

NEWSLETTER

Working together to achieve safe and efficient multi-modal transportation solutions

2015-2018 TIP and Conformity Determination - Comments are Requested!

A Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four year plan that includes projects that will be constructed in that time period. Numerous project categories are permitted, such as Non-Motorized projects, Highway Safety Improvement Projects, trails projects, transit, congestion mitigation and air quality projects. It contains all regionally significant projects regardless of funding source. Review and comment online through 7/17/15 or attend one of our Open House Events (information below).

Through concurrence during interagency consultation with the air quality agencies, a new regional emissions analysis was not required since the new TIP is consistent with the recently completed Metropolitan Transportation Plan (and link to the plan page). *The conformity analysis is available for review and comment as well.*

Open Houses for the 2015-2018 TIP:

- 6/23/15: North Pole City Council Chambers, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole. 4:30-6:30PM.
- 6/24/15: Fairbanks City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks. 4:30-6:30PM.

View the TIP: [2015-2018 TIP](#)

Conformity Determination: [Conf](#)

Conformity Appendices: [Appendices](#)

Send a comment: [E-mail](#)

The projects included in the Draft 2015-2018 TIP are:

Airport Way Beautification
Airport Way Preventative Maintenance-Stage II
Barnette Street Reconstruction
Birch Hill Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility
Chena River Walk Stage III
Chena Small Tracts Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility
College Road Bus Pullouts
College Road Rehabilitation & Intersection Improvements
Cowles Street Reconstruction (East Cowles - 1st Avenue)
Cushman Street/Gaffney Road Reconstruction
Dennis Road Lighting Improvements
Fairbanks Cushman Street Bridge Replacement
Fairbanks Rail Realignment
FMATS Advance Project Definition
FMATS Coordinators Office
FMATS Freight Mobility Plan
FMATS Improvement Program
FMATS Intersection Improvement Program
FMATS Pedestrian Improvements- Stage I
FMATS Safety and Efficiency Program
FMATS Sidewalk Improvement Program
FMATS Sign Replacement-Stage III
FMATS Streetlight Conversion- Stage III
Gillam Way Reconstruction
Gold Hill Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility
Illinois Street Reconstruction: Cushman Street Bridge Replacement
Lacey Street Reconstruction
Lathrop Street Extension Reconstruction
Loftus Road Pedestrian Improvements
McGrath Road Upgrade
Minnie Street Upgrade
Noble Street Upgrade
North Pole Intersection Improvements
North Pole Streetlight Standardization
Old Steese Highway- Wendell Avenue Bridge to Trainor Gate Road Reconstruction
Paratransit vehicles
Peger Road Undercrossing
Peridot Street Reconstruction
Phillips Field Road Guardrail Installation
Plack Road Bike/Pedestrian Facility
South Cushman 15th to Mitchell: Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements
Steese Expressway to Front Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Path
Tanana Loop and Alumni Drive Intersection Improvements
Transit Buses
Wembly Avenue Pedestrian Improvements: Aurora Drive to Danby Street
Wickersham Street Upgrades - Stage II
Yankovich/Miller Hill Road Multi-Use Path



To see details on the projects, visit the [TIP page](#) on the [FMATS Website](#)

Not all projects will be funded as it is fiscally constrained. FMATS receives about \$9M per year in Federal Highway funding.

Recent Changes

- FMATS has created a Policies and Procedures document to have all of the policies in one place and to formalize the procedures. Once the draft is reviewed and approved, the final document will be set as a guideline for FMATS. This document will aid in the decision making of processes, so more time is spent on the process itself.

Read our [Draft Policy Document](#) and let us know what you think!

- FMATS has printed new BikeWays Maps! There are new proposed areas and fewer restricted areas for bicycles. Pick one up at the FMATS Office in City Hall, 800 Cushman Street or view it [here](#).



Constructing this Summer

Projects that are under construction this summer are:

- Bennet Road Resurfacing
- Chena Small Tracts Improvements
- College Road Rehabilitation & Intersection Improvements
- Cushman Complete Street
- FMATS Improvement Program
 - FFY14: Amherst Drive, Fairbanks Street, 17th Avenue, Gaffney Road, Turner Street, North Pole City Streets, Carlson Center and Griffin Park Bike Paths, South Fairbanks Paths, Lion's Recreation Area Access Road.
 - FFY15: Trinidad Drive, Ouida Way, NP Approaches.
- FMATS Streetlight Conversion - Stage III
- Hurst Road Resurfacing
- Plack Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility
- Yankovich/Miller Hill Road Multi-Use Path



Photo: Survey of the Yankovich/Miller Hill Road Multi-Use Path

Bike and Ped Counts



With the help of volunteers, FMATS counted 726 bikers, 278 pedestrians, and 19 others over a 3-day span at 17 intersections.

The intersections with the most activity were Farmers Loop Road and Ballaine Road, Peger Road and Airport Way, and University Avenue and Airport Way.

Compared to last year's count, biking had increased 25% and Pedestrians had increased 5%.

More information can be found on the FMATS website [Count Page](#)

Upcoming Events

2015-2018 TIP Open Houses

- Wednesday, June 23rd,
North Pole City Hall @
4:30pm
- Thursday, June 24th,
Fairbanks City Hall @
4:30pm

Next Technical Committee Meeting:

- Wednesday, July 1st,
Fairbanks City Hall @ 12pm

Next Policy Committee Meeting:

- Wednesday, July 15th,
Fairbanks City Hall @ 10am



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