

# FMATS 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Non-Motorized Project Nomination Form

Project nominations are accepted from the public and are scored based on the adopted Project Scoring Criteria. These criteria assign weight based on the project's impact on the following:

1. Health and Quality of Life
2. Safety Improvements
3. Public Support
4. Road Maintenance and Condition
5. Other Considerations (Economic Development, Security, Utility Conflict Resolution, etc.)

The score the project receives will be used to determine the project's eligibility for funding in the Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP. The TIP identifies, prioritizes and allocates anticipated funding for transportation improvements over a 4 year period.

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**Name of Proposed Project:** Wembley Avenue: Aurora Dr - Danby St Pedestrian Improvements

**Project Scope/ Description:**

Construct a pedestrian facility along the north side of Wembley Avenue from Aurora Drive to Danby Street.

**Is there a commitment from a public organization to maintain this project if built? If so please identify that organization below.**

This route is maintained by the City. The City has been contacted to see if they would maintain this new facility.

**Has an organization agreed to pay the non-federal funding match for this project? If so please identify the organization that has committed to pay the non-federal share.**

Upon agreement, the City would fund the non-federal share of this project.

**Does this project support all or some of the four goals of FMATS? The four goals are listed below please explain the relationship between these goals and this project.**

**1. Coordinate planning efforts to provide an integrated transportation and land use system that embodies smart growth principles and stimulates the economy to grow.**



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**2. Provide a safe, efficient, secure, and interconnected multi-modal transportation system for all users.**

**3. Protect the environment, improve air quality, promote energy efficiency, and enhance regional quality of life.**

**4. Optimize the utility and lifespan of the existing transportation system.**

Goal 1: This project supports the Smart Growth principles of creating walkable neighborhoods; fostering distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place; strengthening existing communities; and it provides a variety of transportation choices. The zoning in this area includes multi-family housing to the north and east coupled with outdoor recreational opportunities. There are also light and heavy industrial uses due west of Wembley.

Goal 2: This project supports the FMATS goals by connecting this neighborhood to the existing sidewalk system. This project would connect the facilities on Aurora Drive to the Johansen Expressway Separated Path. It would also connect the facilities on Danby Road to those on Aurora Drive.

It gives users a safe place to walk rather than using the roadway. Senior and disabled groups will have an ADA accessible facility to use in this neighborhood. Additionally, it reduces conflicts between motorists and pedestrians along the corridor.

Goal 3: Connecting individuals to the neighborhood sidewalk system promotes an enhanced quality of life. Offering a safe facility for pedestrians will encourage people in the area to walk which could result in fewer vehicle emissions.

Goal 4: For individuals who choose to walk the reduction in vehicle miles traveled will reduce the wear and tear on the exiting transportation system. Additionally, by offering a more complete street, individuals will find more utility in this roadway corridor.

**1) Does this project improve community health and/or quality of life? For example: improve air and water quality, enhance intermodal connectedness, reduce congestion, etc.**

This project improves community health and quality of life by offering a safe facility for pedestrians, improving community aesthetics, enhancing intermodal connectedness, and reducing congestion. Air quality can also be improved by the possible increase in pedestrians along this corridor.

**2) Is safety a factor? For example, is there a history of accidents or safety complaints?**

Yes, there have been a consistent number of crashes that have occurred at the Wembley Avenue and Aurora Drive or Wembley Avenue and Danby Street intersections. In 2008, there were 2 crashes; in 2009 there were 3 crashes; in 2010 there were 2 crashes; in 2011 there were 3 crashes; and in 2012 there was 1 crash.

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**3) Would you describe the public support for this project as broad-based, localized, or limited? Please provide a justification for this level of public support.**

This project is identified as a short-term priority in the newly adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan. It is also identified in the 2012 Non-Motorized Transportation Plan as a high priority pedestrian project.

**4) Will this project improve drainage, decrease operating cost, promote efficient system management or improve overall facility condition? Please explain:**

By reducing the requirement to use a personal automobile for transportation individuals can promote efficient system management by choosing to walk rather than drive. Adding a sidewalk improves the overall facility condition by giving pedestrians a place to walk.

**5) Are there other benefits of this project? For example: national security, community development or otherwise economic benefits**

Increasing walkability in this area should increase in property values. Creating a safe place for residents to walk should offer crime reduction benefits while promoting neighborhood vibrancy.

This cost of this project is identified as \$400,000 in the MTP and should be considered as a part of the FMATS Sidewalk Improvement Project.

This project addresses the following performance measures: air quality, congestion mitigation and safety.

**Please address other issues that have not been addressed concerning this project. (Attach additional pages and/or photos as necessary)**

The functional classification of the road is minor arterial.

The FMATS 2040 MTP spending plan lists \$0.4 million for this project.

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**Please submit completed form and attachments to the MPO Coordinator via mail, fax or email.**



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## Highway Log Report

**CDS Route:** 177350 Wembley Avenue \* Fairbanks (Internal Dup # 0)

**Milepoint:** 0.000 to 0.509





**General Direction:** West

**Features Selected:**





 Cross Streets
  Mileposts
  Bridges/Culverts
  Railroad Crossings
  Buildings/Landmarks

**Attributes Selected**

DOT&PF Region: [Northern Region](#)  
 Borough: [Fairbanks North Star Borough](#)  
 Census Area: [Fairbanks North Star Boro Census Area](#)  
 Election District: [House District 9](#)  
 Maintenance Station: [Fairbanks Station](#)  
 Maintenance Category: [No Category Assigned \(Non-DOT Rd\)](#)  
 Paved/Unpaved: [Paved](#)  
 Ownership/Maintenance: [City Highway Agency](#)  
 National Highway System: [Not NHS](#)  
 Alaska Highway System: [Not AHS](#)  
 Functional Classification: [Urban Local Road](#)  
 Rural/Urban/Urbanized: [Urbanized \(Pop 50,000 to 199,999\)](#)

Milepoint	Side	Feature CDS	Feature
0.000	-	-	Road Beginning
0.000	Behind	-	 Gravel Road
0.052	Right	-	 Aurora Motors Ent
0.117	Left	-	 Sourdough Fuel Ent
0.117	Right	-	 Aurora Motors Ent
0.118	-	-	Road Continues

Attribute Description	Changed From	Changed To	Milepoint
Maintenance Category:	No Category Assigned (Non-DOT Rd)	Cat II Ltr Agrmnt/DOT Rd Maint by Other	0.184
Ownership/Maintenance:	City Highway Agency	State Highway Agency	0.184
Functional Classification:	Urban Local Road	Urban Minor Arterial	0.184

Milepoint	Side	Feature CDS	Feature
0.184	Left	177140	 Danby Street
0.184	Right	177140	 Danby Street
0.509	Left	150125	 Aurora Drive
0.509	Right	150125	 Aurora Drive

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## Highway Log Report

**CDS Route:** 177140 Danby Street \* Fairbanks (Internal Dup # 0)

**Milepoint:** 0.000 to 0.760













**General Direction:** Northeast

**Features Selected:**

 Cross Streets
  Mileposts
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**Attributes Selected**

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 Maintenance Station: [Fairbanks Station](#)  
 Maintenance Category: [Category II All Year](#)  
 Paved/Unpaved: [Paved](#)  
 Ownership/Maintenance: [State Highway Agency](#)  
 National Highway System: [Not NHS](#)  
 Alaska Highway System: [Not AHS](#)  
 Functional Classification: [Urban Minor Arterial](#)  
 Rural/Urban/Urbanized: [Urbanized \(Pop 50,000 to 199,999\)](#)

Milepoint	Side	Feature CDS	Feature
0.000	Left	177200	 Johansen Expressway
0.000	Right	177200	 Johansen Expressway
0.007	Both	-	 Johansen Expy WB Lanes
0.150	Left	177350	 Wembley Avenue
0.150	Right	177350	 Wembley Avenue
0.208	Right	-	 Aurora Kia Auto Sales
0.344	Both	-	 Bainbridge Blvd
0.532	Both	-	 Hampstead Avenue
0.732	Ahead	-	 Noyes Slough Br# 1448 Begin Deck
0.747	Behind	-	 Noyes Slough 1448 End Deck
0.760	Left	150100	 College Road
0.760	Right	150100	 College Road

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