

MVP for Transportation Technical Committee Meeting

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Minutes

Tuesday, April 8th, 2025
2:00 – 4:00pm

Meeting Location

Musk Ox Farm
12850 E Archie Road, Palmer Alaska 99645
Hayloft / Classroom

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:01pm

Members Present

Adeyemi Alimi, ADEC
Andrew Reynolds, ARRC for Kate Dueber, ARRC
Ben White, Alaska DOT&PF
Brian Winnestaffer, Chickaloon Native Village
Clint Adler, Alaska DOT&PF
Crystal Smith, MSBSD
Erich Schaal, City of Wasilla
Jennifer Busch, Public Transit
Jude Bilafer, City of Palmer
Lawrence Smith, Trucking Industry Advocate
Megan Flory, RESPEC
Randy Durham, MSB TAB
Dan Tucker, RSA Representative

Members Absent

Alex Strawn, MSB
Kate Dueber, ARRC

Visitors Present

Adam Bradway, Alaska DOT&PF
Elise Blocker, RESPEC
Kim Sollien, MVP Executive Director
Megan Flory, RESPEC

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2. **Consent Agenda (Action Item)**
 - a. **Approval of the April 8th, 2025 Agenda**
 - b. **Approval of the March 11th, 2025, Minutes**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Winnestaffer), seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. **Staff/Committee/Working Group Reports**
 - **Staff Report**
 - a. **Schedule of topics**

Kim Sollien provided staff report. The comments were submitted for STIP Amendment #2. Adam Bradway is finalizing the comments. Kim Sollien, Brian Winnestaffer, and Donna Gardino attended the House Transportation Committee meeting. Kim presented and provided discussion for two hours.

Winnestaffer: Some people came to attack MPOs. In the end, people were appreciative, and it went really well.

4. **Voices of the Visitors (Non-Action Items)**

Adler: This is my last Technical Committee meeting. Chris Bentz will be my replacement.

5. **Action Items**
 - a. **Performance Planning Target Setting Procedures and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** <https://measures-akdot.hub.arcgis.com/>

Adam Bradway provided a staff report. One of the federal requirements for the MPO is setting performance targets and performance-based planning. The rules in the Federal Code are located in the meeting packet. There are new requirements in the FAST Act, which include formal procedures for DOT and MPO communication. This is essentially the same document as FAST Planning; MVP used it as a template. The first document is action to allow Kim to sign off to agree to the procedure. The second document is the Memorandum of Understand. Megan Flory - presented dashboard.

Winnestaffer: Are we are going to adopt the state's target setting procedures?

Sollien: Yes.

Bradway: Most MPOs adopt the state's target setting procedures. AMATS will adopt their own safety targets but for the most part, MPOs adopt the state's.

Winnestaffer: Will this be revisited every year?

Bradway: It would be every 2 years.

Winnestaffer: Is this tied to the MTP?

Bradway: It depends on how the MTP is structured. It wouldn't be a major amendment if there were changes.

Winnestaffer: When do these get updated? The online dashboard shows the year 2022.

Bradway: This are rolling averages. We report every two years. We keep the data and set our own targets, it's rare for MPOs to set their own targets. Alaska DOT&PF will share data.

Winnestaffer: Do the Cities also adopt these?

Bradway: These are federally required. A lot of the measures are directly tied to funding.

Sollien: In practice, for the MTP, the projects are nominated based on specific criteria such as safety. You can assume some level of point system to figure out which projects are prioritized.

Bradway: Under sustainability, none of them apply to MVP because we are not in a non-attainment area with no air quality issues. Two of the metrics only apply to Anchorage.

Winnestaffer: Although the Butte is outside of boundary, it has had a lot of development and has historically had air quality issues. When did we look and did much change since we developed the MPO boundary?

Sollien: Garret's boundary was finalized in 2022. We looked at how much development needed to happen to link the Butte. His projection showed that it was too far out. We have to revisit the boundary every census. We are keeping an eye on the Butte.

Adler: Is the MPO required to follow this, or can it develop their own?

Sollien: We could development our own. We decided to stay with the state's requirements for this round until we get our MTP and then we may develop our own.

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White: These are required for the highway system. They are going to have similar ADTs. We aren't going to see a local road competing with a highway. Studded snow tires tend to damage pavement. We have to set the performance targets that our funding is tied to. This means all NHS roads in the state of Alaska. AMATS is now just setting their own safety targets for pedestrians. Alaska DOT&PF statewide measures are 80-90 percent of those that are in Anchorage. Increase match requirements are up to 65%. I recommend sticking with state measures for now until we get through the MTP.

Schaal: If we adopt target setting to meet the state's needs. Is there anything that prevents MPO from getting the info they need?

White: Absolutely not. The state is going to have data on major roads. Alaska DOT&PF is only worried about the NHS.

Motion to approve the Performance Planning Target Setting Procedures and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Winnestaffer), seconded. Passed unanimously.

a. MSB Grant Agreement

Kim provided a staff report. MVP drafted the MOU to MSB and the MSB sent back a grant agreement. The money has to be spent by 2028. There is concern over the possibility of losing money. In the agreement, MVP included disbursement of funds of up to 50% and ability to get extension if needed.

Winnestaffer: Did the MVP lawyer look at this?

Sollien: The lawyer looked at initial version. The MSB made minor changes.

Motion to approve the MSB Grant Agreement (Adler), seconded. Passed unanimously.

6. Old Business

a. Alaska DOT&PF Continuous, Comprehensive, and Cooperative (3C) Policy

Kim Sollien provided a staff report. Changes have been made since the 3C policy was last seen. We're bringing this to the table for another round of Technical Committee comments. Kim Sollien went over changes that were made. The document was displayed on the screen. The document and edits were in the meeting packet.

7. New Business

None

8. Other Issues

None

9. Informational Items

a. Transit Update

Rebecca Skjothaug provided a graphic in the meeting chat and provided an update. The RFP is in process. Plan to have a transit operator selected and operational in October. The grant application process is going well. The assembly meetings are occurring every Tuesday and budget will get rolling in the latter half of the month. We do not know the levels of service yet. A two-week extension has been issued.

Schall: Does the schedule slip by two weeks?

Skjothaug: The schedule is led by the grant. The timeline will stay the same.

b. Staff Update

Kim Sollien provided an update and plans to have news for the Policy Board meeting.

c. MVP Asset Management Plans Update: Adam Bradway, Alaska DOT&PF

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Adam Bradway provided a staff report. A summary review of the various plans located in the meeting packet from the Program of Projects.

Winnestaffer: is this a GIS based plan?

Bradway: Yes, essentially google street view with cameras.

Winnestaffer: The public lets us know if signs are missing

Adler: The Borough already has a system for that, Problem Reporter. These are planning projects these are not one offs. These are revolving.

Bilafer: The Mat-Su problem reporter is tied to cities.

Bradway: To increase funding by \$100, 000, would mean a request change to the STIP. The amendment is still in process. Small amounts can be changed without an amendment.

d. MTP Update

Project kick-off meeting was last week on Friday. The team will come to the May meeting to go over timeline and process.

e. STIP Amendment #2 Update

Comments have been submitted. Adam Bradway will continue to work behind the scenes. Comments are in the meeting packet.

f. House Transportation Committee Meeting: April 3rd 1-3pm

The meeting link and recording are available to those who would like to see it.

10. Technical Committee Comments

Winnestaffer: Clint is going to be missed. I appreciate his openness and work with the Alaska DOT&PF

Tucker: I like to hear the cooperation and to make things better for everyone

11. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn (**Adler**), seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:18pm*

Next Scheduled MPO Technical Committee Meeting – Tuesday May 13th, 2025 from 2:00-4:00pm to be held at the Musk Ox Farm and Microsoft TEAMS.