaska Fellows Program position description**Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning
Community Transportation & Implementation Fellow****Fairbanks, AK**

This position is part of the [Alaska Fellows Program](#). All fellows live together, “in community,” in their respective host site. Each host site is unique and remarkable.

Fellows receive housing, a \$1200 monthly living stipend and a \$750 relocation stipend. The fellowship includes facilitated and funded opening and closing retreats.

For other questions about the application process, email applications@alaskafellows.org.

Work Term: September 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027

Host: Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning (www.fastplanning.us)

Location: Fairbanks, Alaska

Contact: Jackson Fox, Director, FAST Planning (jackson.fox@fastplanning.us)

Title: Community Transportation & Implementation Fellow

Organization Description: Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fairbanks and North Pole areas. FAST Planning coordinates transportation planning and funding decisions that support safe, efficient, and equitable mobility throughout the region.

FAST Planning works in the environments of transportation, land use, and community planning. In addition to long-range planning and policy development, the organization actively implements demonstration projects, safety initiatives, and Complete Streets strategies that improve walking, biking, transit access, and overall street design in Interior Alaska’s unique climate.

FAST Planning collaborates closely with local governments, state agencies, schools, community organizations, and residents to ensure transportation investments reflect community values and real-world needs.

Position Description: The Community Transportation & Implementation Fellow will support hands-on planning and project implementation efforts focused on active transportation, safety, and community engagement in the Fairbanks region. This fellowship emphasizes applied learning through real-world projects, offering direct experience in how transportation initiatives move from concept to implementation.

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The Fellow will participate in site visits, alternative mode mobility audits, pilot installations, field data collection, outreach efforts, and corridor- and neighborhood-level planning initiatives. Working closely with FAST Planning staff and regional partners, the Fellow will help test ideas, gather feedback, refine projects, and strengthen community engagement in transportation decision-making.

Responsibilities may include: contributing to active transportation and safety demonstration projects; supporting bike and pedestrian count data entry and backlog consolidation; assisting with non-motorized pathway condition and use studies; advancing initiatives such as ADA improvements, heated sidewalks, resilience planning, identifying data needs and performing gap analysis for transportation infrastructure; organizing and facilitating committee and stakeholder discussions; and providing event coordination and outreach support.

The position is highly interactive and community-facing. The Fellow will serve as a visible member of the project team in the field and at public meetings, take ownership of discrete project tasks, assist with documentation and reporting, and help translate technical planning concepts into accessible information through visual materials, storytelling, podcast/video editing, and other communication tools.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in a related field preferred. Candidates with comparable professional, technical, or community-based experience demonstrating the skills needed for the role are strongly encouraged to apply. Non-traditional and lived experience pathways are valued.
- Post secondary education
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong organizational skills and ability to manage multiple tasks.
- Interest in transportation, urban planning, public policy, engineering, architecture, public engagement, or related fields.
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively in a small team environment.
- Professional presence and discretion in public settings, with the ability to navigate conversations with elected officials, technical staff, and diverse community members thoughtfully and respectfully.
- Comfort working outdoors in variable weather conditions.
- Interest in community-based problem solving and hands-on project implementation.

Skills & Experience Gained

- Practical experience in public engagement and community-based planning.
- Experience collaborating with local/regional governments and agencies, and interactions with various department leaders, elected officials, partners, and community members.
- Applied transportation planning and field observation skills.
- Experience implementing and evaluating real-world pilot projects.
- Strengthened communication skills through stakeholder engagement, outreach, and visualization work.

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- Exposure to how federally funded transportation projects are developed, evaluated, and delivered.

Position Logistics: Hours for this position are generally Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, with opportunity for remote work and flexible schedule. A workspace will be provided for the Fellow at FAST Planning's office in downtown Fairbanks at 100 Cushman Street. Public transportation between FAST Planning and the Sustainable Village is available via the MACS transit blue line; FAST Planning will provide a transit pass if desired. The fellow will report to Jackson Fox, Director.

Application Materials: A complete application should include a cover letter, resume, and two references, and other materials at applicants discretion.

Contact Information: Jackson Fox, Director, FAST Planning (jackson.fox@fastplanning.us)

To Apply: Please complete the google form linked [HERE](#) including submitting all requested application materials.