

# MVP for Transportation MPO Technical Committee Meeting

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## **Minutes**

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

2:00 - 3:30 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of MPO Technical Committee Members and other Attendees

### **Members Present**

Clint Adler, DOT&PF  
Alex Strawn, MSB  
Ben White, DOT&PF  
Crystal Smith, MSBSD  
Tom Adams, MSB  
Brian Lindamood, ARRC  
Jude Bilafer, City of Palmer  
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### **Members Absent**

None

### **Visitors Present**

Adam Bradway, DOT&PF  
Donna Gardino, Gardino Consulting Services  
Elise Blocker, RESPEC  
Natalie Lyon, RESPEC  
Sean Holland, DOT&PF  
Edna DeVries, MSB  
Luke Bowland, DOT&PF  
John Linnell, DOT&PF  
Adeyemi Alimi, ADEC  
Jackson Fox, FAST Planning  
Kim Sollien, MSB  
Kirk Warren, DOT&PF  
Aaron Jongenelen, AMATS  
Adam Moser, DOT&PF  
Judy Chapman, DOT&PF  
Katherine Keith, DOT&PF

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## 3. **Approval of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Agenda – (Action Item)**

*Motion to approve the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Agenda (**Adler**), seconded. Passed unanimously.*

## 4. **Approval of the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Minutes – (Action Item)**

*Motion to approve the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Minutes (**White**), seconded. Passed unanimously.*

## 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. **STIP Update**

**Donna Gardino** provided a summary of the STIP. **Katherine Keith** provided an overview of the funding allocations.

### b. **Letter/Invoice from DOT to MSB – Match Allocation**

**Kim Sollien** provided a summary explanation of the letter which authorizes the percent of match for planning funds.

**Adam Bradway** clarified that it is a request for planning match funds for 2024 to pay for the MVP Coordinator position and the office.

### c. **Project Development Authorization for MVP PL Allocation status**

**Adam Bradway** provided clarifications that DOT&PF is working through the process to get funding ready for the MVP Coordinator position.

## 8. **New Business**

### a. **Technical Committee Designation reminder**

The Technical Committee is still looking for representatives for the Trucking, Non-Motorized/Mobility, and Transit seats. The other vacancies are pending.

### b. **Alaska DOT&PF Project Prioritization**

This presentation was moved to next month.

### c. **Household Travel Demand Model Scope of Work**

This presentation was moved to next month.

## 9. **Other Issues**

Kim Sollien provided a Transit Update.

## 10. **Informational Items**

### a. **August Redistribution**

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Donna Gardino provided a summary explanation of the August Redistribution. This may be a future opportunity for the MPO.

Katherine Keith: We received an email from FHWA. The August Redistribution going into the next year may have greater flexibility. Some project funds don't have to be obligated within that year. Some projects can be over two years and others over four years. I will forward it so you all can look at it.

Adam Moser: It does not redistribute dollars or funding. It redistributes obligation limitation authority which is the authority to spend federal dollars. There is no new money.

Donna Gardino: I have another question about the STIP. There are new projects on the Alaska Highway system. Is there a move to amend the code to include new Alaska Highway system highways?

Katherine Keith: Was there one listed, that is not currently on the Alaska Highway System?

Donna Gardino: The West Susitna Access Road.

Katherine Keith: For some of the new construction projects, we have discussed how we want the layout for the STIP. Ee will be applying to include it in the NHS system. Ideally, this would have been in an off-system section. We, as the process progresses, will move to get that appropriate classification. This was to show the intention of obligating those funds.

## 11. Technical Committee Comments

Alex Strawn: Thank you for the presentation, Katherine. I am humbled by all the information and have a lot of learning ahead of me.

Ben White: I dropped in the chat the Alaska regulation on highway classification.

Toma Adam: I appreciate the openness and willingness to answer questions.

## 12. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn (Adler). The meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.*

Next Scheduled MPO Technical Committee Meeting – **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm** to be held via Microsoft TEAMS Meeting