

MVP for Transportation Pre-MPO Steering Committee Meeting

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Todd Vanhove, ADOT&PF
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Erich Schaal, City of Wasilla
Brian Winnestaffer, Chickaloon Native Village
Jim Beck, Health and Human Services
Bob Charles, Knik Tribe
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Brad Sworts, MSB
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Joshua Shaver, AK Pioneer Homes
Brian Lindamood, ARRC
Jennifer Busch, Valley Transit



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Jackson Fox, FAST Planning
Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS
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Agenda

Tuesday, April 11th, 2023
2:00 - 3:30 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Pre-MPO Steering Committee Members and other Attendees
3. Approval of the April 11th, 2023 Agenda – **(Action Item)**
4. Approval of the March 14th, 2023 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. Membership Dues - **(Action Item)**
 - c. Operating Agreement Update
8. New Business
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. Steering Committee Comments
12. Adjournment

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Pre-MPO Steering Committee Meeting

Next Scheduled Pre-MPO Steering Committee Meeting – **May 9th, 2023, from 2:00pm-3:30pm** to be held via Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

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Minutes

Tuesday, March 14th, 2023
2:00 - 3:30 pm

1. Call to Order

Quorum reached at 2:00pm

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

Members Present:

Tom Adams, MSB
Adam Bradway, ADOT&PF
Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS
Jackson Fox, FAST Planning
Kim Sollien, MSB
Brad Hanson, City of Palmer
Kaylan Wade (in for Brian Winnestaffer, Chickaloon Native Village)
Bob Charles, Knik Tribe
Erich Schaal, City of Wasilla
Todd Vanhove, ADOT&PF
Adeyemi Alimi, ADEC
Josh Shaver, AK Pioneer Home
Jim Beck, Health and Human Services

Members Absent:

Brad Sworts, MSB
Brian Lindamood, ARRC
Jennifer Busch, Valley Transit

Visitors Present:

Donna Gardino, Gardino Consulting Services
Natalie Lyon, RESPEC
Elise Blocker, RESPEC
Maija DiSalvo, MSB
Glenda Ledford, Wasilla Mayor

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3. Approval of the March 14th, 2023 Agenda – **(Action Item)**

*Motion to approve the March 14th, 2023 agenda (**Vanhove**), seconded. No edits. Passed unanimously.*

4. Approval of the February 14th, 2023 Minutes – **(Action Item)**

*Motion to approve the February 14th, 2023 Minutes (**Charles**), seconded. No edits. Passed unanimously.*

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

a. Staff Report

- MPA Draft Boundary – Developers meeting recap

A work session was held with a group of developers, surveyors, and real estate agents in the Mat-Su Valley to review the draft MPA boundary. The same presentation that was shared in the last Pre-MPO Steering Committee was presented during the work session. A summary of MPO 101 was presented and there were questions about funding and how the Policy Board works and the difference between the Steering Committee and the Technical Committee. In response, the MPO 101 was edited to make the information more clear. Donna Gardino created an MPO FAQ sheet that has been put on the MPO website. It may be necessary to move some portions of the boundary due to geographic or administrative boundaries to match other existing boundaries. The public meeting is on March 29th. All questions and responses from the work session and the public meeting will be put together and shared. MSB is creating a package of maps for developers to review. A 30-day comment period will follow the public meeting on the 29th.

There is no update on the operating agreement and the bylaws. Kim Sollien to follow-up.

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

None

7. Old Business

8. New Business

- a. Steering Committee name change proposal **(Action Item)**

Propose to change Steering Committee name to Pre-MPO Technical Committee.

Erich Schaal: Is there a risk of loss of continuity and would it be confusing to change while we're in the pre-stage?

Kim Sollien: It is laid out in the bylaws and operating agreement as the future technical committee and it adds to the confusion to have a different name in the future.

Donna Gardino: The original intent was to change it when the MPO got out of the pre stage. As a middle ground we could change it to Steering Committee / Technical or not change it at all.

Erich Schaal: Its less what steering and technical means but more the breadth of information. A clean break from pre-MPO to MPO is a good time to change the name.

Kim Sollien: If there are no other comments, we will keep the name the same.

- b. Draft resolutions of support for MVP for Transportation
- Non-Profit Organization paperwork signatories

Donna Gardino provided an overview of resolutions of support included in the packet.

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Kim Sollien: the borough cannot sign resolution #2 because it is unable to create another organization. We need the cities and the tribes to finalize the paperwork and provide the necessary leadership.

Erich Schaal: Wasilla would like Kim to provide a presentation.

Kim Sollien: All the resolutions will be included in the packet to the Governor in May.

9. Other Issues

None

10. Informational Items

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

Elise Blocker presented an overview of the MVPMPPO.com website.

- b. Timeline for the MPA boundary development

Kim Sollien presented an overview of the schedule. The comment period will follow the public meeting on March 29th and will remain open until April 28th. The comment map will be available on the website.

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

Kim Sollien received a letter from FTA to the Governor. The letter states that the Mat-Su Borough has been designated as an urbanized area and there will be changes to how funding for public transit flows into the urbanized area. A public entity will need to receive the funds and a nonprofit cannot directly receive the funds. They can be a subrecipient. The borough or the cities will need to work with the state to establish the policies and procedures to receive the funds to support public transit. R&M will assist with setting up the process.

11. Steering Committee Comments

Todd Vanhove: I am retiring May 1st, 2023.

12. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn (**Hanson**), seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:43pm.*

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MVP for Transportation Dues Proposal A
March 16, 2023

MVP for Transportation Proposal			
Government	Population	Membership Fee (\$5/person)	Annuals Dues (\$.45/person)
State of Alaska	56,194	\$ 280,970	\$ 25,287
MatSu Borough	38,368	\$ 191,840	\$ 17,266
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
	118,060	\$ 590,300	\$ 53,127

\$5.00	0.45
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* 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
		\$69,485

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/annually)
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Additional Considerations:

Population based on 143,648 persons

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FY2023 Current Federal Funding for Transportation Planning

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Data source: FAST Planning FFY23 UPWP

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Example Calculation to Determine Match Requirement

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March 16, 2023

MVP for Transportation Proposal			
Government	Population	Membership Fee (\$5/person)	Annuals Dues (\$.45/person)
State of Alaska	56,194	\$ 272,541	\$ 19,668
MatSu Borough	38,368	\$ 186,085	\$ 13,429
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
	118,060	\$ 572,591	\$ 41,321

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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
	118,060	\$ 708,360	\$ 59,030

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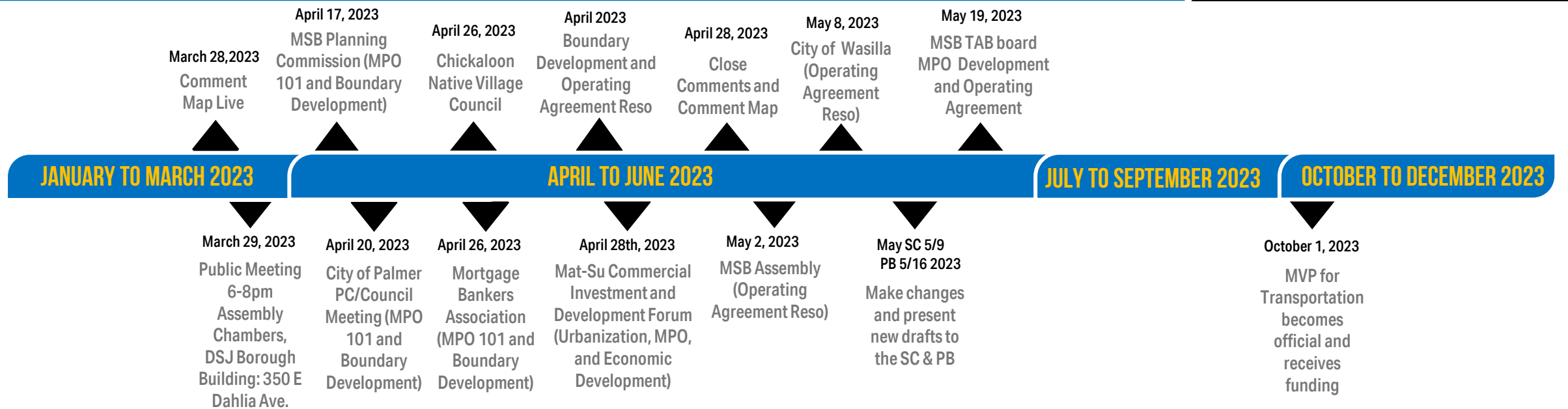
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MPO DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE



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