



## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

State of Alaska DOT&PF

2301 Peger Road, Main Conference Room, Fairbanks, Alaska

Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2014

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Luke Hopkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### 2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Representative Organization</b>
*Mayor Luke Hopkins, Chair	Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough
*Mayor Bryce Ward, Vice Chair	Mayor, City of North Pole
*Michael Schmetzer for John Eberhart	Mayor, City of Fairbanks
*Rob Campbell	Acting Northern Region Director, DOT&PF
*Guy Sattley	FNSB Assembly Member
*Perry Walley	City Council Member, City of Fairbanks
*Alice Edwards	DEC, Division of Air Quality
**+Donna Gardino	FMATS MPO Coordinator
**Deborah Todd	FMATS Administrative Assistant
**Aaron Buckley	FMATS Transportation Planner
**Kellen Spillman	FNSB Community Planning
**Linda Mahlen	DOT&PF Planning
Meadow Bailey	DOT&PF Information Officer
Shelley Potter	DOT&PF Planning
Tony Johansen	Great Northwest
Kevin Smith	DOT&PF Right of Way
Sarah Schacher	DOT&PF
Jae Hill	FNSB
+Joan Hardesty	DEC
Bill Gryder	FNSB
Mark Peterburs	Alaska Railroad
Judy Chapman	DOT&PF
Barry Hooper	DOT&PF
Jesse VanderZanden	DOT&PF-Fairbanks International Airport

*\*FMATS Policy Committee Members, \*\*FMATS Staff Members, +FMATS Technical Committee Members*

### 3. Public Comment Period (3 minute limit)

Tony Johansen with Great Northwest stated that he had lived in Fairbanks all his life and suffered with the current design of College Road for a long time. Mr. Johansen commented that he thought that they should stay with the current structure design of College Road or have four lanes with a center turn lane like Geist Road.

Mr. Johansen stated that the option of three lanes with a center turn lane with bike paths outside of that was not the way to go. Mr. Johansen stated that he was driving that road the other day and called Mayor Hopkins to oppose the design.

Mr. Johansen stated that a designer from Portland, Oregon thought that the best thing for College Road was a bike trail. Mr. Johansen stated that the bike path would create an unsafe situation with people trying to pass in the lane reserved for

turns or pushing people over towards the bike path. Mr. Johansen stated that he felt that the public would be shocked to find out that they had lost two lanes of through traffic in order to make room for bicyclists, when not many bicycles went down College Road. Mr. Johansen stated that he felt that they needed to revert back to the current road design and just plane, repave, and restripe the road.

Mr. Sattley inquired if Mr. Johansen had reviewed any of the consultant recommendations or anything on paper about College Road. Mr. Johansen stated that he had looked at the designs that were presented to the public meeting but had not seen any comments.

Mr. Sattley inquired if Mr. Johansen was aware that the consultant had admitted that the road configuration would slow traffic down at least six or seven miles per hour. Mr. Johansen stated that he had not been aware of that.

Mr. Sattley inquired if it made sense to Mr. Johansen to have a crosstown road that was going to be made increasingly unfriendly to motorists, in his opinion, or should motorists be encouraged to use the road. Mr. Johansen stated that he thought that they should encourage and accommodate the current majority user of that road corridor which was motorists.

Mr. Sattley stated that he would try to put the College Road project on the next meeting agenda and asked Mr. Johansen if he would be able to attend that meeting. Mr. Johansen stated that he would attend the next meeting.

Ms. Gardino read an email into the record from Tami Seekins. Ms. Seekins email stated that she had spoken with Mr. Russ Johnson, the DOT&PF Design Manager, about the Chena Small Tracts pedestrian pathway. Ms. Seekins wrote that she was happy with the design and felt that most residents would be happy with it as well. Ms. Seekins stated that the project had been a long time coming and thanked everyone that had given their time and energy on the project. Ms. Seekins stated that the project had been a long time coming and stated that she looked forward to using the road for many years to come.

#### **4. Approval of the June 18, 2014 Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the June 18, 2014 Agenda. (Sattley/Ward).

**Discussion:** Mr. Sattley inquired about adding an item to the next meeting agenda. Ms. Gardino stated that it had already been added for the next Policy Committee meeting since it was an item discussed under Public Comments.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

#### **5. Approval of the May 21, 2014 and May 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the May 21, 2014 and May 28, 2014 meeting minutes. (Sattley/Ward).

**Discussion:** Mr. Sattley inquired if the wording change had been made to the meeting minutes regarding the executive session and the public right to comment but not to vote.

Ms. Gardino stated that the correction had been made to the minutes.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

## 6. Committee Reports

### a. Coordinator's Office Report and Technical Committee Action Items

Ms. Gardino gave a brief summary of the meetings attended, conference calls and open houses she had participated in, and projects that were discussed. Ms. Gardino stated that she had met with Senator Kelly and Mr. & Mrs. Larry regarding the College Road project and had reviewed the final report for the project which would be out soon for Policy Committee review. Ms. Gardino stated that the Bike/Ped counts were conducted and historical plaques were installed in the green space. Ms. Gardino stated that she met with the Chena Riverfront Commission and DOT regarding the Airport Way West project. Ms. Gardino stated that she had attended several webinars including the Statewide Proposed Rulemaking for Statewide Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Area Planning.

Mayor Hopkins inquired about the meeting Ms. Gardino had with Senator Kelly regarding the Aurora Drive intersection with the Larry family. Mayor Hopkins inquired about the final report that Ms. Gardino referred to in her Committee Report.

Ms. Gardino stated that the report would be released by the end of week and on the agendas for the Technical and Policy Committee Meetings next month.

Mayor Hopkins stated that Mr. Johansen's comment regarding the overview presented by Kittelson & Associates and whether the PowerPoint was on the FMATS website.

Mr. Buckley stated that it would be on the website if it was not already on there. Mr. Sattley stated that it would be nice to see the cross-section of the lanes with the bike path. Ms. Gardino stated that the cross sections were already on the website.

## 7. Old Business

### a. UPWP Task Priorities (Action Item)

Ms. Gardino stated that the Technical Committee was tasked by the Policy Committee with looking at the UPWP tasks and prioritizing the tasks and subtasks that were essential to FMATS. Ms. Gardino stated that there were five priority tasks that they believed should be equally weighted and a sixth task that was also considered important but considered secondary to the five priority tasks contained in the meeting packet. Ms. Gardino stated that the tasks were then reviewed for their appropriateness.

**Motion:** To equally weight the five priorities in the UPWP: the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Public Participation Plan (PPP), and Air Quality (AQ). Support Services recommended as a sixth/secondary priority. (Ward/Edwards).

**Discussion:** Mayor Hopkins inquired about the Technical Committee decision of weighting the five priorities equally for their appropriateness. Mayor Hopkins stated that the past discussions weighed on those priorities and hoped the priorities were not acted on until they were discussed.

Mayor Hopkins stated that the equal weighting of the various components in the UPWP and the number of items that were excluded from equal weighting were of great concern to him. Mayor Hopkins stated that there had been discussions in the past regarding the Borough GIS expenditures and effort that the Borough undertook to support FMATS which was a conglomerate of agencies dealing with transportation. Mayor Hopkins stated that he thought that the GIS effort should have been part of the UPWP.

Ms. Gardino stated there was a concern she had raised about the GIS task and had wanted more information on it because she did not know the total effort of GIS support relative to what FMATS was funding. Ms. Gardino stated that she had raised the concern at the Technical Committee meeting and it had not gone any further.

Mayor Hopkins stated that Title 17 Right-of-Way takes were removed from the recommended actions included in the UPWP. Mayor Hopkins gave an example of the various plats and variances required for the Noble Street project. Mayor Hopkins stated that he did not understand why that was not a UPWP item when it was in support of an FMATS project. Mayor Hopkins stated that all the items in Tasks One through Six that had been excluded were of issue to him. Mayor Hopkins explained that there was limited discussion and was not sure there was enough knowledge of what happened to justify the exclusion of those items. Mayor Hopkins stated that the six items were part of FMATS.

**Amendment to the Motion:** To consider Items 1-6 for inclusion in the UPWP. (Hopkins/Sattley).

Mayor Ward called point of order as to whether the amendment to the motion was appropriate when the motion on the table was to approve the priority of the six items.

Mayor Hopkins stated that was why he thought they had things in backwards order since if they were going to agree to the weighting of all the items.

Mayor Ward stated that he would have to disagree as those were the six items that were required as necessary in the MOU for FMATS. Mayor Ward stated that Support Services were something that was done as support for the other five tasks in the MOU and they were basically outlining what Federal law stated.

Mr. Sattley inquired if numbers one through six under appropriateness were what was referenced by Support Services. Ms. Gardino stated that not all of them were under Support Services.

Mr. Sattley inquired if items one through six were not listed under Support Services then where they were located.

Ms. Gardino stated that in the meeting packet page 22, under Support Service,s included items such as the Trip Generation and Right of Way Takes. Updates to the Comprehensive Road Plan was under the MTP and Local Planning Authority was listed under the TIP. Mr. Sattley stated that he agreed that it was backwards.

Mayor Hopkins requested clarification from Ms. Gardino as to how the equal weighting of the tasks was determined.

Ms. Gardino stated that they were asked to prioritize the first five tasks with equal weighting except for Support Services which was weighted as half the priority weight to come up with the formula.

Mayor Hopkins inquired at what point the items were excluded.

Ms. Gardino stated that when they dealt with this they had the same issue and equally weighted the five and then went through and figured out what truly belonged in Support Services and attached a weighting to those tasks.

Mayor Hopkins inquired when the tasks were decided as inappropriate.

Ms. Gardino explained that they equally weighted the first five tasks and then went through and determined the appropriateness of the subtasks.

Mr. Sattley inquired about the word "half" in the weighting of the Support Services tasks.

Ms. Gardino stated that after discussion they decided that there were lesser tasks and they should be given half the weighting when allocating funding.

Mr. Sattley stated that Support Services only ended with half the money to accomplish those tasks. Ms. Gardino stated that all the tasks were underfunded but they accommodated it by giving only half the funds. Mr. Sattley inquired if the first five tasks were fully funded Ms. Gardino stated that no tasks were fully funded but the first five tasks that were considered priorities were given more than the sixth task.

Mayor Hopkins stated that the tasks were components of the UPWP and it appeared that the Technical Committee removed those tasks and just called them all equal when some of them might have been more equal than others.

Ms. Gardino stated that Title 23 listed the tasks that were important and the five listed were those priorities.

Mr. Campbell stated that he thought there had been good progress made in establishing a hierarchy of tasks and it was an attempt that was made to make the tasks compliant with the mandates and thought that the Technical Committee

had done a good job of identifying those mandates. Mr. Campbell stated that no categories were zeroed out, some tasks were moved around, but from his perspective the Technical Committee had done what was asked of them and they would have an opportunity to discuss them later. Mr. Campbell suggested that they approve the motion and then discuss the appropriateness of the tasks in the next agenda item.

**Amendment to the Motion:** The amendment to the motion was withdrawn. (Hopkins/Sattley).

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

**b. UPWP Task Appropriateness (Action Item)**

**Motion:** To approve the recommendations of the Technical Committee as to the appropriateness of tasks as outlined in the June 18, 2014 memorandum to the Policy Committee. (Schmetzer/Ward).

**Discussion:**

Mr. Sattley inquired if under appropriateness of tasks that was the detail of what was referred to in the 6/18/14 memo.

Ms. Gardino stated that she, Mr. Gryder, and Ms. Carpenter met and had gone through and reviewed the items and the action items were a result of the Technical Committee review of the task recommendations.

Mr. Sattley inquired if what they were doing now was all those recommendations wrapped up into one motion. Ms. Gardino stated that Mr. Sattley was correct and that was the summary memo. Mr. Walley asked for clarification of the summary memo.

Mayor Hopkins inquired about the tasks that were moved into the Support Services heading and excluded from the UPWP on the basis that the Borough would have to undertake them anyway. Mayor Hopkins stated that we lived in the FMATS area and would not undertake those tasks if they were not part of the UPWP. Mayor Hopkins stated that he would go through the items but they had a motion on the table.

**Amendment to the Motion:** To consider Items 1 – 6 for inclusion in the UPWP. (Hopkins/Sattley).

**Discussion:** Mayor Hopkins stated that if the actions excluded were not included in the UPWP you would not get a project through without them. Mayor Hopkins stated that road plan was part of the regional comprehensive plan, trip generation calculation, and re-plats were all tasks performed by the Borough that should be put back into the UPWP.

Mayor Ward inquired if Mayor Hopkins felt that the Borough should be compensated by FMATS for those tasks. Mayor Hopkins stated that first he wanted to determine the appropriateness of the tasks

Mayor Ward asked Ms. Gardino if the UPWP was a budget document.

Ms. Gardino stated that the UPWP was a two year work plan that was worked out between the FMATS, the Borough and DOT that outlined all the activities that were planned for the next two years. Mayor Ward inquired if the Borough paid DOT for the tasks they performed.

Mayor Hopkins stated that the Technical Committee made recommendations to remove it from the work program but it had always been a component of the Work Program. Mayor Hopkins stated that the issue was not compensation, but that it was not part of the Work Program and he objected to that. Mayor Hopkins stated that the pay part could be discussed later. Mayor Ward inquired if Mayor Hopkins was stating that since it had always been there, it should remain in there.

Mayor Hopkins stated that they should be included because that was the work the Borough had done for the MPO as appropriate for the Work Plan. Mayor Hopkins cited the example of the deletion by the Technical Committee of the updates to the Comprehensive Road Plan and the Vision Fairbanks Plan as they were deemed inappropriate. Mayor Hopkins stated that if FMATS did not come forward with changes to road directions and traffic flow, it would not be necessary for the Borough to do that.

Mayor Ward stated that those were important things that the Borough and City did and the MPO should incorporate those ideas into their transportation plan but did not feel that the Borough or City should be paid for them since they were done as part of their organization. Mayor Ward stated that the MPO should include those tasks but the Borough should not be compensated for them.

Mr. Campbell stated that the Technical Committee was assigned to do something and they were the technical experts in those areas and the Policy Committee should respect their work and try to adopt those recommendations if they could. Mr. Campbell stated that he would agree that a lot of the tasks were linked together but supported Mayor Ward's position that the tasks were not really their focus and would recommend adoption of the recommendations made by the Technical Committee.

Mayor Hopkins stated that the Technical Committee recommended to the Borough that Local Planning Authority (LPA) had been in Support Services as a task that fell under the five tasks in the UPWP that they remove the citation that stated it was not an appropriate part of the planning action.

**Vote on Amendment to the Motion:** Two in favor (Hopkins/Sattley). Five opposed. (Edwards, Campbell, Schmetzer, Ward, Walley). Motion failed.

Mayor Hopkins inquired about the Technical Committee recommendation to move the Chair of the CMAQ Project Evaluation Board placement under Task 100.

Ms. Gardino explained that Mr. Miller was the Chair of the CMAQ Evaluation Board and received his funding under Task 200 and the Technical Committee decided that it would be best moved to Task 100 for accounting purposes.

Mayor Hopkins inquired about the Public Participation Plan (PPP) section in the UPWP and the Technical Committee recommendation to add responding to requests by the public to the PPP. Ms. Gardino stated that they wanted to make sure all elements of the PPP were in the appropriate section of the UPWP.

Mayor Hopkins inquired if it gave authority to any particular person and whether it was the same for monitoring legislation. Ms. Gardino stated that she would have to read it to be sure, but it had not been the intent to exclude anyone since everyone had their own process for how they respond to Legislators. Ms. Gardino cited the reasoning behind moving the tasks to the Public Participation Plan section.

**Vote on Motion:** Five in favor. (Walley, Schmetzer, Ward, Edwards, Campbell) Two opposed. (Hopkins/Sattley). Approved.

**c. UPWP PL Allocation Distribution for FFY15 and FFY16 (Action Item)**

Ms. Gardino stated that Technical Committee recommendation was to adopt the flat rate distribution as the best rate option.

Ms. Gardino stated that a letter had been sent inquiring about the reason for the 20% percent being taken off the top of the PL funding. Ms. Gardino stated that a response had not been received from Headquarters.

**Motion:** To approve Option #2 for the PL Distribution (the flat rate for DOT&PF and use of the same distribution as the base option). (Sattley/Ward).

**Discussion:** Discussion of the funding allocation followed.

Mr. Sattley inquired about the current amount the Borough would receive.

Mayor Ward inquired if the amount reflected the increase in the PL funding allocation.

Ms. Gardino stated that advertising by the Coordinator's office was taken out and then the remainder was distributed among the six tasks.

Ms. Gardino stated that Ms. Carpenter had done a great job of putting the information together and she wanted to thank her for that work.

Mayor Ward inquired if the amount of hours for those tasks was submitted by each entity for their efforts.

Ms. Gardino stated that all the entities used the same formatted task spreadsheet and submitted their hours of work per task which was the backup information used in the calculations.

Mayor Hopkins stated that GIS effort provided by the Borough that many entities in FMATS used was listed under the Support Services Section and wondered about the amount that was highlighted in yellow.

Ms. Carpenter stated that what was shown in red was actually half of the total cost.

Ms. Gardino stated that GIS services were not located under that task but under TIP Development there were hours listed for GIS support towards TIP development and another group of hours listed under the Public Participation Plan that was going towards GIS support and mapping.

Mayor Hopkins stated that he agreed that those were the hours that were used but the Borough cost of \$500,000 for GIS updates and to make GIS available for all entities to use was not listed in the priorities.

**Amendment to the Motion:** To adjust the amount of Option #2 to increase the FNSB distribution by \$50,000 and decrease the Coordinator's distribution by \$50,000. (Hopkins/Sattley).

Mayor Hopkins stated that the Borough was trying to get some amount of compensation for the work that went into maintaining the GIS system availability and not just the hours. Mayor Hopkins stated that they were trying to get some compensation for having the GIS information readily available for use.

Mayor Ward suggested offsetting CTP funds in the future to cover the costs of GIS.

Mayor Hopkins stated that to have planning actions available the hours were compensated for but not the basic cost for having the GIS services available.

Mayor Ward inquired if the Borough charged anybody else for that service.

Mayor Hopkins stated that they did charge for GIS services. Mayor Hopkins stated that you could download the data if you were an agency or a non-profit.

Mayor Ward stated that maybe the Borough should consider charging everybody and not just FMATS. Mayor Hopkins stated that the Borough had the license to maintain that robust GIS system and should be compensated for that service. Mayor Ward stated that if the Borough could provide a cost breakdown to FMATS for the cost they were being charged versus anyone else.

Mr. Campbell stated that all the services provided to the public were not charged and it was just the cost of doing business in today's world. Mr. Campbell thought the Technical Committee had made an honest effort to appropriate the dollars and prioritize tasks and assign value to them and he would support those efforts.

Mayor Hopkins stated that he took issue with compensation of hours to support the Borough employees but the GIS system required GIS licensing to have that access and found it a stretch that FMATS should not try to cover some of those efforts to keep the GIS up and running.

Mayor Ward stated that he thought that hours submitted were hours towards specifically assisting the MPO and not just hours to maintain the system. Mayor Hopkins stated that the Borough was doing that work in support of the UPWP effort. Mayor Ward stated that Mayor Hopkins had previously stated that the time submitted was time required to maintain the GIS system.

Mayor Hopkins stated that for DOT to grab a piece as they were looking at a TIP project when finding centerlines etc., he did not have a list of what each individual in GIS did for those specific hours but did have spreadsheets that broke down the hours. Mayor Hopkins stated that FMATS was not compensating the Borough for keeping the GIS system active. Ms. Edwards asked for clarification regarding whether infrastructure to keep systems up and running was discussed when the hours were submitted and whether or not those hours to keep the infrastructure up were reflected as well.

Ms. Gardino stated that they had considered the cost of software and maintenance of the GIS system. Ms. Gardino stated that FMATS did not have a GIS license, but it was considered an indirect cost since it was not specific to any one task.

Mayor Ward inquired about the cost the Borough paid for an expanded version of GIS and the associated licensing. Mayor Hopkins stated that it was approximately \$125,000 for the license and then to install and coordinate the system with different layers of information it was about \$490,000 annually.

Mayor Ward inquired what the cost would be if his business wanted to buy the expanded version of GIS to have access. Mr. Spillman stated that it was approximately \$65,000 per year to maintain the base cost of the GIS license. Mr. Spillman stated that the software had to be purchased by a business then they would have to pay the Borough \$250 to get a password for the Borough FTP site to obtain the Borough data to run the software.

Ms. Gardino stated that the last time she looked at purchasing GIS for FMATS, a GIS license was \$10,000-\$12,000 and depended on what type of license you were purchasing and what software you were buying with it.

**Vote on Amendment to the Motion:** Two in favor. (Hopkins/Sattley).  
Five opposed. (Ward, Schmetzer, Walley, Campbell, Edwards).  
Motion Failed.

**Vote on Original Motion:** Five in favor. (Ward, Schmetzer, Walley, Campbell, Edwards) Two opposed. (Hopkins/Sattley). Approved.

## 8. New Business

### a. Interim MTP Request (Action Item)

Ms. Gardino stated that the Consultant was unable to do the Travel Model to obtain an analysis for the MTP.

**Motion:** To forward the letter requesting an extension of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to the U.S. DOT. (Ward/Walley).

Discussion: Ms. Gardino stated that she would make the correction to the letter changing the "Acting" Division Administrator to Division Administrator. Ms. Edwards inquired if Ms. Gardino saw any need for a TIP Amendment during the extension period. Ms. Gardino stated that she did not think there a TIP Amendment would be necessary since they had recently done one.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

### b. Noble Street Upgrades PH3 Increase (Action Item)

Ms. Gardino stated that DOT had requested an increase in Phase 3 funding.

**Motion:** To approve up to \$1.3 million for Phase 3 of the Noble Street Upgrade project. (Campbell/Edwards).

**Discussion:** Mayor Hopkins inquired about the amount of the reduction for the South Cushman project. Ms. Gardino stated that an offset was received of \$758,146.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

### c. Chena Small Tracts PH4 Contribution (Action Item)

Ms. Gardino stated that since the meeting packet was assembled DOT had thought they were short of funding, but it turned out that \$63,000 excess was currently available so they were good to go right now and no further action was required.

### d. FMATS Improvement Program Recommendations (Action Item)

Ms. Gardino stated that the subcommittee met and submitted project lists to the Technical Committee who recommended a couple more projects. Ms. Gardino explained that the meeting packet contained a list of the proposed projects.

**Motion:** To move forward with the design of the FMATS Improvement Program recommendations as presented, and once construction funding is known, prioritize the list for construction. (Ward/Sattley).

**Discussion:** Mayor Ward inquired if there was a maintenance agreement in place for the South Lathrop Crossing Rehabilitation project. Mayor Hopkins stated that there had been some comment from the Railroad that they would be able to take over the maintenance. Mayor Ward stated that he was unaware that there was a Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Walley stated that he thought that in a meeting several months ago, it was understood that there was no Maintenance Agreement for the project. Ms. Gardino stated that no one was willing to sign a maintenance agreement. Mr. Campbell inquired what type of maintenance was required for the project.

Mayor Hopkins stated that the Borough had two railroad crossings that they currently maintained. Mayor Ward stated that it was his understanding that FMATS passed a policy last year that they would not fund projects without having a Maintenance Agreement in place.

Mayor Hopkins inquired if the Railroad would design the crossing or it would be designed by DOT. Ms. Gardino stated that the Railroad was proposing to design the crossing. Ms. Schacher stated that they had the ability to do railroad crossing design.

**Amendment to the Motion:** To defer the South Lathrop Railroad Crossing project until a Maintenance Agreement is clarified. (Campbell/Schmetzer).

**Discussion:** No further discussion.

**Vote on Amendment to the Motion:** Five in favor. (Campbell, Edwards, Walley, Ward, Schmetzer). Two opposed. (Hopkins/Sattley). Approved.

**Motion:** To move forward with the design of the FMATS Improvement Program Project recommendations as presented, and once construction funding is known, prioritize the list for construction and defer the South Lathrop Railroad Crossing until a Maintenance Agreement is clarified.

**Vote on Motion:** None opposed. Approved.

**e. Airport Way Fencing**

Ms. Gardino stated that members of the public were against the fencing along Airport Way. Ms. Gardino stated that a request was made to take down the chain link fence, but the PM funds were to replace the fencing in-kind. Ms. Gardino stated that they were looking at ways to try to beautify Airport Way and under the PM project that was not the effort.

Mayor Hopkins stated that he had requested the agenda item since there had been a lot of discussion regarding this project. Mayor Hopkins stated that he wanted to develop a project to beautify along Airport Way. Mayor Hopkins

stated that there had been discussion to plant lilac bushes, but it had been deemed as a safety issue. Mayor Hopkins stated that this was the second beautification issue that had been discussed recently, the previous had been Illinois Street which had been voted down.

Mr. Campbell stated that as DOT they were charged with the responsibility of safe mobility but were not opposed to beautification. Mr. Campbell stated that the main problem was with people crossing in an unapproved thoroughfare. Mr. Campbell stated that there were different types of fencing, issues of maintaining, and paying for that fencing were also considerations. Mr. Campbell stated that Airport Way was a maintenance activity and not intended as a beautification project.

Mayor Hopkins thanked Mr. Campbell for his comments. Mr. Schmetzer asked Mr. Campbell about the Lake Otis project in Anchorage where the road was converted to three lanes. Mr. Campbell stated that he did not recall that 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue had the speeds or pedestrian activity that Airport Way.

Mr. Schmetzer stated that the landscaping along that project was beautiful. Mr. Campbell stated that the urban density was not the same in that area as in other parts of Anchorage. Mr. Schmetzer stated that maybe that could be used as a model when designing a project.

Mr. Campbell stated that they had a lot of problems with pedestrians crossing in an unauthorized area. Mr. Campbell cited an incident where a hole had been put in a 10 ft. wooden fence to get through the fence and a kid got killed crossing the highway. Mr. Campbell stated that he was open to ideas and willing to talk.

Mayor Ward inquired if AMATS had a beautification policy. Mr. Campbell stated that there were three categories: a Capital projects category, pavement maintenance category, and trails maintenance category and the Policy Committee set the percentage of money that went into those categories which helped ensure that everyone got funding and they tried to look at it in a two to four year cycle.

**9. Public Comment Period (3 minute limit)**

No comment.

**10. Other Issues**

None.

**11. Informational Items**

**a. Fairbanks International Airport Master Plan Update**

Mr. VanderZanden gave a brief presentation for the Fairbanks Airport Master Plan Update. Mr. VanderZanden stated that July 14, 2014 there would be an FIA Master Plan Update Open House at Pioneer Park from 4 to 7PM.

Mr. VanderZanden stated that the 2014 AMP Update was on schedule and

all capital improvements on the west side had been completed and the east side was the next area slated for improvements that would be staged incrementally.

**b. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking HSIP and Planning**

Ms. Gardino stated that the HSIP Rulemaking comment period had been extended until June 30, 2014.

**c. Artwork and Historical Plaque Update**

Ms. Gardino stated that the artwork was in progress, on schedule, and expected to be installed the first week of September.

Ms. Gardino stated that the Historic Plaques were installed and could be viewed at the Illinois Street green space.

**d. Obligations/Offsets**

Ms. Gardino explained the obligations/offset list included in the meeting packet.

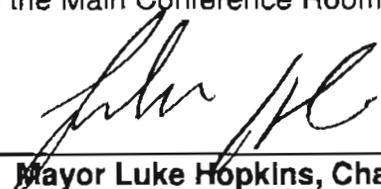
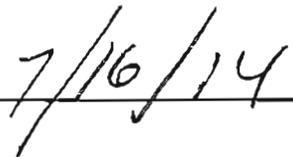
**12. Policy Committee Comments**

- Mr. Campbell thanked Ms. Gardino and the Technical Committee for working through the UPWP issues stating that he knew it had been contentious thing but appreciated their efforts and thanked them for getting through it.
- Mr. Sattley inquired if Ms. Gardino had put College Road on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- Mr. Walley thanked Ms. Gardino for all her hard work on the UPWP allocation.
- Mayor Hopkins stated that he was disappointed the funding allocation came out the way it did and thought it was an error by the Policy Committee. Mayor Hopkins told everyone to be safe and enjoy the Fourth of July and the upcoming Solstice weekend.

**13. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Hopkins at 12:30 p.m.

The next Policy Committee Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 10 a.m. in the Main Conference Room, DOT&PF, 2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks.

Approved:  Date:   
Mayor Luke Hopkins, Chair  
FMATS Policy Committee