



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2021

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom/>

Telephone Number: 1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 869 5573 8182

1. Call to Order

Jackson Fox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendee

The following were present:

Name	Representing
*Jackson Fox, Chair	FAST Planning
*Olivia Lunsford, Vice Chair	FAST Planning
**Andrew Ackerman	City of Fairbanks Engineering
**Bob Pristash	City of Fairbanks Engineering
**Bill Butler	City of North Pole
**Steven Hoke	ADEC Air Quality
**Kate Dueber	Alaska Railroad Corporation
**Judy Chapman	DOT&PF Planning
**Sarah Schacher	DOT&PF Preconstruction
**Jason McComas-Roe	FNSB Planning Commission
**Kellen Spillman	FNSB Community Planning
**Michelle Denton	FNSB Transportation
**John Weinberger (absent)	Fort Wainwright Planning
**Justin Burgess (absent)	AES Transportation
**Jakob Theurich	UAF
Randi Bailey	DOT&PF
Ivet Hall	DOT&PF
Adam Moser	DOT&PF
John Netardus	DOT&PF
Brian Lindamood	Alaska Railroad
Phoebe Bredlie	Kinney Engineering
Peter Stern	BPAC
Michael Lukshin	FHWA
* FAST PLANNING Staff members	
** FAST PLANNING Technical Committee members	

3. Approval of the August 4, 2021 Agenda

Motion: To approve the August 4, 2021 Technical Committee Agenda. (Denton/Schacher).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the July 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the July 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes. (Denton/Chapman).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

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

Mr. Fox explained the motions made at the July 21, 2021 Policy Board Meeting regarding the Road/Rail Plan and the 2022 FAST Improvement Program.

6. Public Comment Period (Non-Action Items)

No public comment.

7. Old Business

a. Fairbanks Road/Rail Crossing Reduction/Realignment Plan (Action Item)

• ***Review of Comments Response and Recommendation for Adoption***

Mr. Fox explained that the Fairbanks Road/Rail Crossing Reduction/Realignment Plan public comments were reviewed and incorporated into the document and there were three changes made to the Plan and those were shown in the meeting packet.

Motion: To recommend approval of the Fairbanks Road/Rail Crossing Reduction/Realignment Plan to the Policy Board with the three changes as noted in the meeting packet. (Spillman/Denton).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

b. Chena River Walk, Stage III

• ***Review and Discussion of ARRC Response Letter to FAST Planning***

Mr. Fox explained that a response letter was received from the Alaska Railroad for the FAST Planning letter of April 21, 2021. Mr. Fox explained that it was a conditional approval letter with the following conditions: The Railroad would divest themselves from the maintenance responsibility for the existing path from the footbridge to Chena Landings Loop Road and the new permit would also have the stipulation that the City of Fairbanks would take over maintenance of the footbridge across the Chena River as well as permanent ownership of that bridge. The Railroad would be asking for a one-time lump payment that would be based on fair market value of that property. FAST Planning has interest in repaving the path, but the City of Fairbanks would have to sign a maintenance agreement for that path.

Mr. Pristash explained that he had made a presentation to the Finance Committee, made up of members of the City Council, so they were aware of the maintenance agreement that would be necessary with the permit.

Ms. Schacher stated that she thought it was positive that they had received a response from the Railroad. Ms. Schacher stated that the letter spoke to a negotiation because the Railroad was weighing out the terms and they did not have the authority to appraise or acquire right-of-way yet so they would have to put together a request for a Phase 3 amount because they would have to amend

the TIP. Ms. Schacher stated that they could work all the background details but could not approach the Railroad with an offer. Ms. Schacher stated that they needed an exclusive use permit so they may still have some terms to work out. Ms. Schacher stated that they may have indemnification issues and were working that out with their Attorney General. Ms. Schacher stated that they needed to certify right of way by March or April to be ready for construction in 2022 but thought they should go ahead and go for it but wanted them to be aware that it would probably not be ready for construction until 2023.

8. New Business

a. **Preview of Draft Priority Route Map for Non-Motorized Facilities**

Mr. Fox explained that on July 29, 2021, the Draft Priority Route Map for Non-Motorized Facilities created by Olivia Lunsford of FAST Planning was approved by a motion of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee and presented to the Seasonal Mobility Task Force on August 2, 2021. Mr. Fox displayed the map and explained the various layers and features included on it. Mr. Fox stated that as a second map would be created to show all the paths that were not being maintained during the winter months.

b. **Date Change for October Technical Committee Meeting (Action Item)**

- ***Consideration of changing date from 10/6/21 to 9/29, 9/30, or 10/1/21***

Mr. Fox explained that he and Olivia Lunsford would be attending the Association of MPOs Conference the first week of October and would not be able to facilitate the October 6th Technical Committee Meeting, so a survey was sent out to the members with possible dates of 9/29/21, 9/30/21, and 10/1/21, and September 29, 2021 from 12-2 p.m. was the date and time that received 100% of the votes.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To change the October Technical Committee meeting date to September 29 from 12 to 2 p.m. (Denton/Ackerman).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

c. **Revision of Transportation Improvement Program Policy (Action Item)**

- ***Consideration of Consolidating FAST Improvement, Sidewalk, Intersection, and Safety/Efficiency Programs into Single Program***

Mr. Fox explained that a request was received from DOT to combine the four FAST Improvement Programs into one program in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to adopt the Transportation Improvement Program Policy changes as shown on Page 101. (Chapman/Denton).

Discussion: Mr. Spillman offered an Amendment to the Motion.

Amendment to the Motion: To add the language "It is the intended goal of the FAST Planning Improvement Program to aim to allocate 80% of the funding to

roadway projects and 20% of the funding to non-motorized projects, with the understanding that this could vary from year to year.” (Spillman/Denton).

Discussion: Mr. Spillman stated that the intent of the language was to maintain the same split that was originally intended for the funding allocations.

Mr. Pristash asked if the intent was that the language at the top of the page remained in addition to the amendment.

Mr. Spillman stated that Mr. Pristash was correct and that was his intent.

Mr. Ackerman stated that the language seemed redundant, but he was not opposed.

Ms. Chapman stated that she was going to say something similar to what Mr. Ackerman said and would prefer not to have a percentage in there but just to refer to the program as multi-modal.

Vote on Amendment to the Motion: Seven in favor. Four opposed. (Chapman, Dueber, Hoke, McComas-Roe). Approved.

Amended Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to adopt the Transportation Improvement Program Policy changes as shown on Page 101 and add the language “It is the intended goal of the FAST Planning Improvement Program to aim to allocate 80% of the funding to roadway projects and 20% of the funding to non-motorized projects, with the understanding that this could vary from year to year.”

Vote on Motion as Amended: None opposed. Approved.

d. Proposed Crosswalk on College Road at Farmer’s Market (Action Item)

- **Consideration of Adding Crosswalk into FAST Improvement Program as an FFY2022 Contingency Project**

Mr. Fox explained that this was a request from DOT for a proposed crosswalk on College Road at the Farmer’s Market. Mr. Fox explained that it was within the Long-Range Transportation Plan, the current Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, had been moved up to a short-term priority level, and was a low-cost project with a rectangular flashing beacon. Mr. Fox explained that it could be added as a contingency project in the 2022 or 2023 FAST Improvement Program.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to add the College Road at Farmer’s Market crosswalk as a contingency project in 2022 to the FAST Improvement Program. (Schacher/Denton).

Discussion: Mr. Spillman stated that he thought it was a great idea and we should absolutely do it. Mr. Spillman stated that College Road was in drastic need of mid-block crossing and was glad that the location met pedestrian warrants to have one and would like to see if they could get the identified area at Beaver Sports warranted for a crosswalk as well.

Mr. Netardus stated if this project was added as a contingency as part of the 2022 Program, there was a chance that it would not make it into that program, but they could reprioritize that at a future meeting.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

e. FAST Planning FFY22 Office Budget (Action Item)

Mr. Fox explained that annually FAST Planning came up with a new estimate for operation of FAST Planning office starting on October 1, 2021. Mr. Fox presented a comparison by account for each of the past four years and proposed a budget increase of 3% for adjustment to annual increases to advertising, insurances, IT services, telephone, training, and travel.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To approve the FAST Planning FFY2022 Office Budget. (Spillman/Chapman).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

9. Other Issues

No other issues.

10. Informational Items

a. Obligations and Offsets

Mr. Fox explained the obligations and offsets included in the meeting packet.

11. Technical Committee Member Comments

- No committee member comments.

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: (Ackerman/Denton). The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m. The next Technical Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Approved: _____ **Date:** _____
Jackson Fox, Chair
FAST Planning Technical Committee

**Policy Board
Action Items
August 18, 2021**

Motion: To approve the Fairbanks Road/Rail Crossing Reduction/Realignment Plan with the three adjustments noted in the meeting packet. (Edwards/Welch). None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To consider the revision to the Transportation Improvement Program Policy as outlined on pages 99 to 104. (Welch/Tomaszewski). None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To add a crosswalk on College Road as a contingency for the 2022 FAST Improvement Program. (Matherly/Welch). None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To send request to DOT to use the FFY2021 offset funding balance for FFY2022 Advance Construction payback. (Edwards/Welch). None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To approve the budget with the discussed merit increases (Ward/Matherly). None opposed. Approved.



Ryan Anderson, P.E.
Chair, Policy Board

8/19/2021

Date

Jackson Fox

From: Hall, Ivet (DOT) <ivet.hall@alaska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Jackson Fox
Cc: Schacher, Sarah E (DOT); Robert H. Pristash; Anderson, Ryan (DOT)
Subject: Chena River Walk Phase 3 increase request

Hi Jackson,

We prepared the estimate for Phase 3 for the Chena River Walk Stage III - Segment 1 project based on the latest proposed design and temporary construction easement areas that were submitted to ARRC. I request to have funding in the amount of \$224,500 under Phase 3 (ROW) for this project in FFY22 – increase of \$222,000 from the currently allocated \$2,500. We will be ready to submit this request as soon as the TIP allows us to and as soon as the new FFY begins.

This Phase 3 budget includes appraisals, negotiations and monetary compensation for the required long term lease and temporary construction easements.

Thank you,

Ivet Hall, P.E.
Design Manager
Alaska DOT&PF
(907) 451-5386

**FAST Planning 2019 - 2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment #3, Approved 08.19.2020**

NID	IRIS	Project Description	Fund Code	Phase	FFY19	FFY20	FFY21	FFY22	FFY23	Beyond	
32278	TBD	Bike Lane Striping & Signing Signing and striping of existing paved shoulders within Fairbanks City Limits on City streets to accommodate bicyclists as designated bike lanes for seasonal use.	ILLU	Design						356.0	
				Right-of-Way						0.0	
				Utilities						10.0	
				Construction						1,733.0	
Project Total					0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,099.0	
26078	NFHWY00280	Chena River Walk Stage III Construct an approximately 3,200' long segment, multi-use asphalt path that is 10 feet wide with 2-foot gravel shoulders. The proposed path would be constructed on the north side of the Chena River from the existing Chena River pedestrian bridge crossing near Pioneer Park to the east side of Peger Road where the new path turns to a north/south orientation along Peger Road until it terminates at the southeast corner of the Peger Road and Phillips Field Road controlled intersection. <i>Bicycle and pedestrian facilities that are not exclusively recreational and reduce vehicle trips are eligible under CMAQ.</i>	CMAQ	Design	277.5						
			FAM		27.5						
			CMAQ	Right-of-Way					2.3		
			FAM						0.2		
			CMAQ	Utilities					2.3		
			FAM						0.2		
			STP	Construction					1,459.6		
			CMAQ						120.6		
			FAM						156.9		
Project Total					305.0	0.0	0.0	1,742.0	0.0	0.0	
30099	NFHWY00290	College Road Bus Pullouts Construct new bus stop facilities along College Road. Work includes roadside hardware, drainage improvements, ADA improvements and utilities. <i>New pullouts may potentially increase transit ridership and reduce congestion since the enhanced facility may make transit safer for the rider. It will also reduce idling by moving the bus outside of the travel lane.</i>	STP	Design	181.9						
			FAF		45.5	45.5					
			SM		22.6	4.5					
			CMAQ	Right-of-Way			229.7				
			STP				6.8				
			SM				23.5				
			CMAQ	Utilities					2.3		
			SM						0.2		
			CMAQ	Construction					600.4		
SM						59.6					
Project Total					250.0	310.0	0.0	662.5	0.0	0.0	

SECTION 4 Membership of the Technical Committee shall consist of representatives, such as engineer, planner, or other specialist, from the following agencies or transportation organizations and groups:

- City of Fairbanks (Engineering) (x2)
- City of North Pole
- Fairbanks North Star Borough (Planning)
- Fairbanks North Star Borough (Transportation)
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Planning Commission
- State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (Planning)
- State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (Preconstruction)
- State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (Air Quality)
- Fort Wainwright (Planning)
- University of Alaska Fairbanks (Design and Construction)
- Fairbanks International Airport
- Freight Industry
- Alaska Railroad Corporation
- Tribal Group

SECTION 5 The Technical Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from its regular members or Staff, including the Executive Director, annually at its regularly scheduled meeting no later than the end of November.

SECTION 6 The Chair shall decide on all points of order and procedure in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, unless changed and adopted by the rules agreed upon by the Committee.

SECTION 7 The Chair, or in their absence or disability the Vice-Chair, shall preside at all meetings and hearings of the Policy Board. In the absence or disability of both the Chair and Vice-Chair, an acting Chair shall be selected by the members present for the meeting.

SECTION 8 The Executive Director shall serve as Secretary of the Technical Committee. The Secretary shall provide all administrative support for the Technical Committee. The Transportation Planner of FAST Planning is designated as Assistant Secretary to serve in the absence of the Executive Director and to provide additional support to the Technical Committee.

SECTION 9 All committee members shall be entitled to one vote each. The Executive Director and Transportation Planner will not be considered as members and will not get a vote.

SECTION 10 A quorum of voting members must be present for a vote to take place. A quorum will consist of 7 or more voting members of the Technical Committee. A majority of the voting members present at a meeting are required for an affirmative vote.

FAST Planning TIP Administrative Modification #4 - FFY21 OBLIGATION STATUS REPORT (as of August 30, 2021)
ALLOCATION TOTALS (Federal Share)

ALLOCATIONS	PHASE	AMOUNT	FFY20 OBLIGATIONS	PERCENT OBLIGATED
STP	All	\$1,788.8	\$1,788.8	100%
STP AC	All	\$1,796.6	\$1,794.5	100%
CMAQ	All	\$727.8	\$727.8	100%
PL	All	\$321.2	\$321.2	100%
OFFSET	All	\$678.0	\$678.0	100%
TOTAL		\$5,312.4	\$5,310.3	100%

STP FUNDS (Federal Share)

IRIS	STP	PHASE	OBLIGATION DATE	TIP AMOUNT	FFY20 OBLIGATIONS	PERCENT OBLIGATED	COMMENTS
NFHWHY00445	5th Avenue Reconstruction	Design	4/5/2021	\$109.8	\$109.8	100%	
NFHWHY00447	Airport West Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility	Construction	8/16/2021	\$753.1	\$753.1	100%	
NFHWHY00336	Coordinator's Office	Planning	1/14/2021	\$100.0	\$100.0	100%	
NFHWHY00126	Cowles Street Reconstruction	Design	7/23/2021	\$341.1	\$341.1	100%	FFY22 AC
NFHWHY00524	FAST Intersection Improvement Program	Utilities	4/27/2021	\$4.5	\$4.5	100%	
		Construction	4/27/2021	\$268.4	\$268.4	100%	
NFHWHY00559	FAST Sidewalk Improvement Program	Construction	4/6/2021	\$17.3	\$17.3	100%	
Z628380000	McGrath Road Upgrade	Construction	6/16/2021	\$386.1	\$386.1	100%	
NFHWHY00596	Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update	Planning	2/18/2021	\$136.5	\$136.5	100%	
			8/25/2021	\$13.1	\$13.1	100%	
NFHWHY00246	Sign Replacement - Stage III	Construction	2/4/2021	\$1,455.5	\$1,453.4	100%	FFY22 AC
	TOTAL			\$3,585.4	\$3,583.4	100%	

CMAQ FUNDS (Federal Share)

IRIS	CMAQ	PHASE	OBLIGATION DATE	TIP AMOUNT	FFY20 OBLIGATIONS	Percent Obligated	COMMENTS
NFHWHY00282 NFHWHY00559	FAST Sidewalk Improvement Program	Construction	4/6/2021	\$727.8	\$727.8	100%	
	TOTAL			\$727.8	\$727.8	100%	

PL FUNDS (Federal Share)

IRIS	PL	PHASE	OBLIGATION DATE	TIP AMOUNT	FFY20 OBLIGATIONS	Percent Obligated	COMMENTS
NFHWHY00336	FAST Coordinators Office	Planning	10/1/2020	\$321.2	\$321.2	100%	
	TOTAL			\$321.2	\$321.2	100%	

FAST Planning FFY21 Offsets

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Project	State	Federal	Total w/ Match	
Cushman Street/Gaffney Road Reconstruction	\$45,203	-	\$45,203	Project closure
Noble Street Upgrade	-	\$401,534	\$441,391	Project closure
Minnie Street Corridor Study	-	\$3,263	\$3,587	Project closure
FMATS Improvement Program FFY18-19 (Design)	-	\$3,116	\$3,425	Phase closure
FMATS Area Surface Upgrades FFY19	-	\$129,724	\$142,601	Project closure
Johansen & Danby Path Resurfacing	-	\$131,305	\$144,339	Project closure
FAST Intersection Improvements FFY2021	-	\$9,012	\$9,907	Project closure
Total Offset Funding to Date	\$45,203	\$677,954	\$790,452	
COMMITTED FUNDS				
FAST Intersection Improvement Program FFY20 Construction	-	\$6,972	\$7,664	Executive Director approved 9.14.2020
FAST Improvement Program FFY20 Construction	-	\$95,170	\$104,617	Executive Director approved 9.14.2020
FAST Improvement Program FFY20 Construction	-	\$57,175	\$62,850	Executive Director approved 11.17.2020
5th Avenue Reconstruction Design	-	\$205,865	\$226,300	Policy Board approved 12.16.2020
Tanana Loop & South Chandalar Intersections Construction	-	\$82,172	\$90,329	Technical Committee approved 01.06.2021
FAST Sidewalk Improvement Program FFY21 Construction	-	\$30,011	\$32,990	Executive Director approved 05.14.2021
Non-motorized Plan Update	-	\$15,465	\$17,000	Executive Director approved 05.28.2021
Fairbanks Road/Rail Crossing Reduction/Realignment Plan	-	\$51,853	\$57,000	TIP Admin Mod #4 approved 06.16.2021
FAST Improvement Program FFY20 Construction	-	\$40,027	\$44,000	Executive Director approved 07.09.2021
Metroplitan Transportation Plan Update	-	\$32,343	\$35,553	Executive Director approved 08.11.2021
FFY22 Advance Construction Payback	-	\$60,901	\$66,946	Policy Board approved 08.18.2020
Total Committed Offsets	\$0	\$677,954	\$745,250	
Remaining Funds to be Obligated	\$45,203	\$0	\$45,202	
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McGrath Road Upgrade FFY20 Construction Balance	-	(\$386,088)	(\$424,412)	
Use of FFY21 offset funds approved by Policy Board 9.16.2020	-	\$158,663	\$174,412	TIP Admin Mod #4 approved 06.16.2021
Final Design phase delay (FFY21 to FFY22) for Woll Road	-	\$227,425	\$250,000	TIP Admin Mod #4 approved 06.16.2021
		\$0	\$0	

Pending FAST Planning Deobligations from Project Closures

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IRIS	Project	Construction Year	Estimated Federal Deobligation	Notes
NFHWHY00170	FMATS Sidewalk Improvement Program FFY19	2019-20	TBD	Pending construction closeout
Z637840000	Gillam Way Rehabilitation	2019	TBD	Pending construction closeout
NFHWHY00137	Wembley Avenue Improvements	2019	TBD	Pending construction closeout
NFHWHY00425	Fbks R/R Crossing Reduction/Realignment Plan	2020	TBD	Pending final deliverable
NFHWHY00434	FAST Improvement Program FFY20	2020	TBD	Pending construction closeout
NFHWHY00165	FAST Intersection Improvement Program FFY20	2020	TBD	Pending construction closeout
NFHWHY00446	Non-motorized Plan Update	2020	TBD	Final deliverable received
NFHWHY00463	Road Service Area Expansion Plan	2020	TBD	Pending final deliverable
NFHWHY00014	Tanana Loop & South Chandalar Dr Intersections	2020	TBD	Pending construction closeout
		TOTAL	TBD	