

MVP for Transportation MPO Technical Committee Meeting

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Minutes

Tuesday, September 10th, 2024

2:00 - 3:30pm

Meeting Location

Musk Ox Farm

12850 E Archie Road, Palmer Alaska 99645

Hayloft / Classroom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm.

2. Introduction of MPO Technical Committee Members and other Attendees

Members Present

Adam Bradway for Clint Adler, Alaska DOT&PF
Adeyemi Alimi, Alaska DEC
Alex Strawn, MSB
Ben White, Alaska DOT&PF
Brad Sworts for Tom Adams, MSB
Brian Winnestaffer, Chickaloon Native Village
Crystal Smith, MSBSD
Erich Schaal, City of Wasilla
Kate Dueber for Brian Lindamood, ARRC
Lawrence Smith, Trucking Industry Advocate
Richard Martin for Bob Charles, Knik Tribe

Members Absent

Bob Charles, Knik Tribe
Dan Tucker, RSA Representative
Jennifer Busch, Public Transit
Jude Bilafer, City of Palmer
Randy Durham, MSB TAB
Stuart Leidner, Mobility Advocate

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Visitors Present

Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS
Cynthia Wentworth, Commuter Rail Planning Commission
Elise Blocker, RESPEC
John Linnell, Alaska DOT&PF
Kaylan Wade, Chickaloon Native Village
Kenny Kleewein, MSB
Kim Sollien, MVP MPO Coordinator
Luke Bowland, Alaska DOT&PF
Marie Heidemann, FHWA
Megan Flory, RESPEC
Sharon Johnson, Alaska Legislature

3. Approval of the September 10th, 2024, Agenda – (Action Item)

*Motion to approve the September 10th, 2024 Agenda (**Bradway**), seconded. Passed unanimously.*

4. Approval of the August 13th, 2024, Minutes – (Action Item)

*Motion to approve the August 12th, 2024 Minutes (**L. Smith**), seconded.*

Correction on attendance: Crystal Smith was present.

On page 7, under New Business “This is a state contract.” moved to item C.

Passed unanimously with administrative edits.

5. Committee/Working Group Reports (Including the Staff Report)

a. Staff Report

- **Schedule of topics**

Kim Sollien provided a staff report. Attended the Statewide MPO meeting. Met with transit planning staff. On page 14 of the packet is the Schedule of Topics. The Green highlights are items that have been completed. It has been busy. The two months will continue to be busy. Several questions have arisen that we are working through, such as training on funding and types of funding and RSA funding and whether their funding could be used to support the MPO. We aren't quite ready to have the conversation yet. The UPWP has been transmitted to the FHWA. FY25 funding is expected to be available on October 21, 2024.

Adam Bradway: The FTA responded about Alaska DOT&PF funding transit, but the funding is not eligible. We need to find ways to spend other funding sources.

6. Voices of the Visitors (Non-Action Items)

None

7. Old Business

a. Alaska DOT&PF Commissioner Letter to FHWA and FTA and Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive (3C) Policy

Ben White provided a summary of the evolution of the 3C document. The Commissioner's office transmitted the letter. There are a few more comments to but it is close to being finalized. The State intends to take the 3C document and create an agreement or policy. It will be a living document that will be used in conjunction with other state operating agreements.

Kim Sollien: Adam Bradway communicates with me regularly. It has been a good partnership. Once the performance measures are brought forward, we can add to them. Just to add, there are additional

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comments. These are Donna's comments, and I agree with a lot of what she said. Please review it, and at our next meeting, we can decide if we want to make these changes as an action item.

Adam Bradway: We are under time constraints. We know this version may not be perfect, but we want to keep you in the loop.

Lawrence Smith: Why was the change in process made to the STIP?

Ben White: We were running into time constraints. We were moving to an electronic STIP, and the Commissioner's office took over to expedite to process.

Lawrence Smith: Is that a permanent change?

Ben White: We anticipate the STIP will come back to Planning. STIP can take up to 18 months to put together. Amendments happen quite frequently.

Brian Winnestaffer: Seems like we need to have Old Business, New Business, and add TIP Business.

b. Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) MVP Comments and Responses

Kim Sollien provided an overview of the STIP comments and responses. MVP drafted a STIP letter that did not make it into the packet.

c. Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) Amendment #1 Update

- Alaska DOT&PF STIP Website <https://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/cip/stip/>

Brian Winnestaffer: Why do the numbers keep changing?

Ben White: There is a ripple effect when a change is made. There are many moving parts. In the past we could just do an administrative modification. We are already working on amendment two.

Adam Bradway: There is more to pay attention to now. Once we have TIP it will be in the STIP.

Ben White: In response to comment 15, we are paying with state dollars what we will receive from federal dollars in the future.

Adam Bradway: It would be worthwhile for MVP to start programming 2026. The timeline to have it done is the end of 2026. You might not have a TIP in place so we will likely have to do this again.

8. New Business

a. Membership Dues Overview and Request

Kimm Sollien provided a summary overview of the membership dues. Within the packet is the MOU and fees schedule that was approved in September 2023. IN the next two months, MVP will start invoicing for fees. This year the legislative branch is paying for the match. The proposal includes an includes per person.

b. Planning Requirements for Road Miles and Match Percentages – Pavement Management Plan, Sign Management Plan, and Streetlight Intersection Management Plan.

Adam Bradway provided a summary.

Kenny Kleewein: Roads are missing within the cities because it wasn't our focus at the time. We are working on adding more roads.

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c. **Letter of Support for Knik Tribe for the Talkeetna Spur Road Culvert Replacement grant proposal (Action Item)**

Kim Sollien and Bob Charles are working together to have culverts replaced.

*Motion to approve the Letter of Support for Knik Tribe for the Talkeetna Spur Road Culvert Replacement grant proposal (**Winnestaffer**), seconded. Passed unanimously.*

Ben White: We have been very successful in getting these grants. Thank you, Knik Tribe. This is going to be huge.

Brad Sworts: This is quite a way outside the MVP boundary. How is this MVP related?

Kim Sollien: It is going to support two of our member organizations.

Ben White: The more letters of support we get, the more successful they will be. There will be projects that are regionally significant that will affect things inside the boundary.

*Motion to extend the meeting (**Winnestaffer**), seconded. Passed unanimously.*

9. **Other Issues**

None

10. **Informational Items**

a. **Articles Of Incorporation/Non-Profit Organization Paperwork Update**

On the Policy Board agenda is the approval of the 3-year budget. That is the last piece for the submittal packet for the IRS. The hope is to get an EIN in three weeks and get a letter to operate.

11. **Technical Committee Comments**

Adam Bradway: Thanks for having me.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33pm

Next Scheduled MPO Technical Committee Meeting – **October 8th, 2024, from 2:00pm-3:30pm** to be held via Microsoft TEAMS Meeting