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Minutes

Technical Committee

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Meeting Location

Alaska DOT Mat Su District Office Upstairs Conference Room at 500 S Seward Meridian Pkwy,
Wasilla, Alaska

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting Called to order at 2 pm.

Board Members Present:

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Randy Durham, MSB TAB
Brad Sworts, MSB (proxy for Tom Adams)

Board Members Not Present:

Bob Charles Jr., Knik Tribe
Jude Bilafer, City of Palmer

Visitors:

Kim Sollien, MVP (in-person)
Anjie Goulding, MVP (in-person)
Carrie Cecil, MVP (in-person)
Jennifer Busch, Valley Transit (in-person)
Brian Lindamood, ARRC (in-person)
Rod Hanson, NLCC (in-person)
Lamarr Anderson (in-person)
Adam Bradway, AK DOT&PF (in-person)
Kelsey Anderson, RESPEC
Julie Spackman, MSB
Pam Golden, AK DOT&PF
Sara Lucey, AK DOT&PF
Luke Bowland, AK DOT&PF
Laurie Cummings, HDR
Kristina Huling, AK DOT&PF
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2. Consent Agenda (**Action Item**)
 - a. Approval of the February 10, 2026, Agenda
 - b. Approval of the January 13, 2026, Minutes

Motion to approve the consent agenda (*Tucker*), seconded (*Schaal*). No objections, no discussion. Approved.

3. Staff Report
 - Staff Report and Schedule of Monthly Tasks

Kim Sollien provided staff report:

- MVP staff are in the middle of a month of roadshows, giving presentations about MVP and the MTP:
 - DOT Tribal Meeting
 - LRSAAB
 - CVTC
 - Wasilla City Council
 - Palmer City Council
 - MSB Assembly
 - Wasilla Planning Commission (tonight 2/10)
 - Coming up:
 - Transportation Advisory Board (2/13)
 - Mat-Su Transportation Fair (2/25)
- Based on questions received during presentations about funding, staff have prepared a leaflet to provide additional information about MVP funding
- Staff are coordinating with MSB GIS and RESPEC on ensuring a smooth workflow for project evaluations with project evaluation team
- Thank you to those members who contributed additional review of the existing conditions analysis. RESPEC is taking those under consideration to address gaps in analysis in updated draft.
- Anticipate presenting on TIP funding policy at next month's meeting. This policy will identify priorities to help direct allocations of funds during the TIP process.
- Staff have so far received four MTP project nominations. Anticipate that we may need to extend the nomination period to allow more time for project submittals.

4. Policy Board Action Items, January 28th meeting canceled

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

Discussion

Rod Hanson, representing North Lakes Community Council (NLCC)

- The NLCC did submit a resolution listing 11 projects or work that they would like to see included in the MTP and/ or otherwise prioritized.
- Understood that projects must have approval from road owners, therefore, wants to ensure appropriate coordination with MSB and DOT as road owners in NLCC. Although the next NLCC meeting is at the end of the month, they can convene to provide additional support as needed.



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Questions

Dan Tucker – What is the appropriate workflow for getting project submissions or recommendations from individual RSAs or the LRSAA to the MSB?

Answer: Project submissions and suggestions should be coordinated through the MSB Public Works Department, but resolutions would be made by individual RSAs to LRSAA to the Assembly.

6. Action Items
 - a. Adoption of Alaska DOT&PF 2026 Safety Performance Measure Targets
(Action Item)

Discussion

Kim Solien presented a summary:

- DOT adopts safety performance targets every year.
- Last year, the Technical Committee recommended PB approval and signing onto MOU to adopt or develop MVP targets.
- MVP can also develop our own safety targets
- This year, staff recommend MVP adopt DOT's safety performance targets as we work through understanding our system and prioritizing within it.
- FAST signed on for this year while AMATS is developing their own safety targets.

Pam Golden, DOT&PF

- The targets are based on stated goal in SHSP to reach 0 vehicle related deaths by 2050. This is a five-year rolling average.
- Zero penalty to the MPO if we don't meet state targets and zero penalty to the state to not meet targets.

Questions

Eric Schaal – How often does the crash data get updated – is it real-time or at intervals?

Answer: DOT&PF has a FARS analyst that tracks news, police reports, etc. to keep this data up to date in near real time.

Motion to recommend that MVP adopt the Alaska DOT&PF Safety Performance Targets for 2026 (*Schaal*). Seconded (*Tucker*). No objections, no further discussions. Motion is approved.

7. Old Business
 - a. MTP Update
 - Formal Call for Project Nominations 1.28.2026 – Packet
 - Survey Results & Comment Map Responses-Kelsey Anderson RESPEC



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b. FFY26-29 STIP Update Adam Bradway, Alaska DOT&PF

Discussion

Adam Bradway – STIP is still delayed. Expecting version for public comment no sooner than March; however, do anticipate a draft during the legislative session.

c. Alaska DOT&PF's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Sara Lucey

Discussion

Sara Lucey, DOT&PF

- The LRTP serves as the policy plan for the state's transportation resources and helps to guide decisions on where, when, and how to allocate resources. The LRTP informs other specific plans (SHSP, corridor plans, etc.).
- Typically, LRTP is updated about every 5-years.
- Just finished existing conditions technical memo – available online for public comment through March 8. Now in Phase 3 (Identify Needs, Gaps, Challenges) and Phase 4 (Vision, Goals, Objectives).
- MPO input is important throughout the entire process.
- This LRTP is focused on user stories as the foundation of the plan – asking users to fill in to help build understanding of what people care about and what they want to see. Overall themes so far – road connectivity and capacity improvement; road safety and speed management; access, affordability, and equity; and active transportation.
- Focus group discussions kick off next week – themed topics to engage in discussion. Each meeting requires independent registration and a survey. Please also sign up for the Public Review Group to get updates on the project. Website - <https://publicinput.com/alaskaLRTP2055>

8. New Business

a. MVP Asset Management Plans Update

- Pavement Management Plan- Adam Bradway, Alaska DOT&PF
- Sign Management Plan
- Streetlight and Intersection Management Plan

Discussion

Adam Bradway

- These three asset management plans were identified by the Technical Committee to help gather data in support of future project nominations and included in the MVP Program of Projects.
- These were line items in the STIP – meant to be obligated in 2025. Adam moved forward to request funds from FHWA. Those funds have been obligated and are ready to move forward.
- Pavement Asset Management Plan
 - Currently top priority. State collects data and the MSB has been collecting data. This would collect additional information.
 - There is an existing contract with FUGRO. The intent is to tack this request onto the existing contract to do MSB roads. By the end of this summer, there



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should be data for all roads in the MPA. Best practice looking ahead is to continue collecting this data on regular basis.

- Sign and Streetlight Plan
 - Need to settle on scope and will likely need to go out to bid.
 - Initial challenges/ risks – potentially very labor intensive to collect this data so may need to consider phasing collection for specific areas.

- b. Transit Update
 - Special Transit Public Meeting: March 12th, 5:30-7pm Wasilla Senior Center
 - Virtual Special Transit Public Meeting March 18th, 5:30-7:pm Teams
 - Presentation from Valley Transit on the 5307 split request

Discussion

- Objective from the discussion is to have the Technical Committee advise Policy Board on how they would like MVP to respond to Commissioner's request for MVP opinion on FTA 5307 allocation of Mat-Su area apportionment among ARRC and MSB.

Jennifer Busch, Executive Director of Valley Transit

- Annual budget right now about \$3.2 million
- Last year about 60,000 passengers
- 5307 (for small MPOs) supports operations and capital projects
- Strongly feel that the funds should be directed to the public transit provider as opposed to the Railroad

Alex Strawn, MSB

- MSB Manager has provided a letter to the commissioner. The sentiment is that the AKRR should not receive a portion of the funds because ARRC does not meet the definition of public transit provider. MSB would support a zero-fund recommendation.

Questions

Dan Tucker: What exactly is the Technical Committee making making recommendations on?

Answer: With the designation of the urbanized area, shift from 5311 to 5307 and direct from FTA to MSB (must be a local government). Railroad is also a recipient. The conversation at hand is how to split 5307 funds allocated to small MPOs. How the funds are split is at the discretion of the DOT Commissioner. DOT would like to come up with a policy on how these funds should be split in the future and would like MVP to weigh in. Note that MVP allocated about \$1.85 mil 5307 in FY2025.

Dan Tucker: Did all the 5311 funds go away with urbanized designation?

Answer: Valley Transit can no longer receive 5311 funds. Valley Transit would also receive other federal funds for being a rural operator. Prior to designation, Valley Transit would receive between \$1.1 -1.7 million of 5311 funds per year which would be matched by the MatSu Health Foundation. However, with this shift, match must now come from MSB. At last Assembly meeting passed to match 1.5 million. Match rate depends on other funds.



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Crystal – Really would like to see more details – what each provider is doing/ accomplish and what they are projecting to do in the future before being able to weigh in? How is each improving the quality of life for valley residents.

Request from Technical Committee to MVP Staff

- In the next packet for TC meeting please prepare a summary letter:
 - Please include the letter from MSB.
 - Please include explanation of how the MSB has come to be responsible for the fund oversight.
 - Please include a summary of:
 - How the 5307 funding structure has changed
 - How Valley Transit has supported transit and what would change
 - How the AKRR has supported transit and what would change
 - Please make sure that the color of money is clearly articulated
 - i. Maybe a rolling average for the last three years.

- 9. Other Issues
 - a. Technical Committee At-large Seat Vacancy
 - Transit Advocate
 - Mobility/Bike and Pedestrian Advocate

- MVP has not received any applications so far. Could consider MSB staff that are working on trails committee and transit; however, this would stack the board with MSB staff. Note that it is ultimately the policy board that will approve.

- 10. Informational Items
 - a. Approval of FFY 2026 Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP) Funding Plan amendment from the Commissioner

- Note that there are several projects within the MPA that were selected for funding. About \$22 million towards projects within the MPA.
 - b. Resolution from North Lakes Community Council for Project Nominations
 - c. Alaska Active Transportation Funding Source Guide

- Note to please make sure to review as there are some inaccuracies and old information.

- 11. Technical Committee Comments
 - Ben White – Reminder that the Mat-Su transportation fair is on Feb 25.
 - Brad Sworts, MSB: Has the need for another access point for the hospital been raised before?



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12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Next Scheduled MPO Technical Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, from 2:00-4:00 pm to be held via Microsoft TEAMS and Alaska DOT Mat Su District Office Upstairs Conference Room at 500 S Seward Meridian Pkwy, Wasilla, Alaska