

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



FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR FFY14
(October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014)

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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 more recent 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) 2014 (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014).

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), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Public Participation Plan (PPP), Air Quality Conformity and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

SUMMARY OF FFY14 FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS IN FMATS

This report indicates approximately \$6.2 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects by the MPO in FFY14. The largest project was FMATS’ preventive maintenance efforts which totaled approximately \$2 million (to be constructed in FFY14). FMATS did not initiate any new projects this fiscal year.

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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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 FFY14 FINAL OBLIGATIONS OF
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Funding	Project ID	Project Name	Federal	Total	Status
CMAQ	63768	Birch Hill Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility	\$469,011	\$515,567	Right of Way phase initiated in FFY14
FCTP	62164	College Road Pavement Rehabilitation	\$272,910	\$300,000	Project is in final design
FCTP	61725	Noble Street Upgrade	\$1,428,369	\$1,570,154	Right of Way phase initiated in FFY14
FCTP	62358	FMATS Area Surface Upgrades FFY2013	\$89,559	\$98,449	Minor repair work completed in FFY14
FCTP	63372	FMATS Area Surface Upgrades FFY2014	\$1,761,208	\$1,936,032	Construction in 2015
PL	64232	FMATS Freight Mobility Plan	\$166,400	\$182,917	New
FCTP	61954	FMATS Street Light Conversion - Stage III	\$1,329,638	\$1,461,623	Construction underway
FCTP	63102	Illinois Street Reconstruction	\$566,219	\$600,000	Additional right-of-way work outstanding
FCTP	76719	North Pole Interchange Pedestrian Facilities	\$290,208	\$319,015	Constructed in FFY14
FCTP	62687	South Cushman Street Resurfacing	\$188,214	\$206,897	Additional construction funding; project is complete
CMAQ	62836	Steese Expressway to Front Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Path	\$118,261	\$130,000	Project is in final design
Total Federal Obligations FFY14			\$6,679,997		

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

**FMATS FFY14 FINAL PROGRAMMED
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Funding	Project Description	Federal	Total
5307	Urbanized Area Formula Grant - Transit	\$737,531	\$1,475,062