WALK, RIDE, & ROLL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Work Session & Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 19th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
100 Cushman Street, Suite 205 (Key Bank Building)

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Zoom Meeting Phone Number: 1 (253) 215-8782, enter Webinar ID: 825 6996 0011

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Members and Attendees
3. Approval of November 19, 2026 Agenda
4. Approval of September 24, 2026 Minutes (p. 1-3)
5. Staff/Working Group/Chair Report (p. 4 & 5)
6. Public Comment Period
7. Old Business Item
    a. Discuss/Draft a Letter to Alaska Legislature regarding HB8 and defining/regulating e-motorcycles statewide (**Action Item**) (p. 6-9)
    b. Discuss/Draft a Letter to Fairbanks City Council regarding Ordinance #6355 (**Action Item**) (p. 10-14)
8. New Business Item
    a. Meeting Calendar (**Action Item**) (p. 15)
9. Bike Friendly FBX Updates
    a. FBX Bike Month
    b. Bike Lane Sweeper
    c. Bikeways Maps
10. Other Issues
11. Committee Member Comments
12. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2026 | 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

WALK, RIDE, AND ROLL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

September 24, 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: 891-4409-2812

1. **Call to Order**
   Kim Streeter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. **Introduction of Members and Attendees**
   - *Beezy Bentzen
   - *Susan Bissell
   - *Ron Davis
   - **Corey DiRutigliano (absent)
   - **Faith Espinosa
   - **Jackson Fox
   - **Francesca Hales
   - John Hebard
   - *Matt Layral
   - Nita Layral
   - **Olivia Lunsford, **Vice Chair**
   - *Travis Naibert
   - Robin Renfroe
   - *Jim Richardson
   - *Kim Streeter, **Chair**

   BPAC Representative, **FAST Planning Staff
3. **Approval of the September 24, 2026, Agenda**
   Motion: To approve the September 24, 2026 Agenda. (Davis/Layral).
   Discussion: No discussion.
   Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.
4. **Approval of the August 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
   Motion: To approve the August 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes. (Davis/Layral).
   Discussion: No discussion.
   Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.
5. **Staff/Chair Report**
   - The Policy Board approved the FAST Planning office budget for FFY27. Included in the approved budget is the purchase of a bike lane sweeper with a bike to pull it.
   - The draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) went out for a 30-day public comment period from 9/30/26-10/30/26.
6. **Public Comment Period**

Robin Renfroe: (Summarized and provided a copy of the comment letter she is sending to the City of Fairbanks regarding their Resolution on e-bikes.). I can give you what I'm planning to

send. It basically says that it's good that they're looking at it but there's no need to rush. The season is almost over, and I think it would be smarter to bring a variety of people together in the community. People that sell bikes. I spent quite a bit of time searching the definitions that the State has. It's not clear to me. There are all sorts of different terms being used. It's worth the time this winter to set up some training and just putting a lot more thought into it. I don't know why this came up. I know I've seen on Facebook people complaining about kids riding erratically. My grandson has an e-bike. He's pretty conservative. Different from motorcycles which you see kids with dirt bikes. They see e-bikes are considered dirt bikes. That's looking at all the terms and trying to figure things out. So, I'm hoping that you guys can help support the idea to just slow their roll. Even training the police department on what it means. Right? I mean they haven't been brought into this and they're pulling kids over, for lack of a better term. Have they received training what the expectations are? I think there's too many unknowns to be initiating something at this level.

7. **Bike Friendly FBX Updates**

   All meetings are scheduled for bike month. Olivia Lunsford, Francesca, Travis Naibert, and Jim Richardson are helping brainstorm ideas for that. The second meeting is Monday, September 28. Some of the ideas have been facilitating safe routes to school messaging through park and rides in empty parking lots encouraging parents to park and ride with their kids ride to school to ease congestion at schools. FAST Planning is looking into doing a Bike Month passport and using that as a way to entice the businesses and getting in with some businesses to help build a prize package. The group will be meeting monthly for the rest of this year and then twice a month starting in January and weekly starting in April through May 2027. There will be a debriefing meeting in June 2027. The bike lane sweeper is a huge win. A new GoPro was ordered with GPS capability and a helmet attachment. The bike maps will be distributed in November.

8. **Old Business**

   a. **Recommendations for Key Decision Makers on E-Bicycles & E-Motorcycles (Action Item)**

      - ***Debrief September 15th WRRAC Work Session***
      - ***Revisit HB8 Efforts***
      - ***Draft Letter***

      Pages 5 and 6 in the meeting packet contain the notes that were taken at the recent Work Session. There were a number of parents in attendance at that Work Session who provided their perspective and input. The goal is to try to permit use of these different devices. One of the first things that needs to be done is to define them. After you define them, put together a list or matrix of the facilities that might be used today that could be used in the future and try to match up the definitions of these devices with what facilities they should or should not be allowed on. Bring in the education component to inform the community of where they are allowed. Some states have helmet laws for different types of devices. There needs to be clarification at the state level before it goes to local government. There is quite a bit of off highway vehicle use. There are a lot of different user types and there are clearly conflicts between uses of these facilities. The meeting packet contains an article from an e-bike manufacturer which is a good resource. Resources from House Bill 8 are also included in the meeting packet from May of 2023 intended to define devices with up to 750 watts of power. The letter that was drafted at the WRRAC Work Session was reviewed and discussed. It was decided that another Work Session would be scheduled in October and the Fairbanks Police Department and Alaska State Troopers would be invited to participate and answer questions.

      No action was taken on this item.

9. **New Business**

a. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

- ***Upcoming Public Comment Period and Open House***

  The public comment period goes from September 30-October 30, 2026. The MTP document and an interactive map for people to comment on specific projects are posted on the FAST Planning website. A paper copy of the MTP will be available at the local library with comments sheets and you can obtain a copy from FAST Planning. There will also be two public open houses in October.

- The first Open House will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 from 5-7PM at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center at 101 Dunkel Street, Fairbanks.
- The second Open House will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026 from 5-7PM at the North Pole Grange Hall, 2800 Grange Road, North Pole.

10. Other Issues

No other issues.

11. Committee Member Comments

- No committee member comments.

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: (Layral/Davis). The meeting was adjourned at **6:27 p.m**. The next meeting is **Thursday, November 19, 2026**.

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Kim Streeter, Chair
FAST Planning WRRAC

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Action Items
10.07.2026

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to agree to the requested split of FTA Section 5307 funds by the Alaska Railroad as documented in their December 10, 2025, letter using the per route-mile formula beginning in 2028. (Hoke/Dueber). None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To advance the [comment] letter [on the Draft 2027-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)] to the Policy Board as written. (Zinza/Theurich). Two abstentions. (Netardus, Nelson). None opposed. Approved.

Jackson C. Fox
Chair, Technical Committee

10/7/2026
Date

POLICY BOARD

Action Items

10.21.2026

Motion: The FAST Planning Policy Board supports an agreement between the Borough and Alaska Railroad for the formula as put into the document [Alaska Railroad memorandum dated December 10, 2025] starting Borough fiscal year July 1, 2027. (Hopkins/Crass). None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To amend the letter [FAST Planning comment letter on the Draft 2027-30 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program] by adding in the coordination efforts between FAST Planning and DOT&PF. (Tidwell/Crass). None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To approve the 2027-30 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program comment letter from FAST Planning with amendments. (O'Neall/Tidwell). None opposed. Approved.

10/26/26

Mayor Grier Hopkins, Chair
FAST Planning Policy Board

Date

11/19/2026
Recipient Name
Organization
RE: HB 8 and Electric Motorcycle Classifications

To Whom It May Concern:

FAST Planning is the State-designated transportation planning organization for the Fairbanks and North Pole area. We support local and statewide policies, programs, and infrastructure improvements that promote a safe and accessible transportation network for all users.

The Walk, Ride, and Roll Advisory Committee (WRRAC) provides a voice for non-motorized and transit users in local transportation decision-making throughout the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

We are writing to encourage statewide action on two related issues: reintroducing legislation based on House Bill 8 (HB 8) to establish e-bike classifications, and creating a separate classification for electric motorcycles (e-motos).

The WRRAC encourages the Alaska Legislature to revisit and reintroduce HB 8, vetoed July 20, 2023. The bill provides an important foundation for establishing three classes of electric-assisted bicycles, clarifying their distinction from motor vehicles and motor-driven cycles, and establishing consistent statewide definitions.

We support adopting the three-class e-bike framework, consistent with model legislation promoted by PeopleForBikes and the League of American Bicyclists and adopted by numerous states. These classifications are intended for electric bicycles with fully operable pedals and motors limited to 750 watts, with speed and motor-assistance limits defining each class.

Clear definitions will help consumers, law enforcement, and transportation agencies determine which devices qualify as e-bikes and where they may operate.

We also urge you to establish a separate classification for e-motorcycles.

Electric motorcycles are increasingly marketed as e-bikes despite significant differences in their power, speed, design, and operation. Many exceed the specifications of the three-class e-bike framework and are designed primarily for motor-powered operation rather than human-powered pedaling.

These distinctions matter. E-motorcycles should not automatically be afforded the same classification or infrastructure access as e-bikes simply because they are electric-powered or resemble bicycles.

We encourage the State to establish separate definitions for e-motos and other electric mobility devices, including e-scooters, and develop a consistent statewide framework addressing:

- Facility access: Appropriate use of sidewalks, shared-use paths, road shoulders, travel lanes, and recreational trails.
- Operating requirements: Speed limits, age restrictions, helmets, licensing, registration, and insurance.
- Device features: headlights, taillights, and turning signals.
- Education and enforcement: Rider safety education, parental liability, and consistent guidance for local law enforcement.

We recognize that these issues require coordination among state agencies and decision-makers. We encourage the State to evaluate existing motorcycle and motor-driven cycle classifications, including potential licensing pathways, to appropriately address electric-powered vehicles.

Our goal is not to eliminate access to emerging mobility devices, but to establish clear expectations that support responsible and legal use, protect all transportation network users, and provide consistency across Alaska.

We appreciate your consideration and encourage action ahead of the Spring 2027 riding season, when increased use of these devices is anticipated.

Sincerely,

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Kim Streeter, Chair
Walk, Ride, and Roll Advisory Committee (WRRAC), FAST Planning

March 15, 2023

Representative Laddie Shaw, Chair
House State Affairs Committee
33rd Alaska State Legislature

Re: Support for House Bill 8 ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES

Representative Shaw and Honorable Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

The Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) offers our full support for House Bill 8 ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES.

FAST Planning is the State-designated transportation planning organization for the Fairbanks and North Pole area and supports local and statewide policy, programmatic, and infrastructure improvements that improve safety for all users of the transportation network. FAST Planning BPAC provides a voice and advocacy for bicyclists and pedestrians related to local policies and projects in the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

FAST Planning BPAC supports House Bill 8 (HB 8) because it:

- adds a definition to the Alaska Administrative Code for an electric-assisted bicycle (e-bike)
- adds e-bikes to the list of modes of transportation that do not have to be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- separates e-bikes from an electric personal motor vehicle.
- separates e-bikes from a motor-driven cycle which includes motorcycles, motor scooters, and motorized bicycles.

We support defining three classes of e-bike types consistent with 37 states. As proposed, this bill is in line with the model legislation recommended by People for Bikes and the League of American Bicyclists, two non-profit organizations that work with federal, state and local officials to make biking safer and more accessible.

Using this 3-Class e-bike classification system will help our group work with federal, state, and local agencies to decide which types of e-bikes should be allowed on non-motorized public infrastructure in Fairbanks and around the State of Alaska.

Thank you for your support of House Bill 8.

Regards,



Nathan P. Belz, Ph.D.
Chair, FAST Planning Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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Interior Delegation

11/19/2026
Mayor Mindy O'Neall
City of Fairbanks
RE: Draft Ordinance No. 6355

Dear Mayor O'Neall,

As the Walk, Ride, and Roll Advisory Committee (WRRAC) for Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning, we are especially interested in the concerns that have recently been raised to Fairbanks City Council regarding the presence of electric motorcycles (e-motos) in the community. Our committee has also heard from members of the public about these devices.

We are grateful for your proactive steps to start the conversation on amending code to navigate how the community could better integrate these devices into its existing transportation network. As of Summer 2026, the community took note of these devices being used across a variety of locations/facilities such as shared-use paths, sidewalks, streets, roads, and recreational facilities (parks, trails, etc). At our meetings, and online, we received a lot of input regarding age and behavior of riders, with the ultimate concern being loss of life due to said behavior being the catalyst for collisions.

We have extensively reviewed the draft City of Fairbanks Ordinance No. 6355 and are pleased to offer our support for the intent of the ordinance. In sum, it speaks to what we have noted here - the need for conversation and potential action from decision-makers.

Ultimately, we believe that the regulation of these devices is a statewide issue first. Given that peer communities throughout the country have already defined appropriate implementation of e-motos, we have information to lean on. Many cities and states have looked to their Department of Motor Vehicles to regulate these vehicles and we are hoping for the same.

Our recent letter to the Legislature provided the following examples for regulation and urges the state to establish separate definitions for e-motos and other electric mobility devices, including e-scooters, and develop a consistent statewide framework addressing:

- Facility access: Appropriate use of sidewalks, shared-use paths, road shoulders, travel lanes, and recreational trails.
- Operating requirements: Speed limits, age restrictions, helmets, licensing, registration, and insurance.
- Device features: headlights, taillights, and turning signals.
- Education and enforcement: Rider safety education, parental liability, and consistent guidance for local law enforcement.

While the intent of Ordinance No. 6355 is appreciated, we ask that you consider tabling it until definitions are put into statute and DMV regulations are updated. In the meantime, we encourage City of Fairbanks Police to use their trained discretion of enforcement actions regarding e-motorcycle riders/use.

In addition to our hopes for a state-led approach to integrating these mobility devices into our community, we hope that the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) can come together and offer education tools such as:

- GIS tools to promote areas of safe e-motorcycling
- A motorized trails challenge
- A Safety Day that would train users on how to safely operate their devices in any situation
- An education campaign that shares facts like these e-motorcycles can go from 0-30 MPH in 2.5 seconds and reach up to 60 MPH
- Support for legislators to reignite House Bill 8 and add parameters/clear distinctions for e-motorcycles to Alaska Administrative Code

After hearing testimony from various parents of children who have access to e-motos, we want to be clear that our goal here is to *maintain* access and/or permitted, legal use of these mobility devices in our community.

We look forward to continued collaboration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Kim Streeter, Chair
Walk, Ride & Roll Advisory Committee, FAST Planning

Sponsored by: Mayor O'Neall
Date: September 14, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 6355

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE CHAPTER 78, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ADDING DEFINITIONS INCLUDING ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLE AND MOTORIZED BICYCLE AND PROVIDING FOR IMPOUNDMENT

WHEREAS, electric vehicles with two tandem wheels are becoming increasingly common on streets, sidewalks, and pathways; and

WHEREAS, these vehicles range from low-speed bicycles to high-powered motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, the growing popularity and use of these vehicles has caused concern for the safety of all users of public roadways, sidewalks, and pathways; and

WHEREAS, designating appropriate areas for the operation of these electric vehicles promotes safe enjoyment for all users of these shared public spaces; and

WHEREAS, improving definitions for emerging recreational electric vehicles will help riders understand where they can operate safely and responsibly, supporting compliance; and

WHEREAS, current state law prohibits the operation of these electric vehicles on sidewalks generally and does not permit operation on public roadways without proper licensing, registration, and required safety equipment; and

WHEREAS, because many of these electric vehicles cannot be registered and many of their operators cannot be licensed, riders may unknowingly operate these vehicles in violation of law; and

WHEREAS, clearer local rules and consistent definitions will help riders understand where these electric vehicles can be used safely and will reduce conflicts between riders, pedestrians, and traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

Section 1. Fairbanks General Code Chapter 78, Article I, Section 78-2 is hereby amended, as follows [new text in **bold/underlined** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 78-2. - ~~Administrative Code d~~Definitions applicable to chapter.

(a) The city incorporates by reference as if set forth fully in this chapter **the definitions provided in AS 28.90.990(a) and** 13 AAC 40.010. ~~The definitions set forth in 13 AAC 40.010 shall be the applicable definitions to this chapter.~~

(b) Additionally, the following definitions are used in this chapter:

1. **"Bicycle" includes electric-assisted bicycle.**

2. **"Electric-assisted bicycle" means a bicycle, equipped with an electric motor, which has:**

    a. **Fully operational pedals, which function to propel the bike;**

    b. **A maximum assisted speed of 20 miles per hour; and**

    c. **A maximum motor size of 750 watts.**

3. **"Motorbike" means a motorized bicycle, dirtbike, or similar conveyance with an engine attached; "motorbike" does not include electric-assisted bicycle.**

4. **"Motorized bicycle" means a bicycle equipped with a motor; "motorized bicycle" does not include electric-assisted bicycle.**

5. **"Public property" includes sidewalks, bicycle paths, and parks.**

Section 2. Fairbanks General Code Chapter 78, Article XVI, Section 78-578 is hereby amended, as follows [new text in **bold/underlined** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 78-578. - Driving motorized vehicles on public property ~~in certain areas~~ prohibited; authority to impound vehicles.

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle, motorbike**,** or motor-driven cycle **on any public property** ~~in any park, playground, school ground or on any bicycle path with~~in the city**, unless the vehicle is operated on a highway or vehicular way or area pursuant to state law,** except**:**

1. **U**~~u~~pon ~~pathways~~ **public property which has been expressly** ~~specifically~~ designated **and posted by the governing authority** for such **operation**~~purpose~~; ~~except that~~

2. **As permitted in borough parks and borough outdoor recreation areas; or**

3. **A**~~a~~uthorized maintenance vehicles **and others approved by the city engineer are** ~~shall be~~ exempt from this section.

(b) A vehicle operated in violation of this section is subject to towing and impound. A vehicle impounded under this section may only be released upon proof of ownership and payment of the costs of impound, including towing and storage,

in accordance with the City's Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. The mayor may waive the costs of impoundment in whole or in part.

(c) If the operator of the vehicle is a minor at the time the vehicle is impounded, the vehicle may only be released to the minor's parent or legal guardian.

(d) After 30 days of impoundment, the vehicle is considered abandoned and may be disposed of as such without further notice to the owner.

(e) Within seven days after the impoundment, the owner of a vehicle impounded under this section may appeal the impoundment to the mayor. Within 10 business days of the filing of the appeal, the mayor shall conduct a hearing on the appeal to determine whether sufficient and probable cause existed to sustain the impoundment. The mayor's decision on the appeal is a final administrative decision, and any further appeal must be filed with the superior court within 30 days from the date of the decision in accordance with the Alaska court rules.

Section 3. When codified, references to the specific definitions in AS 28.90.990(a) and 13 AAC 40.010 used in this ordinance may be included as state law references, including bicycle, highway, motor-driven cycle, motor vehicle, sidewalk, vehicle, and vehicular way or area.

Section 4. The effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.

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Mindy O'Neall, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

FAST Planning 2027 Meeting Dates

	Technical Committee	Policy Board	Walk, Ride, & Roll Advisory Committee	Project Enhancement Committee
Meeting Timing*	1st Wednesday Monthly 12 - 2pm	3rd Wednesday Monthly 12 - 2pm	Last Thursday Every Other Month 5 - 7pm	1st Thursday Every Other Month 11am - 1pm
January	**6**	**20**	**28**	**6**
February	**3**	**24**		
March	**3**	**17**	**25**	**2**
April	**7**	**21**		
May	**5**	**19**	**Bike Month**	**4**
June	**2**	**16**		
July	**7**	**21**	**29**	~~**6**~~
August	**4**	**18**		
September	**1**	**15**	**30**	**7**
October	**6**	**20**		
November	**3**	**17**	**18**	**2**
December	**1**	**15**		

All meetings will be hybrid unless otherwise specified. You can attend in-person at FAST Planning's office located in the KeyBank Building at 100 Cushman Street, Suite 215, Fairbanks, Alaska. To attend via computer/tablet/smartphone and/or join via phone, go to **https://www.fastplanning.us/calendar** the day of the meeting for login/call-in info.

*Meeting dates/timing may vary due to holidays, conferences, etc. | See website for details