



POLICY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

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POLICY BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2021 • 12:00 – 3:00 P.M.

FAST Planning Office, 100 Cushman Street, Suite 205, Fairbanks, AK

Web Conference at: <https://fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom/>

Zoom Meeting Phone Number: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 814 4919 6412

1. Call to Order

Mr. Anderson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

Attendee	Representative Organization
*Ryan Anderson, Chair	Director, DOT&PF Northern Region
*Jim Matherly, Vice Chair	Mayor, City of Fairbanks
*Bryce Ward	Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough
*Michael Welch	Mayor, City of North Pole
*Aaron Gibson	Fairbanks City Council
*Alice Edwards	Director, DEC Air Quality
*Frank Tomaszewski	FNSB Assembly
**Jackson Fox	FAST Planning
**Olivia Lunsford	FAST Planning
**Deborah Todd	FAST Planning
**Don Galligan	FNSB Community Planning
**Randi Bailey	DOT&PF Planning
+Steven Hoke	DEC Air Quality
+Robert Pristash	City of Fairbanks
Adam Moser	DOT&PF
Jeanne Bowie	Kinney Engineering
Brian Lindamood	Alaska Railroad Corporation
<i>*FAST Planning Policy Board Members, ** FAST Planning Staff Members, + FAST Planning Technical Committee Members, • Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Members</i>	

3. Approval of the August 18, 2021 Agenda

Motion: To approve the August 18, 2021 Agenda. (Welch/Edwards).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the July 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the July 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes. (Ward/Edwards).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

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

a. Staff Report and Technical Committee Action Items

Mr. Fox noted the following updates:

*August 18, 2021
Policy Board Meeting Minutes*

- Three work sessions were held with the Seasonal Mobility Task Force to provide updates to the 2010 Mobility Recommendations Report for maintenance of non-motorized facilities during the winter months. A fourth work session will be held on August 31, 2021 to finalize that report update which will be brought to the Technical Committee and Policy Board for approval and to discuss the presentation agenda for the 4th Annual Winter Maintenance Forum to be held in October. At the last meeting of the Seasonal Mobility Task Force, FAST Planning presented the draft priority route map for winter maintenance of non-motorized facilities. The Task Force had a lot of positive feedback on the draft map from City Public Works and DOT Maintenance.
- Mr. Fox regularly attended meetings with the Consultant and DOT Project Manager and submitted comments on sections of the Long-Range Transportation and Freight Plans.
- Received letter from the Alaska Railroad in response to FAST Planning April 2021 letter regarding interest in a long-term land lease.
- Prepared Draft FFY22 office budget.
- Ms. Lunsford completed the online Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Dashboard and presented it at the Statewide MPO Coordinate meeting and the AMATS staff in Anchorage.
- Drafted a revision to the FAST Planning Transportation Improvement Policy to consolidate the FAST Improvement, Sidewalk, Intersection, and Safety/Efficiency Programs into a single program.
- Coordinated with DOT&PF on FAST fiscal year end funding obligations.
- The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) completed their work on a Draft Priority Route Map for seasonal maintenance of non-motorized facilities and passed it along to the Seasonal Mobility Task Force for consideration of use in their future operations.
- Peter Stern of the BPAC did field work and took photos as a condition assessment for paths in the community and as a result of his work, two new projects were nominated for the FAST Improvement Program for future years where were the Geist path on the south side of the roadway and the Farmers Loop path section between Taku Drive and Ballaine Road.
- The Technical Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt the Fairbanks Road/Rail Crossing Reduction/Realignment Plan with three changes and included in the meeting packet.
- The Technical Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt the TIP Policy changes with one amendment to add language to the consolidation of those four programs to provide allocation of 80% for motorized projects and 20% for non-motorized projects.
- The Technical Committee Recommended that the Policy Board add a new crosswalk on College Road at the Farmers Market as a contingency project for the 2022 FAST Improvement Program.
- The Technical Committee recommended that the Policy Board approve the FFY22 FAST Planning office budget.

6. Public Comment Period (Non-Action Items)

Bob Pristash, City of Fairbanks, commented that New Business Item 8a in the Agenda regarding the Draft Maintenance Map for Non-Motorized Facilities where there was a time commitment for clearing the sidewalks, the City of Fairbanks Maintenance Department wanted it on the record that they could not be held to those time periods and going forward would like the flexibility of not sticking to the time limit shown.

7. Old Business**a. Fairbanks Road/Rail Crossing Reduction/Realignment Plan (Action Item)**

- ***Review of Comment Response Summary, Final Plan Revisions, and Consideration of Adoption***

Mr. Fox explained that the 45-day public comment period for the Plan ran from May 21-July 9, 2021 and some comments were received. Mr. Fox explained that as a result of those comments, three changes were made to the Plan that were shown in the final version included in the meeting packet. Mr. Fox explained that the changes were: additional language regarding the relocation of the rail main line in Section 1.1 of the Plan; the section of Trainor Gate Road between the Old Steese and New Steese Highways now has two alternatives in the plan showing a one and two-way configuration and with the Old Steese Highway Improvements Project, DOT would not address that section of Trainor Gate Road; and the graphic for the Fairbanks North Pole Realignment Project graphic was modified and changed the location of the track for Phase 2 of that project to be closer to the Levee where that project would occur.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To approve the Fairbanks Road/Rail Crossing Reduction/Realignment Plan with the three adjustments noted in the meeting packet. (Edwards/Welch).

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 regarding the long-term land lease interest for construction of the project with conditional approval to move forward. Mr. Fox explained that the Railroad proposed a new long-term agreement with the City of Fairbanks, and not necessarily DOT, to avoid indemnification issues. Mr. Fox explained that part of that agreement would be that the City of Fairbanks would continue to commit to permanent ownership of the pedestrian bridge at Pioneer Park that extended across the river to an asphalt path at the Chena Landing Loop Road. Mr. Fox explained that the Railroad also wanted to divest themselves of the existing asphalt path that went from that bridge up to Chena Landings Loop Road which was currently not part of the project. Mr. Fox explained that FAST Planning had agreed to resurface that existing path at some point in the future. Mr. Fox stated that regardless of that, the Railroad would like to see the City of Fairbanks assume maintenance responsibilities for that path. Mr. Fox stated that the Railroad proposed a one-time lump sum rent payment and in his discussion with Mr. Donovan of the Railroad the lease amount would be related to Fair Market Value despite previous commitments from the Railroad

to provide this property at nominal or no cost to the community. Mr. Fox stated that the proposed lease term was a minimum of 20 years or a maximum of 30 years. Mr. Fox explained that as part of the agreement to building the north side from Peger to Chena Landings Loop, the Railroad wanted the City to agree to maintain the existing path in the future. Mr. Fox explained that the Railroad would like to see this project get built but some of the conditions of this agreement would involve the Fairbanks City Council taking on additional maintenance responsibilities. Mr. Fox explained that he believed that Mr. Pristash had introduced this item to the City Council at one of their Finance Committee meetings, so they were aware of it, but no decisions had been made to date. Mr. Fox explained that DOT was interested in opening the right-of-way phase of this project potentially as early as October 2021 but, given the timeline and the fact that we don't have an agreement, this was getting very tight to get it to construction by next summer. Mr. Fox explained that they would need to modify the TIP for the new lease amount, but currently he did not have a guess as to what that amount would be.

8. New Business

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

Mr. Fox briefly explained the base map, priority levels and timeframes for maintenance, and the various features that were included on the map. Mr. Fox explained that they did not map gravel paths, dirt trails, or the widened shoulders on roadways because those were assumed to be plowed with the associated roadways.

b. Discussion of Adding a Public Safety Representative to the Technical Committee

Mr. Fox explained that this was on the Agenda at the request of Mayor Ward. Mr. Fox explained that the FAST Planning Bylaws would need to be revised and voted on by both the Technical Committee and Policy Board to add a new member seat to the Technical Committee. Mr. Fox introduced Mayor Ward to provide further explanation.

c. Revision to Transportation Improvement Program Policy (Action Item)

- ***Consideration of consolidating FAST Improvement, Sidewalk, Intersection, and Safety/Efficiency Programs into Single Program (Action Item)***

Mr. Fox explained that he received a request from DOT for the Policy Board to consider the consolidation of the four programs into one program called FAST Planning Improvement Program to make it more efficient for DOT so that annual project nominations for the previous individual programs could be turned in together instead of separately so DOT could initiate one design start and bid package for all the individual projects in the combined program. Mr. Fox stated that he was very much in support of this consolidation.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To consider the revision to the Transportation Improvement Program Policy as outlined on pages 99 to 104. (Welch/Tomaszewski).

Discussion: Ms. Edwards stated that she supported the idea of trying to simplify this and thought about issues that were raised related to the individual categories and wondered if it would be helpful to say that the subcommittee would meet annually to develop a list of projects by category to highlight that

we wanted to see those projects listed by category to emphasize the fact that we did want to see those categories.

Mayor Ward stated that he appreciated Ms. Edwards' comment regarding the components but did not think we needed to have it in the language of the motion. Mayor Ward stated that he was supportive of making things simpler and bringing the projects together but just did not want to lose the individual identities of the different types of projects.

Vote on Motion: 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 FFY22 Contingency Project***

Mr. Fox explained that this was the second request from DOT related to the proposed crosswalk on College Road at the Farmers Market. Mr. Fox explained that according to DOT, the crossing met the MUTCD requirements for installation of a rectangular rapid flashing beacon and a marked crosswalk like the one on Cowles Street that did not stop traffic flow but alerted drivers that someone was walking across at that location. Mr. Fox explained that the cost estimate to install the crosswalk was about \$125,000 based on the cost for the beacon that was going in on Wilbur Street this summer in association with the Growden Park Area Accessibility Improvements. Mr. Fox explained that DOT thought it was appropriate to add this project as a contingency project to the 2022 FAST Improvement Program. Mr. Fox noted that the idea of a crosswalk at this location and other locations along College Road had been a longstanding priority in both the Non-Motorized Plan and Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan for many years now. Mr. Fox explained that in the most recent iteration of the Non-Motorized Plan the crossing project was elevated to a high priority project. Mr. Fox explained that there were a number of people crossing the road at the Farmers Market. Mr. Fox explained that due to COVID, the Farmers Market had spread out their booths taking away some of the parking spaces in front of the Farmers Market and with less parking spaces available, people were parking across the street and walking across College Road get there. Mr. Fox explained that the road had a relatively high speed of 45 mph and DOT was requesting that this be added as a contingency project should additional funding become available.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To add a crosswalk on College Road as a contingency project for the 2022 FAST Improvement Program. (Matherly/Welch).

Discussion: Mayor Matherly stated that he had heard a lot of complaints about this area, and he liked the idea. Mayor Matherly stated that there was a lot of foot traffic in that area and thought it was a good idea, so he was happy to make the motion.

Mayor Ward asked Mr. Fox if we did this at the Farmers Market if that was the entire project or just one piece of it. Mayor Ward asked if there were any other projects that were to be considered and if crosswalks were warranted in any other locations that warranted that.

Mr. Fox stated that there were other locations for this project, and this was just one of them that DOT said warranted installation. Mr. Fox explained that this

was just one of a handful of crosswalks that they had interest in putting on College Road.

Mayor Ward asked Mr. Fox if they would be separate projects.

Mr. Fox explained that the project would remain in the Non-Motorized Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Plan that FAST Planning would be updating this winter they should probably identify the remaining locations after this was constructed.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

e. Use of Remaining FFY21 Offset Funding (Action Item)

• ***Consideration of Using Offset Balance for FFY22 Advance Construction Payback***

Mr. Fox explained that a letter to DOT Headquarters was included in the meeting packet requesting approval to use the outstanding balance of 2021 Offset Funds towards payback of the 2022 Advance Construction Funds programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Fox stated that they had done this in 2019 and did not have to do it last year because McGrath Road took up the rest of the funds. Mr. Fox explained that current year there was a balance of approximately \$61,000 in offset funds.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To send request to DOT to use the FFY2021 offset funding balance for FFY2022 Advance Construction payback. (Edwards/Welch).

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

f. FAST Planning FFY22 Office Budget (Action Item)

• ***Includes an EXECUTIVE SESSION for Employee Reviews***

Mr. Fox explained that he prepared a draft budget for FFY22 that he requested an approximately 3% increase in this year's budget. Mr. Fox explained that premium adjustments were made to the Personnel Account for Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance benefits for two employees; premium adjustments were also made to the Office and Administrative Account for commercial property, general liability, and commercial auto insurance; Information Technology Account increases in IT Services contract with AlasConnect, the addition of two Adobe Pro licenses for staff, and the telephone service bill increased due to holding virtual meetings instead of in-person meetings; the Travel Account increased for travel to attend MPO quarterly meetings in Anchorage, Juneau, and MatSu, as well as funds to attend in-person conferences instead of virtual meetings; the Advertising Account budget increased due to the increased frequency of Bike/Ped Committee meetings and the introduction of a new Project Enhancement Committee requiring more advertisement of those meetings; and the Office Supplies account increased due to increased paper purchases and office supplies such as personal protection equipment such as masks and sanitizing supplies. Mr. Fox explained that the culmination of those changes represented a 3% increase over the past year. Mr. Fox also explained that at the beginning of our new fiscal year, employees received a COLA increase related to the Consumer Price Index for Anchorage.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To suspend the rules for seven minutes. (Welch/Matherly). The meeting recessed a 1:39 p.m.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:46 p.m.

Mr. Anderson explained that the Executive Session would be held in a breakout meeting room in Zoom and then they would rejoin the regular meeting.

Motion: To go into Executive Session. (Welch/Ward).

The meeting went into Executive Session at 1:47 p.m.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

The meeting was called back to order from Executive Session at 2:20 p.m.

Motion: To approve the budget with the discussed merit increases. (Ward/Matherly).

Discussion: Mr. Anderson thanked Mr. Fox for his service and all his efforts and hard work this past year.

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. Policy Board Member Comments

- Mr. Tomaszewski commented that he appreciated all the hard work the team had done doing for the Policy Board and appreciated working with them and they were a good bunch of folks.
- Ms. Edwards stated that she wanted to really express her appreciation for the staff and appreciated all the hard work and effort the staff had been putting in to keep FAST Planning up and running.
- Mayor Welch commented that many citizens would never know how much really went on here for the benefit of us being able to move them around, so God bless everything the staff did, and he was very appreciative and hoped to be able to relay it to his citizens for some time to come.
- Mayor Ward commented that the Fairbanks North Star Borough was in the middle of nominating projects to its Capital Improvement Program and there would be a work session at the North Pole Library on the first Monday in September for Borough infrastructure. Mayor Ward stated that the FAST Planning TIP had been the genesis for this, and it had been a helpful tool for planning infrastructure. Mayor Ward stated that for those interested they could check the website for more information at fnsb.gov/cip. Mayor Ward thanked the staff.
- Mayor Matherly commented that his hat was off to the staff and Mr. Fox had a really good team and they always got the best bang for their buck. Mayor Matherly explained that he met with the folks at Eielson, and they were in all in a very somber mood due to what was happening in Afghanistan, and he hoped they got all the Americans out of there because

there was a bunch of them. Mayor Matherly hoped ever had a great rest of their day, thanked everyone for all their hard work, hoped to see them at the concert on Saturday.

- Mr. Anderson thanked all the staff and commented that he thought they were pretty awesome for putting all this stuff together. Mr. Anderson commented that DOT was winding up construction season and already thinking about next year. Mr. Anderson commented that the Infrastructure Plan went through the Senate but had not yet gone through the House. Mr. Anderson commented it could potentially be a 30-40% increase in their basic formula so there were a lot of ramifications for them if that went through.

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn. (Welch/Edwards). The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m. The next Policy Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

Approved: _____
Ryan Anderson, Chair
FAST Planning Policy Board

Date: _____



STAFF REPORT September 2021

Regular Meetings

- ✚ Hosted the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Technical Committee, and Policy Board meetings; prepared meeting packets, minutes, and action items; posted advertisements in the newspaper, social media, and on the State and FNSB online public notice systems; and prepared submitted Title VI reports to DOT&PF
- ✚ Attended the following other regularly scheduled meetings:
 - ✚ Weekly Chamber Transportation Committee
 - ✚ Weekly FAST Planning Staff Meetings
 - ✚ Quarterly Statewide MPO Coordination Meeting
 - ✚ Quarterly EPA Transportation Conformity Call
 - ✚ Quarterly AGC Transportation Work Group Meeting
 - ✚ Monthly MatSu Pre-MPO Steering Committee
 - ✚ Monthly Polaris Work Group Meeting

Project/Planning Meetings

- ✚ Seasonal Mobility Task Force Work Session #4 for Mobility Recommendations Report Update, review of Draft Priority Route Map for winter maintenance of non-motorized facilities, and preparations for 4th Annual Winter Maintenance Forum
- ✚ Project Enhancement Committee Joint Work Session on 5th Avenue Reconstruction and Airport/Cushman Intersection projects
- ✚ Fairbanks Downtown Plan Working Group Kick-off Meeting
- ✚ Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Technical Committee Meeting
- ✚ Meeting with consultant selected for Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update to finalize project scope

Correspondence & Communication

- ✚ Submitted letter to DOT&PF requested use of remaining offset funds to be applied towards FFY2022 Advance Construction Payback
- ✚ Obtained Letters of Support for FAST Planning's proposed changes to 13 AAC 02 for bike/ped safety from Alaska DOT&PF Program Development, City & Borough of Juneau, Fairbanks Cycle Club, Sitka Cycle Club, Juneau Freewheelers Bicycle Club, UAF Green Bikes, and Center for Safe Alaskans

Organization

- ✚ Submitted monthly invoice to DOT&PF for August 2021

Public Outreach

- ✚ Continued work on Public Participation Plan Update
- ✚ Began planning for the 4th Annual Winter Maintenance Forum
- ✚ Coordinated with Bettisworth North and TVWA on concept materials delivery for the Lacey Street Project to the Co-op Marketplace

Submittals/Reports

- ✚ Posted the Final Road/Rail Crossing Reduction/Realignment Plan to the FAST Planning website

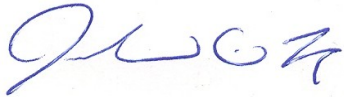
Funding

- ✚ Completed final FFY2021 Obligations & Offsets reports for Federal fiscal year-end funding obligations

Training

- ✚ Completed fourth semester of UCLA GIS Certification Program, "GIS Databases" (Olivia)
- ✚ Registered for fifth and final semester of UCLA GIS Certification Program, "Advanced GIS" (Olivia)
- ✚ "A Framework for Racial Equity and Community Outreach in State and Local Government" ESRI Webinar (Olivia)

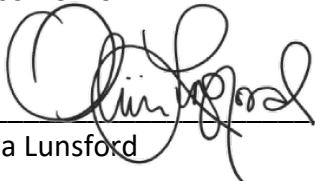
Submitted by:



Jackson C. Fox

September 13, 2021

Date



Olivia Lunsford

September 13, 2021

Date



**Technical Committee Meeting
Action Items
September 1, 2021**

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board approval of \$224,500 to open the Right-of-Way Phase for the Chena Riverwalk project. (Denton/Ackerman). None opposed. Approved.

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to have a law enforcement position on the Technical Committee. (Schacher/Denton).

Amendment: To include the law enforcement representative as an Ex-officio Member of the Committee. (Chapman/Pristash). None opposed. Approved.

Amended Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to have law enforcement representative as an Ex-officio Member of the Technical Committee. Ten in favor. Two opposed. (Ackerman, Macomas-Roe). Approved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JCF", written over a horizontal line.

Jackson C. Fox
Chair, Technical Committee

9/1/2021
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	



July 20, 2021

Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation Planning
Attn: Jackson Fox
100 Cushman Street, Suite 205
Fairbanks, Alaska 99510-7500

Re: Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) Chena Landings Development
Fairbank Area Surface Transportation (FAST) letter dated April 21, 2021

Dear Mr. Fox:

We appreciate your letter dated April 21, 2021 and your participation in the Board of Directors meeting on June 16. As indicated in that meeting, the ARRC Board of Directors is supportive of a trail that enhances ARRC land and accommodates the current Chena Landings development. In an effort to accomplish this mutual objective, the Board of Directors has requested that ARRC President and CEO, Bill O'Leary, along with the ARRC Real Estate Department, explore a trail design and long-term contract agreement that fulfills the federal funding requirement for this project and accomplishes highest and best use of ARRC's Chena Landings property.

The proposed new agreement would include many terms and conditions similar to the existing Permit No. 9837, the contract which will be replaced with the new agreement, as well as provisions designed to accommodate the use of available project funding. In addition to addressing indemnification of ARRC (required by AS 42.40.420) and permanent ownership transfer of the pedestrian bridge, the new agreement should include a project completion date within five years to ensure a timely completion of this project for all stakeholders.

Although the specific details of the trail design and contract terms will need to be agreed to, we did want to respond to the three numbered questions included in your letter.

- 1) ARRC supports the suggested improvements and upgrades to the existing trail and is agreeable to the City of Fairbanks coordinating the maintenance of the current trail in conjunction with the agreement for the new trail. In addition to maintenance, the new agreement would include the permanent ownership of the pedestrian bridge, consistent with the existing permit agreement.
- 2) The ARRC Board of Directors is supportive of a trail within Chena Landings Subdivision that serves the community and accomplishes the land development objectives of ARRC. Consideration for the trail improvement would need to reflect an agreed value that ARRC would have received in light of expected property development without the impact of the trail improvement.
- 3) ARRC's preference would be for a long-term agreement that achieves the requirement for federal funding with a one-time lump sum rent payment that ensures ARRC will receive adequate financial consideration to offset the reduced value of river front property caused by the trail project.

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The ARRC Board appreciates the time and hard work that has gone into design of this trail project. We hope and believe that a mutual agreement can be achieved that accommodates both a trail and continuation of the development of Chena Landings Subdivision, which will continue to provide economic benefits for Fairbanks and its citizens. If I can provide any assistance as the design and agreement are finalized, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Judy Petry

Judy Petry, Acting Chair
Board of Directors
Alaska Railroad Corporation



April 21, 2021

Alaska Railroad Corporation
Attn. Board of Directors
P.O. Box 107500
Anchorage, Alaska 99510-7500

Subject: **Long-term Land Interest for Chena River Walk Stage III - Segment 1
Fairbanks, Alaska**

Dear Mr. Campbell,

Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning would like to thank the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) Board of Directors and Real Estate Department for working with the City of Fairbanks to restore the permit (Contract 9837) that allows construction of the Chena River Walk Stage III - Segment 1 project. As you are aware, this is a high priority project for a variety of stakeholders and the general Fairbanks community. We are grateful for the restoration of the permit and view it as a sign of good faith to continue proactive discussions with ARRC on how to successfully advance this project that has been in the planning stages for decades. Therefore, we would like to continue dialogue with the ARRC Board on how we can make the project compatible with your interests in future development of Chena Landings Subdivision while also ensuring the long-term interest in the land the path is constructed upon is sufficiently secure to meet the requirements of our funding partner, the Federal Highway Administration. The permit, which was originally issued at a time when it was presumed the project would be entirely state funded, does not provide a sufficient interest primarily because it is revocable and does not provide for exclusive use as a non-motorized facility.

In response to the ARRC Board's initial concerns regarding this project last fall, the Alaska DOT&PF and City of Fairbanks design team reduced the footprint of the path along the river from the previously requested 50-ft wide easement to 10-ft wide along the portion parallel to Chena River. Reducing the project's footprint from 50-ft to the proposed 10-ft reduces the length along the pathway where the users can enjoy a view of the river in certain segments and introduces the possibility of periodic flooding as seen on the south side of the river under Peger bridge, but it still meets the overall objective of providing a reliable non-motorized path on the north side of the Chena River. In addition, the alignment along Peger Road was re-designed to stay within the Alaska DOT&PF road right-of-way. Reducing the footprint by this much is possible, but will not be constructible without a temporary construction easement of 20-ft to the north of the path and 5-ft south of the path in addition to the permanent need for 10-ft total width. This reduces the project footprint from the originally requested 3.05 acres down to

0.4 acres of permanent need and 0.9 acres of temporary need that will be relinquished upon completion of construction.

Adding to the reasons we would like to continue dialogue about this project, we also understand from both ARRC staff and our Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee that the existing asphalt path from the footbridge to Chena Landings Loop is in need of resurfacing and would benefit from installation of lighting.

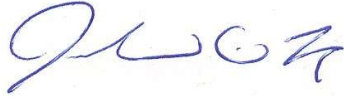
Given this new information, FAST Planning requests a written response from the Board to the following questions:

- 1) **Does ARRC desire path resurfacing and/or installation of pedestrian lighting along the existing asphalt pathway** which lies in the dedicated non-motorized vehicle trail easement per the Chena Landings Subdivision Plat? If the answer is yes, would ARRC be willing to enter into a signed maintenance agreement for the path and lighting with the City of Fairbanks?
- 2) **Is ARRC amenable to a 10-ft width of area required by the pathway (addressed in question 3 below) in addition to a 25-ft temporary construction easement** for the duration of construction? Construction is anticipated to be one season, currently planned for completion in fall 2022. If yes, will ARRC request fair market value compensation for the term of the temporary easement (one year) or will they waive their right to compensation and appraisal for this project?
- 3) **What is ARRC's preferred mechanism for conveyance of the long-term interest needed for the path?** Please let us know which of the following options allowed by our funding source are your preference:
 - a. Work with City of Fairbanks to dedicate a 10-ft permanent easement to the public. In doing so, ARRC voluntarily waives its right to compensation and appraisal.
 - b. Convey a 10-ft wide exclusive easement to Alaska DOT&PF. In doing so, ARRC voluntarily waives its right to compensation and appraisal.
 - c. Convey a 10-ft wide exclusive easement to Alaska DOT&PF through negotiations based on fair market value compensation from an appraisal. It can be determined during the negotiation process if ARRC is voluntarily willing to consider conveyance at a price less than fair market value.
 - d. Execute a long term lease (e.g. 50 years) for exclusive use with Alaska DOT&PF to be paid one time, up front. If the lease option is preferred, please indicate if ARRC is willing to voluntarily consider a lease at a rate considerate of public interest.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and for continuing dialogue with FAST Planning on the Chena Riverwalk project. As you are aware from our July 15, 2020 letter, there is a long history of community support for this project, and there continues to be as shown in attached letters and recent local government resolutions of support. ARRC has indicated in the past that the land needed for this project would be conveyed at minimal to no cost. However, we respect ARRC's rights as a land owner, and we have no preference on any of the above options other than to assure they are secure for our funding requirements so we can successfully construct the project. Your answers to the above questions are critical for us to know for project scheduling and budgeting, so we request a written reply by June

30, 2021. We appreciate the working relationship we have and look forward to working with you to continue moving this project forward for the benefit of our community. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at jackson.fox@fastplanning.us or (907) 205-4276.

Sincerely,



Jackson C. Fox
Executive Director, FAST Planning

Attachments: City of Fairbanks Figure – *Proposed 10-ft Trail Easement*
Chena Riverfront Commission Letter dated March 2, 2021
Fairbanks North Star Borough Resolution No. 2021-10
City of Fairbanks Resolution No. 4961
Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Letter of Support
Fairbanks Soil & Water Conservation District Letter of Support
July 15, 2020 FAST Planning Letter to ARRC Board of Directors

Copy: FAST Planning Policy Board
FAST Planning Technical Committee

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

August 30, 2021

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
Metropolitan 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

August 30, 2021

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	