

# NEWSLETTER

Working together to achieve safe and efficient multi-modal transportation solutions

## OPEN for Public Comment!

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### 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The 2017 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is now available for public comment!

To view the program and leave a comment, visit

<http://fmats.us/2016/11/10/2017-2020-tip-comment/>

The comment period ends on December 10, 2016.

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### Public Participation Plan (PPP)

The Plan defines a process for providing the public measurable opportunities to be involved in the transportation planning process.

To view the plan and submit comments, visit

<http://fmats.us/2016/11/10/comment-now-on-the-public-participation-plan/>

The comment period ends on December 26, 2016.

## Project Updates

**Noble Street** is currently out to bid for construction next year.

The **Birch Hill Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility** project and the **Steese Expressway to Front Street Path** will be advertised in early 2017.

## Freight Mobility Plan

FMATS is working with the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and consultant HDR Alaska, Inc. on creating a Freight Mobility Plan (FMP) for the Fairbanks and North Pole areas.

The Draft Existing Conditions Report is available for comment. Comments are requested by December 1, 2016.



## Transportation Alternative Program

The next round of the FMATS TAP Program will include funding up to \$929,276. The FMATS Application and evaluation process are currently being revised to be more comprehensive and with a more specific evaluation criteria. FMATS expects to release the program late this winter for eligible agencies to apply for the available funding. There is a 9.03% sponsor match.

To view last years program, visit <http://fmats.us/tap/>

## Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a blueprint guiding transportation project priorities, short to long range, which address transportation issues in the Fairbanks Metropolitan area. The MTP seeks to balance investment in various transportation modes against anticipated funding from federal, state and local sources.

The new MTP will project and identify transportation projects to implement in the next 20 years and be fiscally constrained. Negotiations are currently underway with a consultant and are scheduled to be finalized by end of year.

To view the current MTP, visit <http://fmats.us/programs/metropolitan-transportation-plan/>.

## Awards



We received the **Revitalization of the Year Award** from the Downtown Association for our role in downtown road and sidewalk projects.



We received the annual **Transportation Planning Award** from the Alaska Chapter of the American Planning Association for the planning and implementation of a Complete Streets Policy and the efforts contributed to Cushman Street.

## Upcoming Events

**2107-2020 TIP Public Open House:**

The 2017-2020 TIP is now open for public comment. A public meeting will be held with Staff available to answer questions on the document and receive comments.

**WHEN:** November 22, 2016  
from 4:30 to 6:30pm

**WHERE:** Fairbanks City Hall Council Chambers.



**Technical Committee:**

The next FMATS Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 12-2pm in the Fairbanks City Hall Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street.

**Policy Committee Meeting:**

The next FMATS Policy Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2016 from 12-2pm in the Fairbanks City Hall Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street.

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