



**FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024 AT 7 A.M.**
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#)
AND AT FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



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1. Roll Call
 2. Cowles Street Reconstruction Project
 3. Watering Logistics at South Davis Road Ballfields
 4. City/Borough Areawide Economic Development Agreement
 5. City Tobacco Products Distribution and Excise Tax Update and Discussion
 6. Finance Committee Report
 7. Mayor and Council Member Comments
 8. Next Regular Work Session – Tuesday, May 7, 2024
 9. Adjournment



Chena River

DOWNTOWN

**PHASE 2:
AIRPORT WAY
TO 1ST AVENUE**

10TH AVE

MCGOWN ST

COWLES ST

SMYTHE ST

Weeks Field Estates

AIRPORT WAY

Planet Fitness

KENNICOTT DR

**PHASE I: EAST
COWLES TO
AIRPORT WAY**

W. COWLES ST

E. COWLES ST

Cowles St

**COWLES STREET
RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT**

**FAST Planning FFY2023-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Administrative Modification #2 - Approved 02.28.2024**

NID	IRIS	Project Description	Fund Code	Phase	FFY23	FFY24	FFY25	FFY26	FFY27	Beyond		
33863	TBD	FAST Carbon Reduction Program	CRP	All	887.0	1,929.2	1,051.1	1,066.8	1,082.8			
		Projects that support the reduction of transportation emissions, including evaluations, plans, and the design and construction of projects in accordance with 23 USC §175, within the FAST Planning Metropolitan Planning Area.	SM/3PF		88.0	191.5	104.3	105.9	107.5			
		Project Total			975.0	2,120.7	1,155.4	1,172.7	1,190.3	0.0		
26078	NFHWY00280	Chena River Walk Stage III Construct an approximately 3,200' long segment, multi-use asphalt path that is 10 feet wide with 2-foot gravel shoulders. The proposed path would be constructed on the north side of the Chena River from the existing Chena River pedestrian bridge crossing near Pioneer Park to the east side of Peger Road where the new path turns to a north/south orientation along Peger Road until it terminates at the southeast corner of the Peger Road and Phillips Field Road controlled intersection. <i>TAP funds for construction from FFY22 and FFY23.</i>	STP	Design								
			FM									
			STP	Right-of-Way								
			FM									
			STP	Utilities								
			FM									
			TAP	Construction				305.1				
			CMAQ					1,275.1				
			FM						156.9			
Project Total					0.0	0.0	1,737.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
30012	NFHWY00126 NFHWY00833	Cowles Street Reconstruction - Phase I Reconstruct Cowles Street from Airport Way to East Cowles Street. Project work will include roadside hardware, drainage improvements, intersection improvements, ADA improvements and utilities. Phase II will reconstruct Cowles Street from 1st Avenue to Airport Way. <i>50% local match / 50% state match.</i>	STP	Design		363.0						
			SM			18.0						
			3PF			18.0						
			STP	Right-of-Way								
			SM									
			3PF									
			STP	Utilities							190.4	
			SM							9.5		
			3PF							9.5		
			STP	Construction				3,210.1				6,992.0
			CMAQ					1,793.3				0.0
			3PF						248.3			347.0
			SM						248.3			347.0
			Project Total					0.0	5,899.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
38471	Z622070000	Cushman Street Bridge Rehabilitation Rehabilitate the Cushman Street Bridge and Cushman Street between the First Avenue and Terminal Street intersections. Project work will include bridge work, roadside hardware, ADA sidewalk and curb ramp improvements.	STP	Construction	4,134.1							
			CMAQ		727.8							
			ACC		-4,861.9							
Project Total					0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

STP - Surface Transportation Program, CMAQ - Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality, TAP - Transportation Alternatives Program, CRP - Carbon Reduction Program, MPL - Metropolitan Planning, TPL - Transit Planning, OFF - FAST Planning Offset Funds, SA - State Funding Appropriation, SM - State Match, 3PF - 3rd Party Funding, FM - FAST Planning Match. ILLU - Illustrative (Funding Placeholder), AC - Advanced Construction, ACC - Advanced Construction Conversion

1 By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
2 Barbara Haney
3 Brett Rotermund
4 Tammie Wilson
5 Introduced: 04/27/2023
6 Substituted: 05/04/2023
7 Adopted: 05/04/2023
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9 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

10 RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 27

11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS,
12 CITY OF NORTH POLE, AND THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH TO JOINTLY
13 PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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17 WHEREAS, AS 29.35.110(c) authorizes a second-class borough, like the
18 Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough), to expend tax revenue collected on an areawide
19 basis for economic development if an agreement is in place with a city located in the
20 borough to cooperatively or jointly provide for economic development; and
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22 WHEREAS, AS 29.35.110(c) was recently amended to include using revenue
23 from other sources of funds to include grants; and
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25 WHEREAS, The City of Fairbanks, the City of North Pole, and the Borough
26 have been operating under an agreement signed by the Mayors of each jurisdiction since
27 2004; and
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29 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of all borough citizens for the Borough
30 to be able to spend tax revenue on economic development that will benefit the entire
31 borough, regardless of the source of the revenue; and
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33 WHEREAS, Economies are not necessarily bound by governmental
34 boundaries; and
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36 WHEREAS, The Borough is not interested in acquiring an areawide power
37 of economic development, which would prohibit the City of Fairbanks and the City of
38 North Pole from exercising economic development within their boundaries; and
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40 WHEREAS, AS 29.71.800 defines economic development as “an action
41 intended to result in an outcome that causes an increase in, or avoids a decrease of,
42 economic activity, gross domestic product, or the tax base;” and
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44 WHEREAS, The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis states "Consumer
45 spending is a key component of quarterly gross domestic product... Spending data for the
46 nation and each state help businesses predict consumer behavior and make decisions
47 about hiring and investing. These statistics also help policymakers and researchers
48 understand the interplay between Americans' incomes, spending and saving;" and
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50 WHEREAS, The Borough has tracked economic indicators for the borough
51 areawide since the 1970's through the Community Research Quarterly publication; and
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53 WHEREAS, The Borough is a resource and catalyst for the exchange of local
54 economic information between and amongst local businesses and municipal, state, and
55 federal governments; and
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57 WHEREAS, The Economic Development Commission is a necessary and
58 integral part of the coordination of economic development activities of the Borough and
59 participates in specific economic development projects as they are proposed; and
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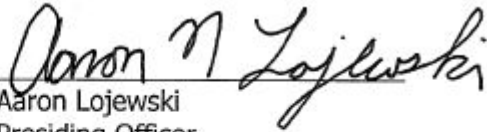
61 WHEREAS, Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement does not amend or
62 modify the role of the Economic Development Commission nor does it infringe on or
63 eliminate the appropriating power of the Assembly.
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65 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
66 North Star Borough authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with
67 the Cities of Fairbanks and North Pole to jointly provide for economic development and
68 authorizing each municipality to:

- 69 1. Apply for, receive, and administer grants.
- 70 2. Take other action to develop, encourage, study, or finance economic
71 development projects that benefit the entire borough, such as:
 - 72 a. Support economic development organizations that support key
73 industries outlined in the Comprehensive Economic Development
74 Strategy (CEDS), such as the Fairbanks Economic Development
75 Corporation and Explore Fairbanks.
 - 76 b. Promote, support, and facilitate projects for key economic industries
77 as identified in the CEDS.
- 78 3. Develop and maintain key economic indicators and metrics to be used for
79 informing economic development decisions for the entire borough.
- 80 4. Create and disseminate information on the economic status of the entire
81 borough in support of economic development actions.
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83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of the agreement is for
84 purposes of AS 29.35.110(c) and does not amend or modify the responsibilities of the
85 Economic Development Commission as set forth in Chapter 4.40 FNSBC.
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ADOPTED THE 4TH DAY OF MAY 2023.


Aaron Lojewski
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


April Trickey, MMC
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Kelly, Guttenberg, Rotermund, Haney, Fletcher, Wilson, O'Neill Cash, Lojewski
Noes: None