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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: <https://publicinput.com/stip/#tab-53339>. 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 23rd 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Anderson".

Ryan Anderson, P.E.
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
NFHWHY00570	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

Construction Programmed to Date
Design Programmed to Date
\$0
Current AC Balance

Suballocations			
FY	Phase	Suballocations	\$ 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
NFHWHY00838	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	Planned Obligation
P4	FY24	\$2,631,400

Construction Programmed to Date
\$2,631,400
Design Programmed to Date
\$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
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IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWHY00645	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

Construction Programmed to Date
\$11,030,457
Design Programmed to Date
\$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

IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWHY00699	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

Construction Programmed to Date
\$0
Design Programmed to Date
\$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
NFHWHY00699-RR605	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed

IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWHY00592	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

Construction Programmed to Date
\$0
Design Programmed to Date
\$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
NFHWHY00592-RR174	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed
NFHWHY00592-RR557	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed
NFHWHY00592-RR805	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed

IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWHY00904	Northern Region Systemic Signal Upgrades [HSIP] Child Stage 1

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	\$6,244,711
P7	FY24	\$176,000

Construction Programmed to Date
Design Programmed to Date
\$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
NFHWHY00904-RR187	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed
NFHWHY00904-RR484	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed
NFHWHY00904-RR485	Schedule/Add ATP Dates	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed

IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWHY00527	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

Construction Programmed to Date
\$3,172,924
Design Programmed to Date
\$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
NFHWHY00898	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

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

Construction Programmed to Date
\$0
Design Programmed to Date
\$700,000
Current AC Balance

Suballocations			
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
NFHWHY00898-RR555	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed

IRIS Program Code	Project Name
NFHWHY00097	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

Construction Programmed to Date
\$30,360,988
Design Programmed to Date
\$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
NFHWHY00097-RR167	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed
NFHWHY00097-RR287	Budget	7 Revision Request Completed and Closed