

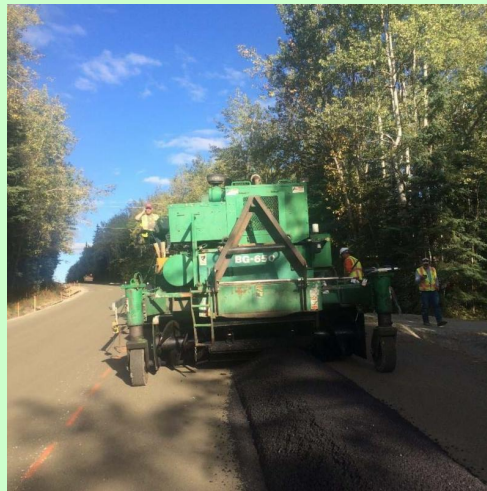
# NEWSLETTER

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



## Summer Construction Update

**Goldhill Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility:** Paving is currently underway with a project completion date of September 28, 2016.



**City of Fairbanks Pedestrian Facilities Upgrade & Auburn and Aurora Drive Resurfacing:** Auburn Drive and the bike path, as well as concrete work on Lacey Street is complete. Work on Aurora Drive is underway and various sidewalk and ramp replacements within downtown are ongoing (5th–12th Avenue between Noble and Cushman Street). The project completion date is October 31, 2016.

Watch for updates on the FMATS Facebook as to which downtown street sections will be closed.

**FMATS Pedestrian Improvements – Stage I:** In conjunction with the Peger Road Resurfacing project, this project provides sidewalk connections on Davis Road, Wilbur Street, Peger Road and Lathrop Street. Construction is currently underway on Peger and Lathrop. Work is finished on Wilbur and Peger (from Mitchell Expy to Davis). The project completion date is November 5th.

**FMATS Improvement Program:** Panorama Drive, Marshall Drive, Heather Drive, Hans Way and the Badger Road Bike and Pedestrian Facility have been completed. Finnell Street was paved and striped. Rickert and Turner Street are expected to begin construction this week. The bike and pedestrian paths in North Pole on Blanket

Boulevard, Snowman Lane, 5th Avenue, and 8th Avenue are being paved. Doughchee Avenue is being paved and prepped for ADA ramps. The project completion date is October 5th.



*Finnell Street*



*Doughchee Avenue*



## Alaska Statewide Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan

The State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in partnership with DOWL and Alta Planning + Design, are working to create a plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure across the state.



The goal of the project is to improve safety, increase accessibility, and promote healthy lifestyles in our communities.

The project team will work with communities across the state through 2018 to hear concerns and better understand community needs in order to develop achievable solutions that will increase access to bicycle and pedestrian facilities and improve safety across Alaska.

Below is a listing of upcoming meetings regarding this project:

- Anchorage Public Meeting – September 20, 2016
- Anchorage Steering Committee – September 22, 2016
- Wasilla/Palmer Public Meeting – September 21, 2016
- Soldotna Public Meeting – November, 2016

*There will be an online Open House and live streaming available during the meetings. The link for the streaming will be made available on the website below.*

**If you would like to participate in Fairbanks and provide comments live, FMATS will be hosting a forum during the September 20th meeting. This forum will be held in the**

For more information and updates on the Plan, visit [www.akbikeped.com](http://www.akbikeped.com)



## **Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045**

FMATS has sent out a request for proposals (RFP) for the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP is a blueprint guiding transportation project priorities, short to long range which address transportation issues in the Fairbanks Metropolitan area. This next MTP will go through the year 2045.

Once a consultant is chosen and under contract, a public participation plan will be developed to ensure adequate opportunities to comment as the plan is being developed.



## **Transportation Improvement Program**

The current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the 2015–2018 TIP Administrative Modification 4. To view the current TIP and past versions, visit the website at <http://fmats.us/programs/tip/> or on the new TIP Tool at <http://fmats.dtstiptool.com/>.

FMATS is also currently developing the 2017–2020 plan which will be released for public comment this fall. Stay tuned!



## **Freight Mobility Plan**



The FMATS Freight Mobility Plan (FMP) recently completed stakeholder interviews, a literature review, and a public opinion survey. As you may know, mining, quarrying, and oil/gas extraction are the strongest industries in the Fairbanks North Star Borough and that while most freight in Alaska is transported by barge, freight is transported to Fairbanks by rail, truck and plane. These findings are documented in the FMP Existing Conditions Report which is currently under review by FMATS.

The project team is currently working on identifying future conditions to determine what improvements are needed to keep the freight network operating in a safe and efficient manner. The Future Conditions Report is expected to be released by the end of 2016.

To learn more about the FMP and to share your thoughts, please visit <http://fmats.us/freight-mobility-plan/>.

## **Transportation Alternative Program**

FMATS awarded three projects submitted by the City of Fairbanks.

1. Bjerremark Street Sidewalk (23rd–28th Ave)
2. Bike and Pedestrian Count Equipment
3. City Sidewalk Condition Survey

This year's program was awarded the funds allocated for FFY13: \$ 227,744. The total amount including the non-federal share (match) is \$ 250,351.

To view the submitted applications and scores, visit <http://fmats.us/tap/>

The TAP Criteria Development Subcommittee will be meeting in October to start developing an application and criteria for next year's program, where approximately \$ 900,000 in federal funds will be available.

## **Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan**

The State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has released the draft 2016 update to the Statewide Long Range Transportation Policy Plan.

The draft plan, Let's Keep Moving 2036

, updates the previous 2008 plan, proposes a performance-based approach to transportation planning, addresses updated federal requirements, and presents transportation policy recommendations based on the state's reduced budget.

DOT&PF is seeking public comment on the draft.



To facilitate public input, the State has launched an online open house that can be accessed any time during the comment period. Visit <http://ak2036lrtpoloh.com/index.html> to see a plan summary, access plan documents, and provide your comments to DOT&PF.

Plan documents can also be downloaded as pdf files from the DOT&PF website <http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/areaplans/lrtp2014/documents.shtml>

Comments can be submitted directly from the online open house, or sent by email or mail to the address below.

**Comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm Monday October 24, 2016.**

Please send your comments to:

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Fax: 907-465-6984.

Or by mail: PO Box 112500 Juneau, AK 99811-2500

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Policy Committee Meeting:**

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

### **Technical Committee:**

The next FMATS Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 12-2pm in the Fairbanks City Hall Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street.

### **Clear the Air Conference:**

Fairbanks North Star Borough's Clear the Air, Paths to Attainment Conference & Expo.  
Located at the Westmark Fairbanks Hotel, 813 Noble Street, Fairbanks, AK on  
September 26 – 28, 2016. View the event [flyer](#).

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