

NEWSLETTER

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



TIP Administrative Modification #1

Administrative Modification #1 of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved on January 12, 2016. View the updated document: [TIP Administrative Modification #1](#) or visit the [TIP Page](#) on the [FMATS Website](#). The main purpose for the modification was to revise funding for several projects, most notably the Noble Street Upgrades project.



Complete Streets Resolutions

The City of Fairbanks and the City of North Pole have both passed Resolutions in support of the FMATS Complete Streets Policy and to consider the policy in the design of their projects. To view the Resolutions, visit the FMATS [Complete Streets Webpage](#).



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 purpose of this document is to create a coordinated plan for freight transportation to navigate through the metropolitan area. This plan will identify problem areas that inhibit freight movement and emerging freight issues and make recommendations, all with the insight of the freight community.

Updates on the FMP will be on the FMATS website on the [FMP Webpage](#).

Status: The Freight Advisory Committee is currently being formed and will have their first meeting in February, 2016.



Bike and Pedestrian Count Methodology

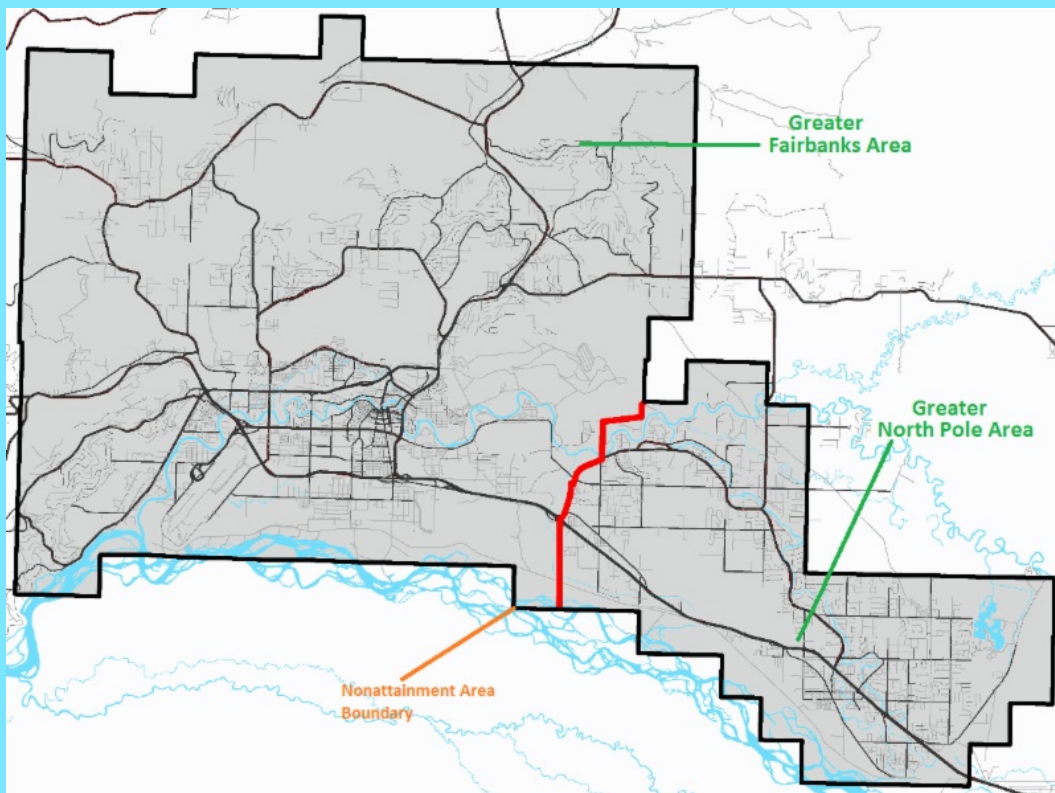
FMATS is working with consultant Kittelson & Associates, Inc. on developing a Bike and Pedestrian Count Methodology plan. A kick-off meeting is being coordinated. The purpose of this project is to establish a phased, comprehensive and robust approach to inform pedestrian and bicycle project and policy decisions. A strategic and effective count methodology would allow access to tracking volumes and enhance the understanding of non-motorized traffic. This will help establish priorities for non-motorized projects and incorporate the needs of all users in FMATS' projects, as appropriate.



Dividing the FNSB PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area

FMATS has passed a Resolution of Support for the State of Alaska's request to the Environmental Protection Agency to divide the Fairbanks North Star Borough PM_{2.5} nonattainment area.

The request is to split the current area at Badger Road (in red) forming a greater Fairbanks nonattainment area and a greater North Pole nonattainment area. For more information on the request or to view the Resolution 2016-02, visit the FMATS [Webpage](#). You can also visit the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Division of Air Quality [Website](#) for more information.



Upcoming Events

OPEN HOUSE: Steese Highway/Chena Hot Springs Road Ramp Termini Roundabouts and Steese Highway MP 4.5 Off Ramp Bypass Lane

The Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is holding

an open house to discuss proposed improvements to the on/off-ramp intersections located at the Steese Highway and Chena Hot Springs Road Interchange.

The Open House will be on Wednesday, January 27th from 6:30-8:30PM (with a presentation starting at 7pm) at the Weller Elementary School Commons Area, 635 Elementary Drive.



SAVE THE DATE: 2016 Super Open House

The 2016 State of Alaska DOT&PF Super Open House is scheduled for April 16, 2016 from 10am-2pm at the Hutchinson Career Center.

Technical Committee:

The next FMATS Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 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, February 17, 2016 from 12-2pm in the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Main Conference Room, 2301 Peger Road. Please note that the location change is for this meeting only. Policy Committee Meetings are usually held in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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