

ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERALLY OBLIGATED PROJECTS FOR THE FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (FMATS)



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FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR FFY13
(October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013)

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INTRODUCTION

On August 10, 2005, President Bush signed into law the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act, A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). One of the requirements of SAFETEA-LU is that government spending on transportation becomes more transparent to State and Local Officials, as well as the public. As part of this SAFETEA-LU Legislation, the act requires “...an Annual Listing of projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, for which Federal Funds have been obligated in the preceding year shall be published or otherwise made available by the cooperative effort of the State, transit operator, and metropolitan planning organization for public review. The listing shall be consistent with the funding categories identified in each metropolitan transportation improvement program (TIP).”¹ This provision still applies in 23 USC 134 under the new highway authorization, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, or MAP-21. Cooperation is essential because of the different responsibilities held by the organizations in planning, programming, and project implementation. This report lists all transportation projects in FMATS that were obligated in the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2012 (October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013).

BACKGROUND

The Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System (FMATS) is the regional transportation planning agency for the Fairbanks Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). FMATS carries out the transportation planning process in cooperation with the State DOT and transit operators. They cooperatively develop, update and approve the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Long Range Transportation Improvement Plan (LRTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

SUMMARY OF FFY13 FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS IN FMATS

This report indicates approximately \$10.4 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects by the MPO in FFY13. The largest project was FMATS’ Preventive Maintenance efforts which totaled approximately \$4 million and included surface upgrades and South Cushman Resurfacing (to be constructed in FFY14). The North Pole Interchange Pedestrian Facility project is \$2.2 million and FMATS has initiated the final design for the Cushman Street Bridge at \$1.2 million. Work continued on the Illinois Street Reconstruction project and an additional \$779,490 was provided for changes during construction. Besides the final design of the Cushman Street Bridge project, FMATS initiated

¹SAFETEA-LU, USC 134(j)(7)(B), 23 U.S.C. 135(g)(4)(B), 49 U.S.C. 5303(j)(7)(B), and 49 U.S.C. 5304(g)(4)(B)

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the McGrath Road Upgrade project and the Steese Expressway to Front Street Bike/Ped Path as well as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update.

After consultation with the transit operator, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the federally obligated projects were operating projects, the hiring of a new rideshare coordinator and the introduction of a new route to accommodate Fort Wainwright.

THE ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

This report is organized into two sections: FHWA and FTA Funding. The list includes the project identification number, type of project, federal obligation, total project costs and status of project. The FTA section includes type of funding, project description, federal amount and total project costs.

Obligation is defined as the Federal government's legal commitment to pay the Federal share of a project's cost. An obligated project is one that has been authorized by the federal agency and funds have been obligated. Projects for which funds have been obligated are not necessarily initiated or completed in the program year, and the amount of the obligation will not necessarily equal the total cost of the project. For FTA projects, obligation occurs when the FTA grant is awarded. For FHWA projects, obligation occurs when a project agreement is executed and the State/grantee requests that the funds be obligated.

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**FMATS FFY13 FINAL OBLIGATIONS OF
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Project					
Funding	ID	Project Name	Federal	Total	Status
FCTP	62030	College Road Corridor Study	\$66,408	\$75,000	Project will be completed 12.13
FCTP	62207	Fairbanks Cushman Street Bridge Replacement	\$1,129,942	\$1,243,104	Design is underway
FCTP	61725	Fairbanks Noble Street Upgrade	\$136,455	\$150,000	Final design underway
FCTP	63151	FMATS ADA Curb Corner and Sidewalk Upgrades - Stage II	\$163,682	\$179,930	Construction is complete
FCTP	63033	FMATS Advanced Project Definition	\$45,485	\$50,000	Ongoing project in preparation of MTP update estimate needs
FCTP	62358	FMATS Area Surface Upgrades FFY13	\$1,339,378	\$1,473,329	Construction is complete
FCTP	61676	FMATS Coordinator's Office	\$161,900	\$177,970	Fund Coordinator's office
FCTP	63559	FMATS LED Streetlight Conversion Stage II	\$107,162	\$117,800	Construction is complete
FCTP	62536	FMATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$272,910	\$300,000	Project is underway
FCTP	61324	FMATS Preventive Maintenance FFY12-14	\$136,455	\$150,000	Design is underway
FCTP	63102	FMATS Sign Replacement Stage II	\$25,375	\$27,894	Construction is complete
FCTP	61954	FMATS Street Light Conversion Stage III	\$142,823	\$157,000	Final design underway
FCTP	63102	Illinois Street Reconstruction	\$709,137	\$779,490	Construction is complete
FCTP	62838	McGrath Road Upgrade	\$582,208	\$640,000	Preliminary engineering underway
FCTP	76719	North Pole Interchange Pedestrian Facilities	\$2,010,437	\$2,210,000	Bids opened 10/2013
FCTP	77248	Plack Road Bike/Pedestrian Facility	\$805,297	\$885,234	Right-of-way phase underway
FCTP	62687	South Cushman Street Resurfacing	\$2,419,075	\$2,659,201	Final design complete
FCTP	62836	Steese Expressway to Front Street Bike/Ped Path	\$191,037	\$210,000	Preliminary engineering underway
Total Federal Obligations FFY13			\$10,445,166		

**FMATS FFY13 FINAL OBLIGATIONS OF
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Project					
Funding	ID	Project Name	Federal	Total	Status
STIP CMAQ Projects in FMATS Area					
CMAQ	63583	Fairbanks Area PM2.5 Air Quality Study	\$90,970	\$100,000	Project is 65% complete
CMAQ	62728	FNSB Plug-In Program Operational Costs	\$228,786	\$251,496	
CMAQ	62417	Fairbanks Regional Travel Demand Model Update	\$318,395	\$350,000	Project is just underway
CMAQ	62497	Fairbanks Regional Household Travel Survey	\$423,011	\$465,000	Project is 20% complete
CMAQ	63583	Fairbanks Area PM 2.5 VMT and Classification Study	\$172,843	\$190,000	
CMAQ	60897	Don't Be Fuelish Campaign	\$4,549	\$5,000	Project is just underway
		Total Federal Obligations FFY13	\$1,238,553		

Legend: FCTP=Surface (Community) Transportation Program, CMAQ=Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program

**FMATS FFY13 FINAL PROGRAMMED
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Funding	Project Description	Federal	Total
5307	Urbanized Area Formula Grant - Transit	\$737,531	\$1,475,062
CMAQ	Fort Wainwright and Purple/Brown transit service	\$2,563,100	\$2,817,523
CMAQ	Rideshare Coordinator	\$360,000	\$395,735
Total FFY13 FTA Obligations		\$3,660,631	