

Roads and Highways Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 8, 2024

Location: Atwood Building, Anchorage, AK

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Meeting Called to Order by: Chair, Dan Hall

Attendance

- **Present:** Dan Hall (Chair), Jon Fuglestad, Kodi Long
- **Not Present:** Andrew Guy, Aves Thompson, Jason Roe-McComas

Meeting Overview

This session was conducted as an informational meeting, in line with Administrative Order 337, due to the absence of a quorum.

1. Opening Actions

- **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Chair Dan Hall initiated the meeting, confirming attendance.
 - **Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes:** Approved without modifications by Jon Fuglestad and Kodi Long.
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2. Reports

- **Chair's Report:** Chair Dan Hall provided updates on current projects and board initiatives.
 - **Members' Reports:** Each present board member shared insights on the regional impacts and priorities of ongoing projects.
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3. Public Comments

No phone or online comments were submitted for this meeting.

Old Business

1. **Alaska/Richardson/Steese Highway Corridor Analysis Update**
Presenters: Judy Chapman and Randy Kinney
 - **Action Item:** Board members requested to review final corridor analysis plan and gave feedback on the corridor analysis plan presentation, emphasizing the need for enhanced safety measures and environmental considerations.
2. **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Recap**
Presenters: Commissioner Ryan Anderson and Deputy Commissioner Keith

- **Action Item:** The Board recommended continued support for a rolling STIP, which aligns with long-term project goals and ensures consistent funding.
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New Business

1. Legislative Updates & Senate Bill 263

Presenter: Andy Mills

- **Overview:** Andy provided an update on recent legislative developments affecting infrastructure funding.

2. Operating Budget & Winter Operations

Presenter: Dom Pannone

- **Key Points:** Dom presented budget allocations with an emphasis on winter preparedness and resource distribution to ensure effective seasonal operations.

3. Buy America Build America Process Changes

Presenter: Chris Goins (Virtual)

- **Information:** Chris outlined new compliance requirements impacting the procurement process for upcoming projects under the Buy America Build America initiative.

4. Stewardship & Oversight Agreement Renewal

Presenters: Commissioner Anderson and Deputy Commissioner Keith

- **Overview:** The renewed agreement's terms were outlined, highlighting the federal partnership's oversight mechanisms and roles.

5. Carbon Reduction Plan Approval

- **Presenter:** Deputy Commissioner Keith
- **Status:** Tabled for the next meeting due to time constraints.

6. USDOT Freight Network Feedback Request

Presenter: Commissioner Anderson

- **Status:** Tabled for the next meeting to allow for thorough discussion.
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Action Items Recap

- **Corridor Analysis Feedback:** The Board will finalize recommendations and communicate them formally.
- **STIP Support:** Board to ensure the rolling STIP plan remains updated for infrastructure consistency.
- **Tabled Items:**
 - Carbon Reduction Plan Approval
 - USDOT Freight Network Feedback Request

Next Meeting

- **Date:** To be determined (TBD)