

# MVP for Transportation Pre-MPO Steering Committee Meeting

## **MEMBERS**

Ben White, ADOT&PF  
Brad Hanson, City of Palmer  
Erich Schaal, City of Wasilla  
Brian Winnestaffer, Chickaloon Native Village  
Jim Beck, Health and Human Services  
Bob Charles, Knik Tribe  
Tom Adams, MSB  
Kim Sollien, MSB  
Brad Sworts, MSB  
Jillian Morrissey, MSB TAB  
Joshua Shaver, AK Pioneer Homes  
Brian Lindamood, ARRC  
Jennifer Busch, Valley Transit



## **NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Adeyemi Alimi, ADEC  
Jackson Fox, FAST Planning  
Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS  
Josh Cross, TAB  
*Vacant, City of Houston*  
*Vacant, LRSAAB*  
Adam Bradway, ADOT&PF

## **Minutes**

Tuesday, October 10th, 2023  
2:00 - 3:30pm

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:14 pm with a quorum.

### **2. Introduction of Pre-MPO Steering Committee Members and other Attendees**

#### **Members in Present:**

Ben White, DOT&PF  
Adam Bradway, DOT&PF  
Jillian Morrissey, MSB TAB  
Brad Hanson, City of Palmer  
Brian Winnestaffer, Chickaloon Native Village  
Erich Schaal, City of Wasilla  
Bob Charles, Knik Tribe  
Brian Lindamood, ARRC  
Jackson Fox, FAST Planning

#### **Members Absent:**

Jim Beck, Health and Human Services  
Tom Adams, MSB  
Kim Sollien, MSB  
Brad Sworts, MSB  
Josh Shaver, Multimodal Mobility Advocate  
Jennifer Busch, Valley Transit  
Josh Cross, TAB  
Adeyemi Alimi, ADEC  
Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS

#### **Visitors Present:**

Donna Gardino, Gardino Consulting Services  
Elise Blocker, RESPEC  
Tony Weese, MSB School District

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## 3. **Approval of the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Agenda – (Action Item)**

*Motion to approve the October 10, 2023, Agenda (**White**), seconded. No edits. Passed unanimously.*

## 4. **Approval of the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes – (Action Item)**

*Motion to approve the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes (**Winnestaffer**), seconded. Edit to add Brian Winnestaffer to the Members Absent list. Passed unanimously with the edit.*

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

### a. **Staff Report**

No staff report.

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

None.

## 7. **Old Business**

### a. **Designation of MPO Documents**

Within the packet are the Action Items from the September 19<sup>th</sup> Policy Board meeting that show all the items that were approved. The packet was assembled shortly after the Policy Board meeting and sent to ADOT. The memo to the Governor is now with the ADOT&PF Commissioner's office and will be sent to the Governor's office for consideration. The due date to formalize the MPO is December 28, 2023, which gives the state roughly 2.5 months to designate the MPO.

## 8. **New Business**

### a. **FFY24 UPWP Amendment – (Action Item)**

The letter from the state dated September 12, 2023, is the official notification of the amount of planning funds to be allocated to MVP for operations for FFY 2024. The letter provides a breakdown of funding. MVP has not been fully formed yet so it is not able to collect dues. The non-federal share of 9.03% is outlined in the UPWP and will come from the one-million-dollar allocation that was awarded in September to the MSB on behalf of MVP. Donna Gardino provided an explanation of the UPWP and a summary of the changes that have been made. Gardino also pointed out that in their letter, the ADOT has requested that \$66,000 of the MPO PL Fund allocation be given to the ADOT Planning group to support the work of the MPO.

Bob Charles: Could there be an additional paragraph explanation of TransCAD Modeling and how it would be useful?

Donna Gardino: Yes, good recommendation.

Adam Bradway: The TransCAD Model and the Household Travel Survey are meant to provide data for projects by projecting future needs.

Bob Charles: On page 13, could you provide a paragraph of what that project scoring criterion would be?

Jackson Fox: I can provide that criterion.

Ben White: Some of the things we look at are long-term maintenance cost and match and where that match comes from. We also investigate underserved communities and Complete Streets. There are different ways the team can look at and prioritize criteria such as a focus on safety.

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Jackson Fox: A link to FAST's scoring criteria was posted in the chat. Some of those criteria are system preservation, safety, and connectivity. Some specific criteria are by population such as underserved areas or a school or medical facility. As a policy, we typically use 80% of project funding for traditional roads and dedicate 20% for non-motorized infrastructure.

Adam Bradway: This is taking the MPO's priorities and applying them to projects.

*No action was taken.*

## **b. Non-Profit Articles of Incorporation**

Mayor Ledford is the Board President, and we will have three members on the initial incorporating board of directors. Clarification is needed on who those representatives will be and will need to be determined before the document is finalized. This will be an action item next week during the Policy Board meeting.

## **9. Other Issues**

None

## **10. Informational Items**

### **a. MVP for Transportation Temporary Coordinator**

The Policy Board wanted more time to consider FAST Planning hiring an interim MVP Coordinator, so no action has been taken yet.

## **11. Steering Committee Comments**

None

## **12. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn (**Morrissey**), seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm*

Next Scheduled Pre-MPO Steering Committee Meeting – **November 14th, 2023, from 2:00pm-3:30pm** to be held via Microsoft TEAMS Meeting