



Project Enhancement Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2026 · 11:00 am -1:00 p.m.

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

By telephone at: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 858-2977-5979

1. Call to Order

Corey DiRutigliano called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

NAME	REPRESENTING
*Dan Adamczak	State of Alaska DOT&PF
*Jeremiah Cotter	City of Fairbanks
*David Hayden	Fairbanks North Star Borough
*Jeff Jacobson, Vice Chair (absent)	City of North Pole
*Bethany Spence	City of North Pole
*Sue Sprinkle	FAST Planning
*Tim Zinza	City of Fairbanks
**Corey DiRutigliano	FAST Planning
**Jackson Fox (absent)	FAST Planning
**Olivia Lunsford	FAST Planning
**Deborah Todd	FAST Planning
Randi Bailey	State of AK DOT&PF
Don Galligan	Fairbanks North Star Borough
*PEC Committee Member, **FAST Planning Staff	

3. Approval of the January 22, 2026 Agenda

Motion: To approve the January 22, 2026 Agenda. (Hayden/Sprinkle).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the October 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the October 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes. (Sprinkle/Hayden).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

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

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is the long-range transportation plan for FAST Planning. The MTP is currently being updated. A public survey was recently conducted. The data for that

survey is included on a dashboard created by Ms. Lunsford. The new dashboard is located on the FAST Planning website.

6. Public Period

MS 6-12
MS 12
No public comment.

7. Old Business

a. Community Grant Program

The Community Grant Program was reviewed by PEC members Phoebe Bredlie and Sue Sprinkle. Ms. Sprinkle provided an update on their review. The grants can be up to \$5K and can be used for projects that enhance the community.

b. Medallion Examples (postponed to April 2026 meeting)

Medallions designs were created for branding in various locations in the community. The design files were then sent to Hutchison High School so they could create prototypes for the PEC members to review at their April 2026 meeting.

c. The Starter Block, Retail Chalets

At the previous meeting, Mr. DiRutigliano presented the designs for the two chalets that were under construction and would be placed near the ice rink downtown.

Ms. Sprinkle commented that she saw vehicles parked near the seasonal ice rink. She wanted to make sure that people knew it was not a public parking lot.

Mr. Cotter explained that he's been notified about the people parking there.

Mr. Zinza noted that there is no entry to that lot and a curb located there that vehicles drive over to get into it.

It was suggested that a snow berm be placed there to keep people from parking in that area.

d. PEC Member Site Visits: Airport Way Cul-de-Sacs, Clay Street Connector

In October of 2025, the PEC members visited:

Airport Way Cul-de-Sac site

Ms. Sprinkle explained that it was a surprise to see these cul-de-sacs when this DOT&PF project on Airport Way was built. She explained that this is all taxable land that is being lost to the City of Fairbanks. She would like to see them repurposed and better utilized.

Mr. Galligan explained that it is a Fairbanks North Star Borough requirement that a road end must have a cul-de-sac for emergency vehicles to turn around in and these cul-de-sacs are DOT&PF-maintained since they are in the Airport Way right-of-way. Mr. Galligan sent a link to the Borough codes that pertain to that site.

Clay Street Cul-de-Sac

Mr. Zinza commented that what surprised him was that highways are usually fenced but there is a path near the highway so people could just drive right in that area.

Ms. Sprinkle commented that there is a place in that area where an overpass was started and then never completed and blocked off with jersey barriers but can be accessed by bicycles and pedestrians.

Mr. DiRutigliano explained that this was an offramp that was originally designed to go into neighborhoods besides 10th Avenue and was abandoned.

PEC members discussed what they thought would be a more appropriate routing for the bike path in that area.

Ms. Sprinkle commented that it might be helpful to know who owns the property in that area.

8. New Business

a. Trainor Gate Road and F Street Intersection Improvements

There was a recent accident in this area in 2023 where a child was struck by a vehicle while in the crosswalk. There are two schools to the north of this area, Tanana Middle School and Ladd Elementary School. This is a critical school crossing area and has been identified as a safety concern for more than a decade. Trainor Gate Road carries relatively high traffic volumes. PEC is reevaluating the intersection using updated data, current design and technology options, and recent documentation to near-term implementable strategies that measurably improve pedestrian safety and reduce risk at this crossing.

b. Emerging Crosswalk Technologies

Ms. Lunsford provided information about the Alaska Walkability Action Institute (AWAI) that helps communities connect public health goals with transportation and land use actions to create safer, more walkable streets. A member of the PEC is actively involved with this local effort which identifies high-risk school crossings in the Fairbanks area, such as Trainor Gate and F Street, as priority locations for intervention. The AWAI goals align with FAST Planning's goals to protect vulnerable users and create safer, healthier travel environments. The Fairbanks AWAI team received a grant of \$5K from the Alaska Department of Health to support the design and implementation of safety treatments for high-risk areas. For more information, please refer to <https://chronicdisease.or/cahc/wai/>. For information on the emerging technologies go to the following websites: <https://gobropro.ae/projected-crosswalks>, <https://vortexroundaboutscom.wordpress.com/>; and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxSp8gxzfjo>.

c. Open Project Enhancement Committee Seats Discussion

The Project Enhancement Committee has three open seats. Phoebe Bredlie, Chair recently vacated her seat and there are two other available seats. There was discussion about possible candidates to fill those vacant seats and how to apply. The vacancies will be advertised on social media.

d. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Action Item)

Motion: To postpone the election of Chair and Vice Chair to the next meeting. (Cotter/Hayden).

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

9. Agenda Setting for January 8, 2026 Meeting

Discussion about what items to include in the Agenda for the April 2, 2026 meeting.

10. Committee Member Comments

- **Ms. Sprinkle** commented that everyone should keep their eyes on the Chena Riverwalk Project that is currently ongoing.
- **Mr. Hayden** commented that he was down in Anchorage for the weekend and wanted to note that Fairbanks does so much better at snow removal on city streets, sidewalks, neighborhood streets, and even DOT&PF right-of-way.

11. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: (Sprinkle/Cotter) The meeting adjourned at **12:53 p.m.** The next scheduled Project Enhancement Committee Meeting is **Thursday, April 2, 2026.**

Approved: 
Jeff Jacobson, Vice Chair
Project Enhancement Committee

Date: 4/2/2026