

## Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

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Mayor Bryce Ward Chair, FAST Planning Policy Board 100 Cushman Street, Suite 205 Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Mayor Ward,

Attached, please find the State of Alaska Preventative Maintenance (PM) and Highway Safety Improvement Projects (HSIP) to incorporate into the FAST Planning Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). As previously discussed, recent changes in practices required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) mandate that all surface transportation projects within a Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) be included in the respective TIP.

Our resolution of the February 12, 2024 STIP Joint FHWA/FTA Federal Planning Findings has required changes in past practices in how we address project funding within the TIP. All correspondence with FHWA in addressing these findings is available on our website: <a href="https://publicinput.com/stip/#tab-53339">https://publicinput.com/stip/#tab-53339</a> Specifically, FHWA has stated: "The TIP shall reflect the investment priorities established in the current metropolitan transportation plan. The TIP shall include capital and non-capital projects surface transportation projects (or phases of projects) within the boundaries of the metropolitan planning area proposed for funding under 23 U.S.C and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. 23 CFR 450.330 requires that FHWA and FTA shall jointly find that each metropolitan TIP is consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan. 23 CFR 450.328(b) requires that after approval of the TIP by the MPO and the Governor, the State shall include the TIP without change, directly or by reference, in the STIP." This statement is included in the February 23<sup>rd</sup> FHWA/FTA response letter.

As discussed, the recent submittal of FAST Planning TIP Administrative Modification #3 includes non-compliant project and program information, causing the State of Alaska's STIP to not meet fiscal constraint requirements. Incorporating the attached information will rectify this situation and allow us to proceed with a fiscally constrained STIP submittal upon completion of our public comment period for Amendment #1. Please ensure any statements in the TIP stating "Project included in the FFY23-27 TIP for informational purposes only" are removed. All projects included in the TIP will be factored into the State's fiscal constraint requirements and are not for informational purposes.

The attached project information includes STIP ID, project name, project phase, project obligation year, and project obligation amount. It also includes sub-allocation information, which should be accurately reflected in the TIP. It is important to note that FHWA and FTA require total project cost information to be included in our respective STIP and TIP documents. The attached information allows quick calculations of total project cost. For more information, please review the correspondence between FHWA/FTA and DOT&PF at the aforementioned link.

We also discussed project and program phases that haven't been included in the TIP in the past and require an air quality exemption. Projects such as Airport Way/Cushman Street Intersection Reconstruction, Steese Highway/Johansen Expressway Interchange, and Old Steese Highway Construction can be listed, but all funding must be programmed beyond 2024-2027 until an air quality exemption is approved. Once approved, the State will work with FAST Planning to consider how to incorporate these projects back into the program to ensure fiscal constraint is maintained.

Finally, we ask that FAST Planning discontinue the use of Illustrative fund code types in programming projects. Project and program phases listed in the out years of the TIP should include the anticipated funding type and not be included as illustrative. Advancing these projects will require subsequent TIP Amendments.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Ryan Anderson, P.E.

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Commissioner

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Cc:

Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner, Alaska DOT&PF Jackson Fox, Executive Director, FAST Planning Joe Kemp, Northern Regional Director, Alaska DOT&PF Dom Pannone, Director, Alaska DOT&PF

IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWY00570	Chena Ridge Road and Chena Pump Road Resurfacing

STIP Numbers	STIP ID Name	
34660	Pavement and Bridge Preservation Program FAST Planning Boundary	

Place Name Borough or Census Area		DOT Region
FAST Boundary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Northern Region

Project Phases		
Phases FY Planned Obligation		
P4	FY25	\$12,500,000

<b>Construction Programmed to</b>
Date
<b>Design Programmed to Date</b>
\$0
Current AC Balance

Suballocations			
FY Phase Suballocations \$ Planned Obligation			\$ Planned Obligation
FY25	P4 STBG Flex		\$11,371,250
FY25	P4	SM FAST	\$1,128,750

Revision Request ID	Component	PDP Revision Request Status
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IRIS Program Code	Project Name	
NFHWY00838	Chena Ridge Road Resurfacing- Kentshire Drive To Friar's Way	

STIP Numbers	STIP ID Name	
34660	Pavement and Bridge Preservation Program FAST Planning Boundary	

Place Name Borough or Census Area		DOT Region
FAST Boundary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Northern Region

Project Phases		
Phases FY Planne		Planned Obligation
P4	FY24	\$2,631,400

<b>Construction Programmed to</b>
Date
\$2,631,400
<b>Design Programmed to Date</b>
\$0
Current AC Balance

Suballocations			
FY	Phase	Suballocations	\$ Planned Obligation
FY24	P4	SM FAST	\$237,615
FY24	P4	STBG Flex	\$2,393,785

Revision Request ID   Component   PDP Revision Request Status	Revision Request ID	Component	PDP Revision Request Status
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IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWY00645	East College Road Resurfacing

STIP Numbers	STIP ID Name
34660	Pavement and Bridge Preservation Program FAST Planning Boundary

Place Name	Borough or Census Area	DOT Region
FAST Boundary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Northern Region

Project Phases		
Phases	FY	Planned Obligation
P4	FY24	\$250,000

<b>Construction Programmed to</b>
Date
\$11,030,457
<b>Design Programmed to Date</b>
\$0
Current AC Balance

	Suballocations		
FY	Phase	Suballocations	\$ Planned Obligation
FY24	P4	STBG Flex	\$227,425
FY24	P4	SM FAST	\$22,575

Revision Request ID	Component	PDP Revision Request Status
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IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWY00699	Chena Small Tracts Roundabouts [HSIP '22]

STIP Numbers	STIP ID Name
34657	Highway Safety Improvement Program FAST Planning Boundary

Place Name	Borough or Census Area	DOT Region
FAST Boundary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Northern Region

Project Phases		
Phases	FY Planned Obligation	
P2a	FY24	\$138,255
P4	FY25	\$2,001,000

<b>Construction Programmed to</b>
Date
\$0
<b>Design Programmed to Date</b>
\$138,255
Current AC Balance

Suballocations			
FY	Phase Suballocations \$ Planned Obligation		
FY24	P2	S164 STBG	\$138,255
FY25	P4	S164 STBG	\$2,001,000

Revision Request ID	Component	PDP Revision Request Status
NFHWY00699-RR605	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed

IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWY00592	City of Fairbanks Systematic Signal Upgrades [HSIP '21][Parent]

STIP Numbers	STIP ID Name
34657	Highway Safety Improvement Program FAST Planning Boundary

Place Name	Borough or Census Area	DOT Region
FAST Boundary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Northern Region

Project Phases		
Phases	FY	Planned Obligation
P2a	FY24	\$860,000
P4	FY25	\$6,845,000
P7	FY25	\$50,000

<b>Construction Programmed to</b>
Date
\$0
<b>Design Programmed to Date</b>
\$860,000
Current AC Balance

Suballocations				
FY	Phase	Suballocations	\$ Planned Obligation	
FY24	P2	S164 STBG	\$782,342	
FY24	P2	SM FAST	\$77,658	
FY25	P4	S164 STBG	\$6,226,897	
FY25	P4	SM FAST	\$618,104	
FY25	P7	S164 STBG	\$45,485	
FY25	P7	SM FAST	\$4,515	

Revision Request ID	Component	PDP Revision Request Status
NFHWY00592-RR174	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed
NFHWY00592-RR557	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed
NFHWY00592-RR805	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed

IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWY00904	Northern Region Systemic Signal Upgrades [HSIP] Child Stage 1

STIP Numbers	STIP ID Name	
34657	Highway Safety Improvement Program FAST Planning Boundary	

Place Name	ace Name Borough or Census Area	
FAST Boundary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Northern Region

Project Phases		
Phases	FY	Planned Obligation
P4	FY24	\$6,244,711
P7	FY24	\$176,000

<b>Construction Programmed to</b>		
Date		
<b>Design Programmed to Date</b>		
\$0		
Current AC Balance		

Suballocations			
FY	Phase Suballocations		\$ Planned Obligation
FY24	P4	S164 STBG	\$6,244,711
FY24	P7	SM FAST	\$176,000

Revision Request ID	Component	PDP Revision Request Status
NFHWY00904-RR187	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed
NFHWY00904-RR484	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed
NFHWY00904-RR485	Schedule/Add ATP Dates	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed

IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWY00527	Old Steese Shoulder Widening [HSIP '20]

STIP Numbers	STIP ID Name	
34657	Highway Safety Improvement Program FAST Planning Boundary	

Place Name	Borough or Census Area	DOT Region
FAST Boundary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Northern Region

Project Phases		
Phases	FY	Planned Obligation
P2a	FY24	\$100,000
P7	FY24	\$30,000

<b>Construction Programmed to</b>		
Date		
\$3,172,924		
<b>Design Programmed to Date</b>		
\$100,000		
Current AC Balance		

Suballocations			
FY	Phase Suballocations		\$ Planned Obligation
FY24	P2	S164 STBG	\$90,970
FY24	P2	SM FAST	\$9,030
FY24	P7	S164 STBG	\$27,291
FY24	P7	SM FAST	\$2,709

Revision Request ID	Component	PDP Revision Request Status
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IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWY00898	Parks Highway / Sheep Creek Rd Extension Traffic Signal HSIP

STIP Numbers	STIP ID Name
34657	Highway Safety Improvement Program FAST Planning Boundary

Place Name	Borough or Census Area	DOT Region
FAST Boundary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Northern Region

	Proje	ct Phases
Phases	FY	Planned Obligation
P2a	FY24	\$420,000
P2b	FY25	\$280,000
P7	FY25	\$50,000
P8	FY26	\$3,012,000

<b>Construction Programmed to</b>
Date
\$0
<b>Design Programmed to Date</b>
\$700,000
Current AC Balance

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FY	Phase	Suballocations	\$ Planned Obligation
FY24	P2	S164 STBG	\$420,000
FY25	P2	S164 STBG	\$280,000
FY25	P7	S164 STBG	\$50,000
FY26	P8	S164 STBG	\$3,012,000

Revision Request ID	Component	PDP Revision Request Status
NFHWY00898-RR555	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed

IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWY00097	Richardson Highway Milepost 351 Interchange [HSIP '16]

STIP Numbers	STIP ID Name
34657	Highway Safety Improvement Program FAST Planning Boundary

Place Name	Borough or Census Area	DOT Region
FAST Boundary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Northern Region

Project Phases		
Phases	FY	Planned Obligation
P4	FY24	\$21,597,753

<b>Construction Programmed to</b>		
Date		
\$30,360,988		
<b>Design Programmed to Date</b>		
\$0		
Current AC Balance		
\$0		

Suballocations				
FY	Phase	Suballocations	\$ Planned Obligation	
FY24	P4	S154 NHPP	\$9,434,018	
FY24	P4	S154 STBG	\$4,589,522	
FY24	P4	S164 NHPP	\$5,623,936	
FY24	P4	SM FAST	\$1,950,277	

Revision Request ID	Component	PDP Revision Request Status
NFHWY00097-RR167	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed
NFHWY00097-RR287	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed