

ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERALLY OBLIGATED PROJECTS

FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (FMATS)



FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR FFY08
(October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008)

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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

SAFETEA-LU, like its predecessor legislation TEA-21, requires the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), State and public transportation operator(s) to cooperate in preparing a list of projects for which Federal funds were obligated for spending during the immediately preceding year. This cooperation is essential because of the different responsibilities held by the organizations in planning, programming, and project implementation. This annual report of projects for which an obligation of funds took place is a cooperative effort detailing funds set aside for specific projects.

This annual listing of federally obligated projects has been organized in response to the SAFETEA-LU requirements. This report lists all transportation projects in FMATS that were obligated in the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2008 (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008).

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).

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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SUMMARY OF FFY 08 FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS IN FMATS

This report indicates that over \$17 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects in the region in FFY08. The largest project, in terms of federal funding, involves the reconstruction of Illinois Street. The funding for this project in FFY08 was primarily for right-of-way acquisition. The Fairbanks Cowles Street Upgrade project was also obligated in this federal fiscal year, but most of the construction will occur in federal fiscal year 2009. After consultation with the transit operator, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the only federally obligated projects were operating projects as opposed to capital projects.

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.

**FFY08 ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS WITHIN THE
FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (FMATS)
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Funding	Project ID	Project Name	Federal	Total	Status
1702	60745	23rd Avenue Improvements	\$285,646	\$314,000	Design underway
STP	63237	2nd Avenue/Wilbur Widening	\$343,212	\$377,281	Construction is Complete
CMAQ	60226	Fairbanks Area PM 2.5 Air Quality Study	\$909,700	\$1,000,000	Study underway
CMAQ	60990	Fairbanks Area PM 2.5 Air Quality Study-Stage II	\$1,640,700	\$1,640,700	Study underway
STP	60434	Fairbanks Cowles Street Upgrade	\$3,668,219	\$4,033,339	Construction just underway
STP	77217	Fairbanks Load Center Upgrades	\$638,792	\$702,200	Construction is Underway
STP	77201	Fairbanks North Star Borough Road Striping	\$16,375	\$18,000	Construction is Complete
STP	77221	Fairbanks North Star Borough Surface Treatment	\$197,678	\$217,300	Construction is Complete
STP	63102	Illinois Street Reconstruction	\$4,964,994	\$5,261,200	Right of Way Acquisition in progress
1702	60747	Leasure Subdivision Area Street Improvements	\$181,940	\$200,000	Design underway
STP	67052	Wendell ADA Improvements	\$78,212	\$85,976	Design almost complete
STP	67052	Wendell ADA Improvements	\$259,709	\$285,488	Construction to begin in 2009
STP	60669	North Pole Bike Trail Rehabilitation and Connections	\$81,873	\$90,000	Design underway
STP	63025	North Pole Homestead Road/North Pole H.S. Blvd.	\$1,332,791	\$1,466,087	Construction to begin in 2009
STP	77206	North Pole Signing	\$85,512	\$94,000	Construction underway
STP	77248	Plack Road/Bike and Pedestrian Facility	\$432,108	\$475,000	Design underway
STP	77192	Richardson Highway MP 348 - 357 Repave	\$512,459	\$548,670	Construction is Complete (non-FMATS)
STP	77219	University Avenue Approach Upgrades	\$32,751	\$36,000	Construction is Complete
STP	77208	University Avenue Ditch Cleaning	\$50,034	\$55,000	Construction is Complete
STP	77215	West Tanana Drive Surface Treatment	\$216,054	\$237,500	Construction is Complete
TOTAL OBLIGATIONS - FFY 08			\$15,928,759	\$17,137,741	

Legend: 1702 = Section 1702 SAFETEA-LU Earmark, STP=Surface Transportation Program, CMAQ=Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program

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FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Funding	Project Description	Federal	Total
5307	Urbanized Area Formula Grant - Transit	\$712,326	\$1,424,652
5307	Urbanized Area Formula Grant - Para-Transit	\$79,147	\$98,934
TOTAL OBLIGATIONS - FFY 08		\$791,473	\$1,523,586

5309=Major Capital Investments (New Starts and Small Starts), 5307=Large Urban Cities