

# NEWSLETTER

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

## FMATS at Work

FMATS is currently drafting a Landscape Policy to add to the [Policies and Procedures](#) document. A work group was formed to develop this policy including a collaboration effort with the Green Infrastructure Group.

FMATS is looking into creating a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The purpose of this group is to bring resources and attention on active transportation modes, including bicycle and pedestrian transportation, health, and recreational use in the FMATS Area. *This item will be up for discussion at the next Policy Board Meeting (details below).*

FMATS has been working on a draft scope for a Road/Rail Crossing Reduction Plan. A work group has been meeting and a draft scope of services is expected to be at the next Technical Committee Meeting (details below).

## Plan Updates

### **FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN:**

The purpose of the Freight Mobility Plan (FMP) is to create a coordinated plan for freight transportation for the metropolitan area. This plan will be implemented to identify problem areas and key and emerging issues, as well as identify planning and policy recommendations with the insight of the freight community.

The Future Conditions Report is expected to be done this fall.

The next [Freight Advisory Committee](#) Meeting is anticipated to occur in collaboration with the Future Conditions Report.

For more information on the plan and to view the Existing Conditions Report, visit <http://fmats.us/freight-mobility-plan/>



### **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN:**

FMATS is updating their 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan!

Envision 2045 is a community driven effort by FMATS to improve transportation for our region. This update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) will plan for growth and lay out a long-range vision for the transportation system in the Fairbanks metropolitan area through the year 2045.

Public involvement is a key component of the MTP update! Visit the project website to provide input and stay up to date on engagement opportunities: [http://fmats.us/2045\\_mtp/](http://fmats.us/2045_mtp/)

The draft Existing Conditions Report will be produced later this month and will go to the Technical Committee in August (meeting details below).



# ENVISION 2045

Investing In Our Transportation Future

## TRANSITION PLAN:

The purpose of this plan is to provide organizational study and recommendations for structure, housing and benefits of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The organizational study will look at the strategic goals, vision and operations of the MPO as it relates to federal requirements. Evaluate and make recommendations to refine the organization's mission, purpose, strategic goals and identify key tasks necessary to meet those goals. Develop methodology to measure the success of the organization and recommend a structure for the organization.

*A presentation will be made to the Policy Board on the July 19th meeting (details below).*

## Current Projects

FMATS projects that are under construction this summer are:

### 1) FMATS Improvement Program

- Annual Program: Pavement surface maintenance, traffic control signal upgrades, street light load center rehab, storm drain maintenance, reclaim/double chip, seal coat, crack sealing, roadway striping, sidewalks, dust control, signage replacement and intersection upgrades.
- Cowles Street (Y to 29th), 10th Ave (Cushman to Steese), McKinley View Drive, Valley View Drive, Old Chena Ridge Road, Birch Hill Roundabout, H&H Road, Doughchee Ave, San Augustin Drive, Perimeter Drive and Tanana Loop.

### 2) Noble Street Upgrade

- Reconstruct Noble Street from 1st Avenue to Gaffney Road.
  - Current closed intersections are: 2nd, 4th - 9th, and 11th ave.



### 3) Steese Expressway to Front Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility

- Construct a bicycle/pedestrian path from the Steese Expressway separated path to Front Street.
  - Pedestrian detour removed 7/7
  - Paving of Front street and boat launch 7/11
  - Landscaping continues
  - Silhouette panels and pedestrian railing scheduled to be installed in August.



#### 4) Birch Hill Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility

- Construct a bike/pedestrian facility along Birch Hill Road to allow safe access to the Birch Hill Recreational Trail System.
  - Bids open on 7/18/17

For more information on FMATS projects and plans, visit <http://fmats.us/programs/>

## Bike and Ped Count Results



With the help of volunteers, FMATS counted 1,145 cyclists, 740 pedestrians, and 45 others over a 2-day span at 36 intersections (2 hours per location).

The intersections with the most activity were Cushman and 1st, University and Airport, Cushman and Airport, University/Farmers Loop and College/Alumni and the Cowles and Airport intersection.

More data and information can be found on the FMATS website [Count Page](#)

## Upcoming Events

Next Policy Board Meeting:

- Wednesday, July 19th, Fairbanks City Hall @12pm

Next Technical Committee Meeting:

- Wednesday, August 2nd, Fairbanks City Hall @ 12pm



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