



# AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

**August 1, 2024**

## Project Team:

Galen Jones, Project Manager	Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Kelly Kilpatrick, Project Manager Sam Tyler, Project Engineer Morgan McCammon, Public Involvement	DOWL

## Summary:

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Project Manager Galen Jones introduced the project and project team present. DOWL Project Manager Kelly Kilpatrick presented an overview of the project, sharing the project's purpose and objectives, funding sources, schedule, and interchange background. She shared details of the existing traffic conditions, highlighting the issues including westbound queues on Eagle River Loop Road to merge onto the Glenn Highway during the morning peak, status of the existing bridge, and existing non-motorized and transit facilities. Kelly presented the early brainstorming ideas the project team developed to address the issues noted. The project team shared these issues and ideas with stakeholders at an interchange workshop held April 30, 2024. Feedback from workshop attendees included:

- Project is needed and overdue.
- Congestion is unacceptable during morning commute.
- Enhance and maintain bicycle/pedestrian, Park & Ride, and transit facilities.
- Consider school time change; high school starting an hour later (8:30 a.m.).
- Concerns about impacts to emergency vehicle access to correctional facility and school traffic with VFW Rd to Wolf Den Dr connection.
- Consider over-height vehicles through interchange.
- Consider roundabout at both ramp terminals.
- Consider signaling ramp node intersections.
- Avoid increasing the number of vehicle traffic lanes.



Kelly concluded the presentation by sharing project team contact information and invited committee members to share comments and questions.

## **Comments:**

Committee Member Craig Lyon asked for clarification on the current funding. Galen responded the project secured some state funding in 2022 to move forward with the environmental document and preliminary design. The remaining design is federally funded, and funding was obtained in 2023 and 2024.

During an update on the AMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), AMATS Coordinator Aaron Jongenelen noted he needed information from DOT&PF for projects included in the STIP amendment which are not yet included in the TIP amendment.