

ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERALLY OBLIGATED PROJECTS FOR THE FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (FMATS)



FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015

(October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015)

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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 This provision still applies in 23 USC 134 under the more recent highway authorization, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, or MAP-21. Cooperation is essential because of the different responsibilities held by the organizations in planning, programming, and project implementation. This report lists all transportation projects in FMATS that were obligated in the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2015 (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015).

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), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Public Participation Plan (PPP), Air Quality Conformity and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

SUMMARY OF FFY14 FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS IN FMATS

This report indicates approximately \$16.6 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects by the MPO in FFY15. The largest project was College Road Rehabilitation which totaled approximately \$2.7 million. FMATS initiated two projects this fiscal year: The FMATS Improvement Program FFY15 through FFY17 and the Tanana Loop and South Chandalar Drive Intersection project.

After consultation with the transit operator, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the federally obligated projects were operating projects and replacement of paratransit vans.

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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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.

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**FMATS FFY15 FINAL OBLIGATIONS OF
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Funding	Project ID	Project Name	Federal	Total	Status
FCTP	90013	Aurora and Auburn Drive Resurfacing	\$1,351,997	\$1,486,201	Construction obligated
FCTP	60820	Badger Road Bike/Pedestrian Path Resurfacing	\$1,424,594	\$1,566,004	Construction obligated
FCTP	62164	College Road Pavement Rehabilitation	\$2,712,567	\$3,069,526	Constructed in 2015
FCTP	61725	Fairbanks Noble Street Upgrade	\$181,939	\$200,000	Design obligated
FCTP	64103	FMATS Area Surface & Approach Upgrades FFY2015	\$628,806	\$691,224	Constructed in 2015
FCTP	63372	FMATS Area Surface Upgrades FFY2014	\$140,997	\$154,993	Constructed in 2015
PL	60813	FMATS Bike and Pedestrian Count Methodology	\$20,000	\$21,985	Under negotiations with the consultant
FCTP	60557	FMATS Coordinators Office FFY2015-2017	\$306,945	\$337,413	Planning funds
PL	64232	FMATS Freight Mobility Plan	\$93,368	\$102,636	Under negotiations with the consultant
FCTP	NFHwy00006	FMATS Improvement Program FFY2015-2017	\$272,910	\$300,000	Project is in Design
FCTP	62536	FMATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update	\$27,086	\$29,775	Project is Complete
CMAQ	61661	FMATS Pedestrian Improvements- Stage I	\$227,425	\$250,000	Design was completed in 2015
CMAQ	61661	FMATS Pedestrian Improvements- Stage I	\$90,970	\$100,000	Utilities underway
FCTP	61661	FMATS Pedestrian Improvements- Stage I	\$2,303,624	\$2,532,290	Construct in 2016
	61324	FMATS Preventative Maintenance FFY2012- 2014	\$63,679	\$70,000	Design complete
CMAQ	60458	FNSB Air Quality Hot Spot Guidance Program	\$818,730	\$900,000	Program administered by DEC
FCTP	63293	Goldhill Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility	\$68,228	\$75,000	Final Design
FCTP	63293	Goldhill Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility	\$3,355,475	\$3,688,551	Construction in 2016
FCTP	63102	Illinois Street Reconstruction	\$741,677	\$785,925	Additional right-of-way work outstanding
FCTP	62838	McGrath Road Upgrade	\$363,880	\$400,000	Final design obligated
FCTP	62687	South Cushman Street Resurfacing	\$68,604	\$75,414	Constructed completed in 2015
CMAQ	62836	Steese Expressway to Front Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Path	\$122,810	\$135,000	Utilities underway

**FMATS FFY15 FINAL OBLIGATIONS OF
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Funding	Project ID	Project Name	Federal	Total	Status
FCTP	90014	Tanana Loop and South Chandalar Drive Intersections	\$257,516	\$283,078	Project design is underway
Total Federal Obligations FFY15			\$15,643,827	\$17,255,015	

Legend: FCTP=Surface (Community) Transportation Program, CMAQ=Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, PL = Planning Funds

**FMATS FFY15 FINAL PROGRAMMED
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Funding	Project Description	Federal	Total
5307	Urbanized Area Formula Grant - Transit	\$748,499	\$1,364,731
5339	Transit Vans replacement	\$80,523	\$100,653
5311	Rural Transit (Grey line)	\$165,385	\$290,863