

# MVP for Transportation Pre-MPO Policy Board Meeting

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## **Agenda**

**Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
2:00-3:30pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Pre-MPO Policy Board Members and other Attendees
3. Approval of the April 18, 2023, Agenda – **(Action Item)**
4. Approval of the March 21, 2022, Minutes – **(Action Item)**
5. Committee/Working Group Reports (Including the Staff Report)
  - a. Staff Report
6. Voices of the Visitors (Non-Action Items)
7. Old Business
  - a. Boundary Development Update
  - b. Operating Agreement Update
8. New Business
  - a. Membership Dues - **(Action Item)**
  - b. Founding Members of MVP for Transportation (signatories on the Articles of Incorporation) - **(Action Item)**
9. Other Issues
10. Informational Items
  - a. Mat-Su Borough Transit Plan Update
  - b. Mat-Su Borough Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update
  - c. Updated MPO Development Timeline
11. Policy Board Comments
12. Adjournment

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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

**2:00-3:30pm**

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

*Quorum reached at 2:02pm*

### **2. Introduction of Pre-MPO Policy Board Members and other Attendees**

#### **Members in attendance:**

Kaylan Wade, Chickaloon Native Village  
Edna DeVries, Mayor – MSB  
Glenda Ledford, Mayor – City of Wasilla  
Mike Brown, MSB  
Wes Hoskins, Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation  
John Moosey, City of Palmer  
Bob Charles, Knik Tribe  
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#### **Members Absent:**

Rob Yundt, Assembly Member – MSB  
Jennifer Busch, Valley Transit

#### **Visitors Present:**

Kim Sollien, MSB  
Donna Gardino, Gardino Consulting Services  
Elise Blocker, RESPEC  
Natalie Lyon, RESPEC  
John Linnell, DO&PF  
Brad Hanson, City of Palmer  
Maija DiSalvo, MSB  
Adeyemi, Alimi, ADEC

### **3. Approval of the March 21, 2023, Agenda – (Action Item)**

*Motion to approve the March 21, 2023 agenda (**Ledford**), seconded. No edits. Passed unanimously.*

### **4. Approval of the February 21, 2022, Minutes – (Action Item)**

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*Motion to approve the February 21, 2022 minutes (DeVries), seconded. No edits. Passed unanimously.*

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

#### a. Staff Report

- **MPA Draft Boundary – Developers meeting recap**

A meeting was held earlier this month with developers, surveyors, and staff. Maps of the urbanized area boundary and the 20-year projected population were presented along with the math and process that was used to determine the draft boundary. A public meeting is scheduled on March 29<sup>th</sup> and will clarify some questions that were brought up during the developer meeting. The Steering Committee and Policy Board make up and procedure will be clarified as well where funding will come from. Have received good feedback on development and will provide a compiled question/comments and answer summary. The 30-day comment period will begin after the public meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> and will be open through April 28<sup>th</sup>. The joint Planning Commission meeting was last week and a presentation on the MPO and public transit was provided. For clarification, the urbanized area designation that was released by the census requires regulation within the core area such as stormwater. The MPO did not trigger the requirement for that regulation.

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

None

### 7. Old Business

### 8. New Business

#### a. Draft resolutions of support for MVP for Transportation

- **Non-Profit Organization paperwork signatories**

Within the packet, there are two different resolutions of support from the governing organizations within the Mat-Su. One resolution is specifically for the Policy Board. The Mat-Su Borough does not have the power to create another organization, that is why there are two draft resolutions. The non-profit paperwork will need to be completed and who the signatories will be will need to be decided. Kim Sollien is scheduled to speak to the City of Wasilla and further discussion needs to be had on who the board of directors will be. The resolutions provide a history of the MPO as well as the requirement to have an MPO formed by one year after the census designation was released. Match and funding will need to be decided.

John Moosey: The Palmer City Council would like to see the resolution and have a discussion on cost at the same time.

Kim Sollien: Draft examples will need to be voted on by the Policy Board. Resolutions of support were provided in October and membership fees will need to be decided. An annual dues fee will also be needed to annually provide for planning match. It is expected to get \$500- 600K from the state and will need to have a 9.03% match.

Donna Gardino: The state has a match formula that has to be followed. Shared match could be a possibility based on who the road belongs to, the functional class of the roadway and who will be responsible for maintenance.

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John Moosey: It would be beneficial to have the presentation at the next joint meeting and the following meeting would be discussion and decision.

### 9. Other Issues

### 10. Informational Items

#### a. Recent and upcoming website updates: MPA maps and comment tracker

Elise Blocker presented the MVPMPO.com website.

#### b. Timeline for the MPA boundary development

Kim Sollien provided an overview of the timeline in the packet.

#### c. Letter re: implications for FTA funding programs based on 2020 Census changes

Kim Sollien provided an overview of the letter. Funding will change and non-profits are not eligible to become direct or indirect recipients of the funding and will have to contract for service. A local government will need to receive the funds and deploy them to the provider. Kim Sollien had a meeting with DOT&PF and discussed funding for Valley Transit with the intention over the next six months to develop a plan.

### 11. Policy Board Comments

Wes Hoskins: Last day with the Mat-Su Trails Foundation will be April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### 12. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn (**Hoskins**), seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.*

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**MVP For Transportation Pre-MPO Steering  
Committee Action Items  
April 11, 2023**

**Motion:** To approve the April 11, 2023 Agenda. **Motion by Winnestaffer.** Passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To approve the March 14, 2023 minutes. **Motion by VanHove.** Passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To recommend for consideration by the Pre-MPO Policy Board Proposal A for the membership dues structure. **Motion by Charles.** Six in favor, three opposed, one abstention.

**MVP for Transportation Dues Proposal A**  
**March 16, 2023**

Government	MVP for Transportation Proposal		
	Population	Membership Fee (\$5/person)	Annuals Dues (\$.45/person)
State of Alaska	56,194	\$ 280,970	\$ 25,287
MatSu Borough	32,696	\$ 163,480	\$ 14,713
City of Wasilla	9,098	\$ 45,490	\$ 4,094
City of Palmer	5,978	\$ 29,890	\$ 2,690
Chickaloon	3,078	\$ 15,390	\$ 1,385
Knik Tribe	5,344	\$ 26,720	\$ 2,405
	<b>112,388</b>	<b>\$ 561,940</b>	<b>\$ 50,575</b>

\$5.00

0.45

\* MPA population minus City populations

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(a) Policy (3) “In designating official or representatives under paragraph (2) **for the first time**, subject to the bylaws or enabling statute of the metropolitan planning organization, the MPO shall consider the equitable and proportional representation of the population of the MPA.”

**Additional Considerations:**

First Year	Estimates	Match Required If Federally funded
Obligate MTP	\$500,000+	\$49,632
Transcad Modeling	\$200,000	\$19,853
		<b>\$69,485</b>

Will not be full staffed in FFY24

Transit Planning may not be by the MPO, which may lessen match burden

State funding: will it be available for some of the startup expenses and MTP/Modeling

FAST Planning Comparison		
FAST Planning (\$4.85/person)	Government	Annual Dues (\$.25/person/year)
\$348,300	State	\$17,956
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<b>\$ 696,600</b>		<b>\$ 35,912</b>

**Additional Considerations:**

Population based on 143,648 persons

4 governments and Fairbanks has significantly more population

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**FY2023 Current Federal Funding for Transportation Planning**

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FTA 5303	\$ 140,318	\$ 13,928
Total*	\$ 719,662	\$ 71,436

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**Example Calculation to Determine Match Requirement**

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**MVP for Transportation Dues Proposal B  
March 16, 2023**

Government	MVP for Transportation Proposal		
	Population	Membership Fee (\$4.85/person)	Annuals Dues (\$.35/person)
State of Alaska	56,194	\$ 272,541	\$ 19,668
MatSu Borough	32,696	\$ 158,576	\$ 11,444
City of Wasilla	9,098	\$ 44,125	\$ 3,184
City of Palmer	5,978	\$ 28,993	\$ 2,092
Chickaloon	3,078	\$ 14,928	\$ 1,077
Knik Tribe	5,344	\$ 25,918	\$ 1,870
	<b>112,388</b>	<b>\$ 545,082</b>	<b>\$ 39,336</b>

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**MVP for Transportation Dues Proposal C**  
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Government	MVP for Transportation Proposal		
	Population	Membership Fee (\$6/person)	Annuals Dues (\$.5/person)
State of Alaska	56,194	\$ 337,164	\$ 28,097
MatSu Borough	32,696	\$ 196,176	\$ 16,348
City of Wasilla	9,098	\$ 54,588	\$ 4,549
City of Palmer	5,978	\$ 35,868	\$ 2,989
Chickaloon	3,078	\$ 18,468	\$ 1,539
Knik Tribe	5,344	\$ 32,064	\$ 2,672
	<b>112,388</b>	<b>\$ 674,328</b>	<b>\$ 56,194</b>

FAST Planning Comparison		
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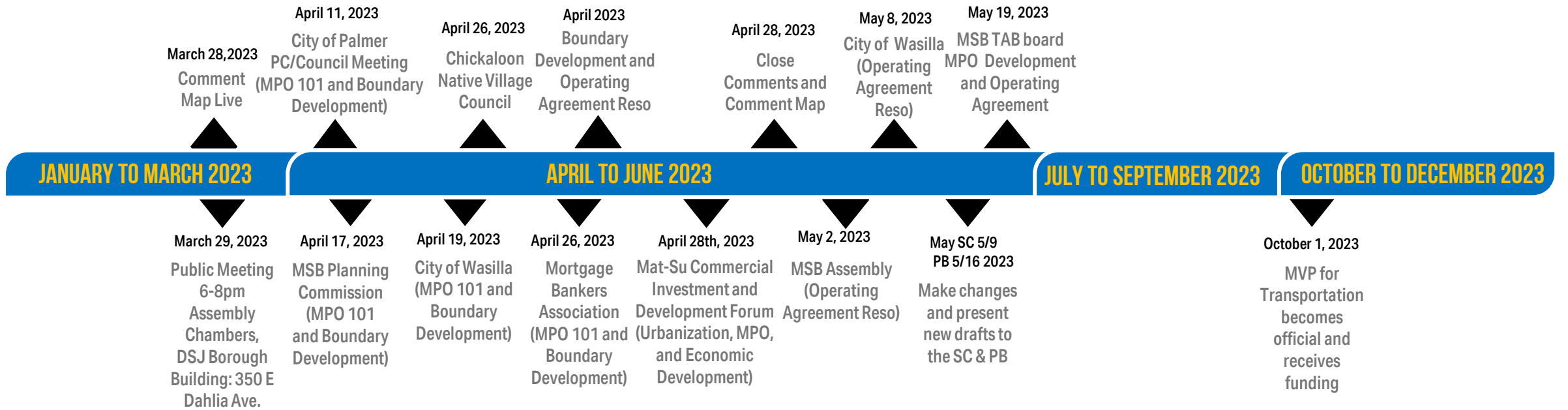
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# MPO DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE



## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC NOTICES

### Frontiersman Ads

**STEERING COMMITTEE:**  
11 ADS BETWEEN 3/4/22 – 3/5/23

**POLICY BOARD:**  
12 ADS BETWEEN 3/5/22 – 3/12/23

**UPWP DRAFT:**  
3 ADS BETWEEN 9/23/22 – 10/7/22

**BOUNDARY DISCUSSION PUBLIC MEETING:**  
4 ADS BETWEEN 2/24/23 – 3/24/23

### Facebook Posts

**MSB PLANNING PAGE:**  
8 POSTS  
2/8/22 – PRE-MPO PROJECT MANAGER JOB POSTING (8.3K REACH) – ALSO SHARED TO MAIN MSB PAGE  
3/16/22 – PRE-MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING 117 REACH  
4/19/22 – PRE-MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING 86 REACH  
5/18/22 – PRE-MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING 224 REACH  
9/22/22 – UPWP DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT 153 REACH  
9/30/22 – UPWP DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT 94 REACH  
2/24/23 – MAIN MSB PAGE URBAN AREA DESIGNATION 54 COMMENTS/68 SHARES  
2/27/23 – MPO BOUNDARY DISCUSSION EVENT – 9.3K REACH

### Websites

**MPO STARTUP WEBSITE :**  
LIVE BETWEEN 2020 – 7/1/2022

**MVP MPO WEBSITE :**  
LIVE FROM 6/1/2022 - PRESENT

**MSB MPO PROJECT WEBSITE :**  
LIVE EARLY 2022- PRESENT