

# MVP for Transportation MPO Technical Committee Meeting

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## **Minutes**

Tuesday, January 9th, 2024

2:00 - 3:30pm

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

Meeting called to order with quorum at 2:02pm

### **2. Introduction of MPO Technical Committee Members and other Attendees**

#### **Members Present**

Ben White, Alaska DOT&PF  
Brian Lindamood, ARRC  
Brian Winnestaffer, Chickaloon Native Village  
Bob Charles, Knik Tribe  
Erich Schaal, City of Wasilla  
Tom Adams, MSB  
Brad Sworts, MSB  
Brian Lindamood, ARRC

#### **Members Absent**

Jim Beck, Health and Human Services  
Julian Morrissey, MSB TAB  
Josh Shaver, Multimodal Mobility Advocate  
Mike Brown, MSB  
Edna DeVries, MSB

#### **Visitors Present**

Kim Sollien, MSB  
Katherine Keith, Alaska DOT&PF  
Donna Gardino, Gardino Consulting Services  
Clint Adler, Alaska DOT&PF  
Natalie Lyon, RESPEC  
Elise Blocker, RESPEC  
Christine Langley, DMIO Director

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Shannon McCarthy, Alaska DOT&PF  
Sean Holland, Alaska DOT&PF  
Adam Bradway, Alaska DOT&PF  
Steve Carrington, City of Palmer  
Mark Eisenman, Alaska DOT&PF  
James Starzec, Alaska DOT&PF  
Romorenzo Marasigan, DOT&PF  
Glenda Ledford, City of Wasilla  
Adeyemi Alimi, Alaska Department of Conservation  
James Marks, Alaska DOT&PF  
John Linnell, Alaska DOT&PF  
Maija DiSalvo, MSB  
Judy Chapman, Alaska DOT&PF  
Dom Pannone, DOT&PF

### 3. Approval of the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Agenda – (Action Item)

*Motion to approve the January 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 Agenda (White), seconded. No edits. Passed unanimously.*

### 4. Approval of the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes – (Action Item)

*Motion to approve the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes (White), seconded. No edits. Passed unanimously.*

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

#### a. Staff Report

The MPO Signing Ceremony occurred on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The MPO is now officially formed. Kim Sollien will be ensuring that members will get a copy of the signed Articles of Incorporation. A manual is currently being assembled for both the Technical Committee and the Policy Board members that include all relevant documents.

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

Katherine Keith and the STIP team presented the draft STIP update.

**Donna Gardino:** Why are the planning funds doubled in 2026?

**Katherine Keith:** It looks like the years were added together. We will look into that. Thank you for catching that.

**Donna Gardino:** The FTA allocations have not been updated from the 2020 census, is that correct?

**Katherine Keith:** Correct. The FTA allocations have not been released yet. FTA funds are based on last year. Additional funds are expected. It has been corrected with FHWA funds. We don't have FTA guidance yet. Updates will be made once it is received.

**Adam Bradway:** Looking at the list of projects within the boundary, projects that are in construction or have received their construction funding, HSIP, and bridge and pavement preservation projects are not on that list.

**Donna Gardino:** Will there be an amendment once the STIP is approved?

**Katherine Keith:** Our current CTP is a program within the STIP. We will have a planning phase within the statewide or urban area CTP program. From there we can break out projects as part of the program. We wouldn't need an amendment right away. But we will have one right away to clean up things as they change.

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**Donna Gardino:** There is a letter in the meeting packet that addresses the construction bid process that is going to the Policy Board next week and will be sent out if the Policy Board approves it.

**Katherine Keith:** Thank you. As we finalize changes to the STIP, there is an engagement summary that is over 1200 pages long. For those who submitted letters, the responses have been drafted.

**Donna Gardino:** The MVP Pre-Policy Board did comment about wanting a separate item for their funding sources separate from FAST. Thank you for implementing that.

**Kim Sollien:** What is the next step in the process?

**Katherine Keith:** The STIP we are currently working on expired on September 30, 2023. We requested a 180-day extension. That will expire at the end of March. We need to submit a final STIP to FHWA with time for a 30-day review period. We hope for an approved STIP in February.

**Adam Bradway:** We were wondering how much Capital Funding the MPO would get. It looks like it's close to 14 million dollars.

**Bob Charles:** We would like to know how DOT&PF is ranking and prioritizing projects.

**Katherine Keith:** That is something we could dig deep into as you move forward. We can share our process. We can look into how other organizations are ranking their projects also and create something that works best.

## 7. Old Business

None

## 8. New Business

### a. Designation of Technical Committee Membership

#### 1. Application for membership – transit, trucking, and multimodal

Technical Committee members need to be formally named by their supervisor to represent their organization. The Technical Committee application is located in the meeting packet.

### b. Title VI Plan review

Comments for the draft Title VI Plan were requested by the end of January 2024.

### c. Meeting format discussion

Virtual meetings work for the participants. Once the MPO has a regular meeting location, the meeting format will be reevaluated.

### d. Construction Contract Award Process – Funding the Low Bid (Action Item)

Donna Gardino provided a summary overview of the process and introduced the letter located in the packet addressed to the FHWA.

*Motion to recommend FHWA letter for approval (Winnestaffer), seconded. Pass unanimously.*

## 9. Other Issues

Candidates for the MPO Coordinator position have been interviewed. No candidate was selected from the applicant pool. The application window was extended to January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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### 10. Informational Items

#### a. MOU for Operations of the MPO Office

##### 1. MVP for Transportation Membership fee and annual dues structure

The MOU is approved but still requires signatures.

#### b. Articles of Incorporation submittal

The Articles of Incorporation have been signed but require signatures.

### 11. Technical Committee Comments

No Technical Committee comments.

### 12. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn (Sollien). The meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.*

Next Scheduled MPO Technical Committee Meeting – **February 13th, 2024, from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm**  
to be held via Microsoft TEAMS Meeting