

Fairbanks North Star Borough Comprehensive Roads Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #7
Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 1:00 – 5:00 pm



Location

- In-Person: Carlson Center, Pioneer Room, 2010 2nd Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99701

Objectives

Share and gather Steering Committee input on:

- Process and progress-to-date and proposed schedule/key milestones.
- Revised draft corridor maps that incorporate Steering Committee feedback and consider other technical information (e.g., environmental constraints).
- Community meeting dates, times, locations, purpose, and planned outreach.
- Next steps and Steering Committee role.

Materials – emailed on May 11, 2022 w/exception of revised corridors maps (see *note* below)

1. Agenda w/Proposed Schedule & Key Milestones
2. FNSB Roads Plan: Corridor Selection Criteria
3. **NOTE:** *Given the size of the revised corridor maps (NW, NE, SW, and SE Quadrants), we have uploaded them to a cloud-based file sharing site. Please see instructions below to access the maps. We will also have printed maps of each quadrant for Steering Committee review during the meeting (like the tools we will use to conduct the community open houses the week following).*
 - TO ACCESS REVISED CORRIDOR MAPS – Go to this site: <https://3.basecamp.com/3768995/join/AN9kG641yaEt> (likely requires setting up an account with email and password). These maps have LiDAR, contours, and wetlands plus original layers (1991 Roads Plan roads, constructed roads, etc.). These maps will give you the ability to do a deeper dive by switching layers on and off. Most PDF viewers support the layers and Firefox browser also has an option to switch layers on and off if you do not have a compatible PDF reader. Having trouble? Questions? Call or email Natalie! D: 907-452-1414; C: 248-421-9940, natalie.lyon@respec.com.

Agenda

Time	Item
1:00 – 1:20 pm	Welcome, How We Got Here & Today's Focus <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steering Committee & Project Team Introductions• Comments from FNSB Mayor Bryce Ward• Process and progress-to-date and proposed spring through fall schedule & key milestones – <i>see Page 2 of this document</i>• Today's meeting purpose and guidelines
1:20 – 2:50 pm	Presentation & Discussion on REVISED DRAFT Future Road Corridors Quadrant Maps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to process – how this will work• Review and discussion of revised maps – agreement on changes we will make before the maps are released for public review
2:50 – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Presentation & Discussion on REVISED DRAFT Future Road Corridors Quadrant Maps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued
4:30 – 4:50 pm	Community Meetings – May 17 & 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See below for details

4:50- 5:00 pm	Next Steps & Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate actions • Closing comments and questions
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FNSB Roads Plan – Stakeholder Engagement & Plan Development Schedule, 05-10-22

A. Steering Committee Meetings – Corridor Review (Virtual):

- Thursday, March 3, 2022 – NW Quadrant Draft Corridors – **COMPLETE**
- Wednesday, April 6, 2022 – NE Quadrant Draft Corridors – **COMPLETE**
- Wednesday, April 20 – SW & SE Quadrants Draft Corridors – **COMPLETE**
- **Wednesday, May 11 – Share Revised Maps & Set the Stage for Community Meetings – TODAY**
- Summer 2022 – Share Functional Classification Map & Community Feedback from Community Meetings (and other) – **In-Person?**

B. Community Meetings (In-Person & In Coordination with Trails Plan Effort) – Week of May 16th – **CONFIRMED**

Outreach

- Send postcards to property owners with potential corridors on their property – **IN THE MAIL!**
- Social media, website, e-blast, PSA on KUAC – **COMING THIS WEEK!**

Dates & Locations

- Tuesday, May 17th (North Pole) – North Pole High School Commons – **CONFIRMED**
- Thursday, May 19th (Fairbanks) – Lathrop High School Cafeteria – **CONFIRMED**

Proposed Approach – Open House (two 2-hour rounds each evening). Each round will include:

- 15 minutes – short introduction / “technical presentation” (process, policy framework, how open house will work, next steps, ways to connect with the team)
- 45 minutes – open house with maps on tables, post-its and/or stickers, markers, etc. – mark them up (support, don’t support, and why) – staff at tables to have more detailed conversations
- REPEAT ABOVE
- Total Time = 2 hours

C. Landowner Conversations (In-Person/Virtual) – Week of May 23rd

D. Draft & Final Plan = Proposed Policy Framework (Vision, Goals, Strategies, Actions) + Proposed Corridors + Proposed Functional Classification Maps

- June/July
 - Use community/stakeholder input to develop Public Review Draft
- July
 - Steering Committee meeting to review Public Review Draft and distribution/outreach plan
 - Public Review Draft released for 30-day comment period
- August
 - Steering Committee Meeting to review community feedback
 - Revise and finalize draft
- September
 - Adoption process



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Steering Committee (SC) Meeting #7 – NOTES

May 11, 2022; 1:00 – 3:00 pm

IN-PERSON at the Carlson Center, Fairbanks, AK

INVITED PARTICIPANTS

Steering Committee Members:

Transportation

- Jackson Fox, FAST Planning
- Randi Bailey, DOT&PF (*absent*)
- Ryan Hilton, FNSBSD Transportation (*absent*)

Local Government

- Jimi Cash, FNSB Assembly (*absent*)
- Chris Guinn, FNSB Planning Commission
- Randy Pitney, FNSB Planning Board
- City of North Pole (*no current representative*)
- Robert Pristash, Fairbanks City Engineer (*absent*)
- Jerry Colp, City of Fairbanks

Road Service Area

- Erin Anderson, Murphy RSA (*absent*)
- Alan Skinner, Vue Crest RSA (*absent*)

Surveyor

- Steve Lowry, 3 Tier Alaska
- Nils Degerlund, Degerlund Engineering

Fire/EMS

- Chief Scott Learned, Steese Fire Department

State

- Colin Craven, Department of Natural Resources (*absent*)
- Bruce Sackinger, Department of Natural Resources (*absent*)
- Nathan Belz, University of Alaska Fairbanks (*absent*)

Developer

- Gary Newman, Northwest Public Power Association

Business

- Aaron Welterlen (*absent*)

Military

- Alexa Greene, Eielson Air Force Base
- John Weinberger, Ft. Wainwright (*absent*)

FNSB Leadership

- Mayor Bryce Ward

FNSB Technical Staff:

- Kellen Spillman, Community Planning Department (Project Manager)
- Brittany Smart, Mayor's Office
- Don Galligan, Community Planning Department

- George Stefan, Platting Division

Project Consultants:

- Respec: Patrick Cotter (Contractor Project Manager), Natalie Lyon
- Agnew::Beck Consulting: Shelly Wade (Public Involvement Lead)

MEETING SUMMARY

Brief Review of Objectives

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Brief Review of Schedule

- See later discussion regarding May 17 and 19 Open Houses.

Discussion

- Mayor Ward greeted the Steering Committee and offered the following suggested connections:
 1. Bennett Road and Spudwood Road (connect Spudwood Road to Tikchik stub)
 - Would be include in the Violet Drive Road Service Area.
 - [Has major overflow issues ever year.](#)
 - Also has ingress/egress challenges.
 - Steering Committee Member Steve Lowry lives on Spudwood Road:
 - Stated that removing the overflow ice once per year addresses the issues through maintenance, keeps the road passable year-round.
 - Does not support a connection.
 2. Haida Lane to Amanita Road
 - FNSB Administration is working with the Audubon Society on a potential land swap to get an alternative connection up into Amanita.
 - Steering Committee Members suggest looking more closely to consider archaeological sites and wildlife/conservation in that area, but more broadly maybe even add as corridor selection criteria.

3. Two Rivers to Richardson Highway Connection
 - Why? Potential need – connects Two Rivers and Greater North Pole areas, decreases how far those residents and service providers have to travel to access those areas. Has been brought up as a concern by community members over time.
 - One option: Transmitter Road to Grange Hall Road
 - This would intersect an existing military training area; this is a clear conflict for this route.
 - Other option: Community of Two Rivers to the Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project.
 - Army Corps of Engineers policy is to not to use dams as bridge; this could be a potential constraint of this route. Requires future research and discussion.
 - Would require DOT&PF and/or FAST Planning involvement.
 - Recommend including this potential connection (Two Rivers to Richardson Highway Connection) for future consideration and documenting potential need.
- Draft Corridor Maps:
 - Reevaluate #310 in the Northeast Quadrant for grade.
 - Compare with #38 and decide if both are needed or not.
 - Jackson Fox, FAST Planning brought up the need for an alternative mining trucking route from Kinross.
 - This conversation will come up soon. We should consider now as part of the Roads Plan alternatives.
 - Nobody wants the trucking through their neighborhood.
 - Reevaluate #169 in the Southeast Quadrant due to utility easements.
 - May need to remove.
- Recommend adding Farmers Loop Extension to Old Steese connection.
 - Called Hunter Road on the north side.
- Public Meetings
 - Role of Steering Committee – listen, respond to questions as comfortable and knowledgeable, but encourage participants to engage with the project team on technical details and to document their comments.
 - We will have comment forms and post-its for participants to share their feedback during and/or after the meeting. Participants can write their comments and stick them on the relevant map/corridor. VERY IMPORTANT that we get specific feedback, ideally by corridor #.
 - We would also like to encourage participants to share their contact information so we can follow-up with them if we have questions but also so we can share project updates and keep them involved and sharing their feedback throughout the process.

- Materials – Shelly will prepare a detailed meeting checklist, including how many copies we need of all materials and maps.
 - IMPORANT: We also want to make sure we include the language regarding how the roads will only be built, and incrementally, through the subdivision process. Language from the website: *Road corridors in the plan will only be dedicated on private property at the time that landowners subdivide.* The subdivision process allows for some flexibility in road alignment and design if the alternative corridor achieves the same goals as the connection identified in the plan. The Road Plan is intended to encourage and support the FNSB and developers working together to develop a road system that protects the health, safety, and well-being of the community.

Next Steps

- Between now and first open house in North Pole, there is no Steering Committee meeting.
- The project team will address recommended revisions that have been discussed today and make appropriate edits on the corridor maps that will be shared at the open houses starting next week.
- Following the open houses, we will post the maps to the project website and do outreach to solicit public comment on the maps. All comments will be documented in an outreach/comment tracker and will be posted online after compiled/organized by corridor, commentor, and date of comment.



