

ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERALLY OBLIGATED PROJECTS

FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (FMATS)



Before



After

Cowles Street

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR FFY09
(October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009)

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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) 2009 (October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009).

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 09 FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS IN FMATS

This report indicates almost \$17 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects in the region in FFY09. The largest projects, in terms of federal funding this year, involve the rehabilitation of Phillips Field Road and the replacement of high pressure sodium street lights with LED lights within Fairbanks and North Pole. Significant further investment in right-of-way acquisition and demolition of buildings in support of the Illinois Street Reconstruction Project also occurred. Projects constructed in FFY09 but obligated prior to FFY 09 include North Pole - Homestead Road, Cowles Street, Van Horn Road and Preventive Maintenance.

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.

**FMATS FFY09 OBLIGATIONS PROJECTED OBLIGATION OF
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Project					
Funding	ID	Project Name	Federal	Total	Status
FCTP	60745	23rd Avenue Improvements	\$136,455	\$150,000	Design underway
1306	77053	Fairbanks Alaska Railroad Freight Yard	\$1,859,000	\$2,043,530	Utilities phase underway
CMAQ	63302	Fairbanks Area PM 2.5 Air Quality - Stage III	\$1,095,000	\$1,095,000	Additional data compilation and analysis
FCTP	60434	Cowles Street Upgrade	\$238,588	\$262,271	Construction almost complete
FCTP	61725	Fairbanks Noble Street Upgrade	\$22,968	\$25,247	Continued design work
FCTP	63170	Fairbanks/North Pole Load Center Upgrades - Stage II	\$545,821	\$600,000	Construction underway
CMAQ	63151	FMATS: ADA Curb Corner Upgrade	\$110,000	\$110,000	Design underway
FCTP	62233	FMATS Coordinator's Office	\$149,401	\$164,230	Obligated
FCTP	63135	FMATS LED Street Light Conversion	\$3,193,946	\$3,510,987	Out to bid in October 2009
CMAQ	63132	FMATS LRTP Air Quality Conformity Analysis	\$30,000	\$30,000	Conformity determination complete
FCTP	76717	FMATS Preventative Maintenance Program	\$68,228	\$75,000	Design underway
FCTP	63282	FMATS Sign Replacement Project	\$200,134	\$220,000	Design underway
CMAQ	63193	FMATS Travel Demand Forecasting Model Conversion 2009	\$40,000	\$40,000	Model conversion complete
FCTP	63172	FNSB Surface and Approach Upgrades	\$818,732	\$900,000	Construction underway
FCTP	63293	Gold Hill Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility	\$400,268	\$440,000	Design underway
FCTP	63102	Illinois Street Reconstruction	\$990,894	\$1,050,009	Right-of-Way underway
FCTP	67052/60827	Nor Reg ADA Improvements - Phase VIII (Wendell Street)	\$838,940	\$984,312	Continued design work
FCTP	62023	North Pole Citywide Pavement Rehabilitation	\$200,135	\$221,000	Design underway
FCTP	63025	North Pole Homestead Rd/NPHS Blvd Extension	\$610,599	\$671,209	Construction complete

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Funding	ID	Project Name	Federal	Total	Status
FCTP	65199	Phillips Field Road Upgrade	\$3,035,249	\$3,336,528	Construction contract awarded
FCTP	63289	South Cushman: Mitchell - Van Horn Rehabilitation	\$90,970	\$100,000	Design underway
FCTP	77219	University Avenue Approach Upgrades	\$5,017	\$5,516	Construction complete
FCTP	63213	University Avenue Widening	\$189,654	\$208,480	Design continues
FCTP	61175	Van Horn Rd Rehabilitation/Safety Improvements	\$154,459	\$169,794	Construction complete
FCTP	63291	Wendell Street Bridge	\$727,760	\$800,000	Design underway
PL	various	Unified Planning Work Program	\$540,581	\$596,233	Annual Planning Tasks
Total Federal Obligations FFY09			\$16,292,799		

Legend: 1306 = Section 1306 SAFETEA-LU Earmark, FCTP=Surface (Community) Transportation Program,
CMAQ=Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, PL = Planning

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FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Funding	Project Description	Federal	Total
5307	Urbanized Area Formula Grant - Transit	\$539,719	\$1,079,438

5307=Large Urban Cities