Matanuska-Susitna Borough

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS
Chairperson: Jesse Peterson (Transportation Engineering or Construction)
Vice Chairperson: Terry Gorlick (Local Road Service Area)
Members:
Tim Alley (At Large)
Randy Durham (Aviation)
Pierce Schwalb (Non-Motorized)
Kristina Whitman (Student Transportation)
Vacancy (Public Transportation Industry)

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Date: **October 23, 2026**
Meeting Type: **REGULAR MEETING**
Meeting Time: **10:00 a.m.**
Meeting Location: **Room 203. 350 E. Dahlia Ave. Palmer, AK. 99645**

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING:

1. Participate in person.
2. Participate remotely using Microsoft Teams
   a. Join on your computer:
      i. Click here to join the meeting.
      ii. Or go to https://teams.live.com/free and use the details below:
         1. Meeting ID: 224 811 098 254 48
         2. Passcode: Zd96Vi7p
   b. Join using your phone:
      i. Phone Number: +1 907-290-7880 (Anchorage) or (844) 643-2217 (Toll-free)
      ii. Phone conference ID: 155 362 405#
3. Submit written comments to the Transportation Advisory Board Clerk:
   a. Email: julie.spackman@matsu.gov
   b. Deadline: Received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the Friday before the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA:

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 1, 2026

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. MatSu Valley Planning for Transportation Planning Updates – Anjie Goulding, MatSu Valley Planning for Transportation (MVP)
   - MatSu 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – public comment period closes October 30, 2026
   - 2027-2030 MVP Transportation Improvement Program

B. Snow removal near schools and at bus stops – MSB Public Works Dept.

C. Updating the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OSHP) – Alex Strawn, MSB Planning & Land Use Dept. Director

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

XI. NEXT MEETING DATES

A. Proposed 2027 Meeting Schedule:
   Second Thursday of the month, 12:00 p.m – 2:00 p.m.
   - January 14, 2027
   - April 8, 2027
   - July 8, 2027
   - October, 14, 2027

XII. ADJOURNMENT

ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Individuals with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the Borough ADA Coordinator:

Phone: 907-861-8432
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MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Date: **September 1, 2026**
Meeting Type: **SPECIAL MEETING**
Meeting Time: **10:00 a.m.**
Meeting Location: **Room 110. 350 E. Dahlia Ave. Palmer, AK. 99645**

MEETING MINUTES:

I. CALL TO ORDER - 10:22 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present in person: Tim Alley
Members present remotely: Jesse Peterson, Terry Gorlick, Randy Durham
Staff present: Julie Spackman, Alex Strawn, and Jason Ortiz
Guests present: Kim Sollien and Anjie Goulding, MatSu Valley Planning for Transportation

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda: Tim Alley. Motion passed unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 24, 2026 and August 14, 2026

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Motion to approve the minutes from July 24 and August 14, 2026: Tim Alley. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** – none.

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS - none

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. MatSu Valley Planning for Transportation: 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director, provided an overview of the process by which the MatSu Valley Planning for Transportation's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) was drafted and its purpose. He described the MSB reasoning for replacing three of the originally prioritized projects on the MTP and answered questions from the Board.

Motion to approve Resolution 26-06: Jesse Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Jesse Peterson: Expressed thanks to Terry for leading the meeting today.

Tim Alley: Expressed appreciation for getting the quorum for today's meeting so the resolution could move forward; it's an important action for this board.

Terry Gorlick: Stated the importance of student safety getting to and from school. Noted the recent lowering of priority for snow removal near schools and at bus stops. Requested that MSB Manager Brown or Public Works Director, Tom Adams, attend the next meeting to share the reasoning for the changes. Expressed desire to learn more about why the change was made and consider whether or not this board should submit a resolution to the Assembly to raise awareness of the change.

Randy Durham: No comments.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. Regular meeting: Friday, October 23, 2026. 10:00 a.m.

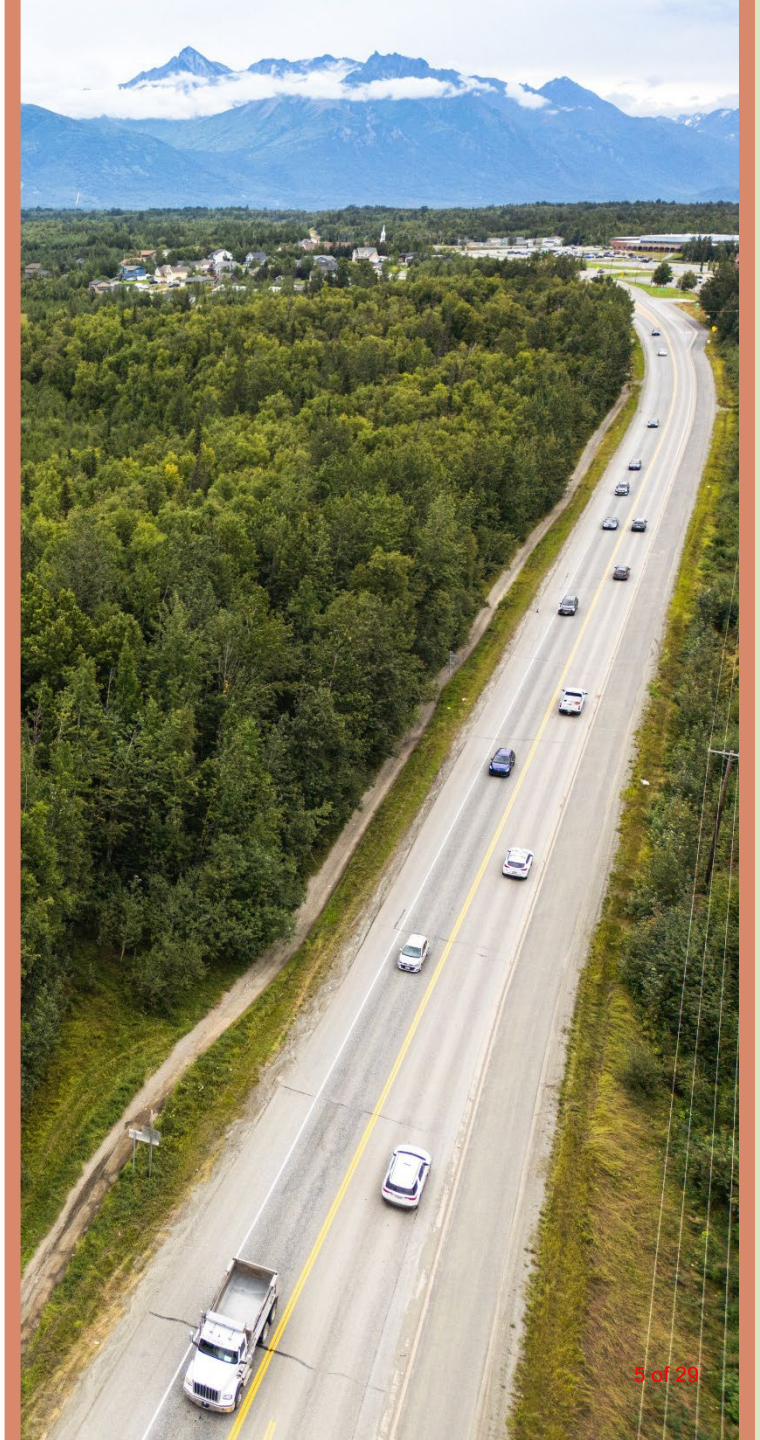
XII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:50 a.m.

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MATSU VALLEY
PLANNING *for*
TRANSPORTATION

MatSu 2050

Transportation Advisory Board
October 23rd, 2026



Agenda

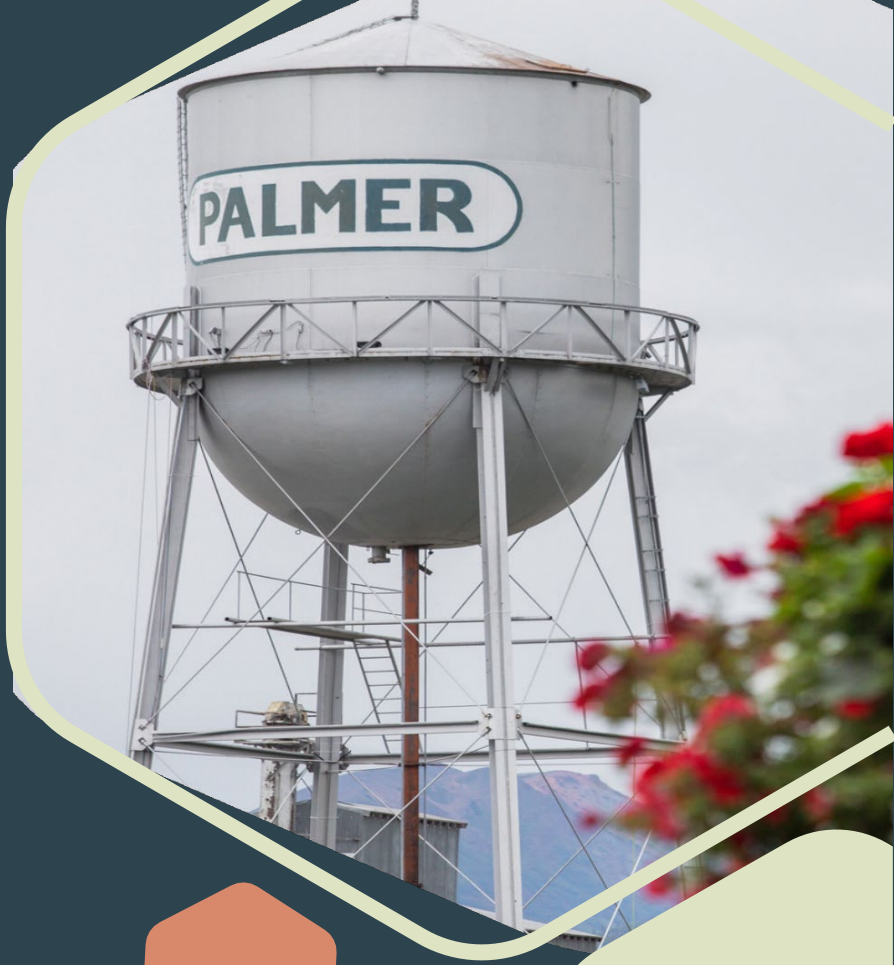
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02. What is *MatSu 2050*?

03. Project Selection

04. Navigating the Plan

05. Plan in Motion



01.

Introducing MVP

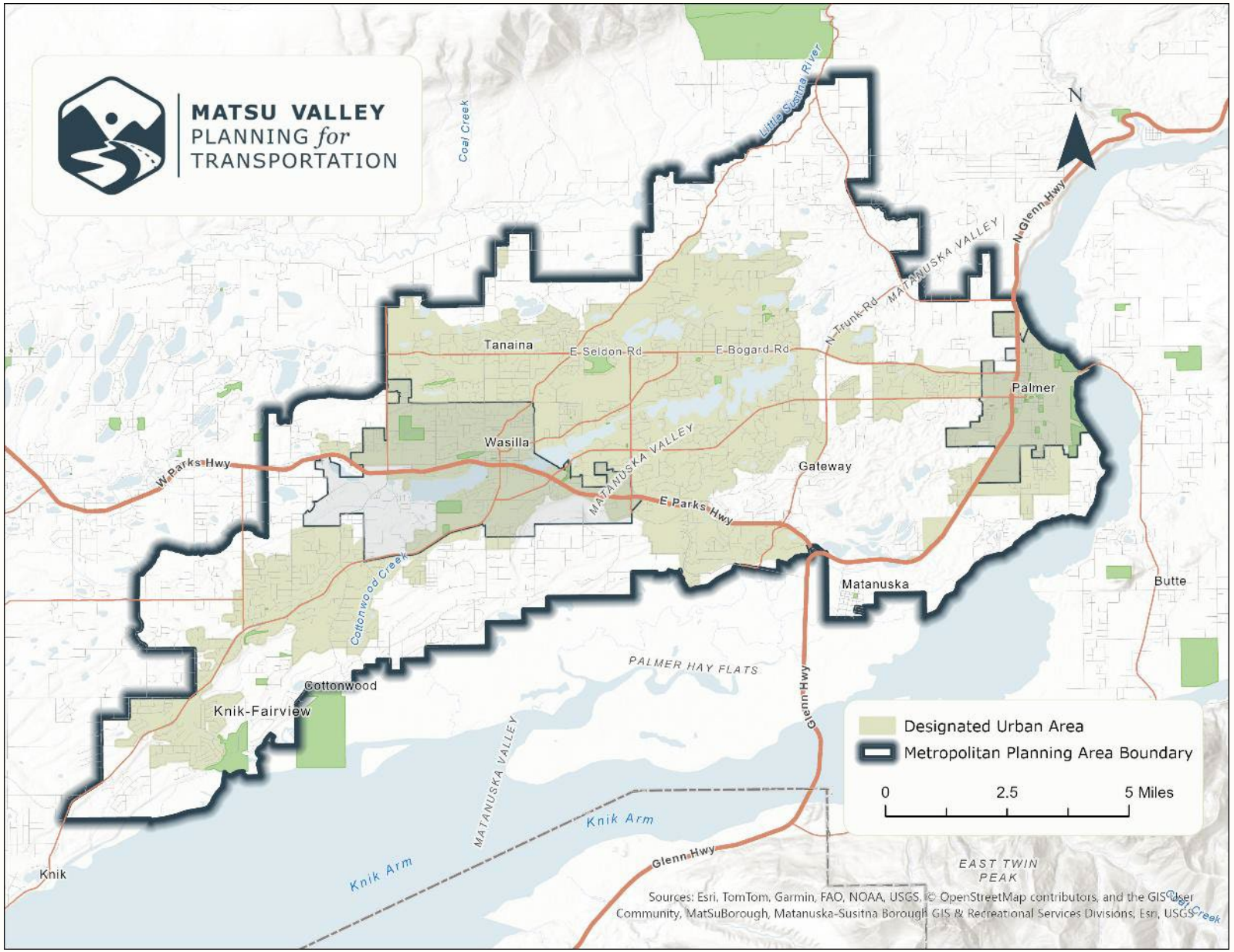
An MPO

What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization?

- A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a **federally funded transportation planning and policy-making organization.**
- MPOs are required for any **urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000.**
- **MPOs develop short- and long-range plans** for a local transportation system, including roads, public transit infrastructure, and bike and pedestrian facilities. The plans created by the MPO guide federal transportation infrastructure investments.
- There are **459 MPO's in the United States** today. MVP is the 3rd MPO in Alaska.

The MVP Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary includes the designated **urban area**, plus what we **expect to become urbanized** over the next 20 years.

- More than **120 square miles**
- About **73,000 people**



Who is MVP?

We are:

- A **non-profit** Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) formed on February 14, 2024.
- **Federally required** for transportation funding.
- Governed by a board of 7-member policy board **elected and appointed representatives of each regional government**.
- Supported by a 16-member technical committee.

MVP brings **local voices** together to guide the Mat-Su Valley's transportation future and ensure federal funding is invested where it matters most.

02.

What is *MatSu 2050*?

What should our transportation system look like?

MatSu 2050 is MVP's Metropolitan Transportation Plan

An MTP is…

- A **long-range (20+ year) regional plan** for transportation investments and priorities
- A guide to **regional decision-making** for roads, transit, bike/ped, and freight
- **Federally required**
- Updated every 5 years

MatSu 2050 will ensure transportation investments **support regional goals**



The *MatSu 2050* Process

Key Parts of the MTP:

- Vision, Goals, and Objectives*
- Assessment of the existing transportation system
- Current and projected transportation demand
- Performance measures and targets
- Proposed projects*
- Fiscal plan
- Operational and management strategies



*public involvement opportunity

Vision & Goals

Vision

MatSu Valley Planning *for* Transportation is committed to creating a safe, efficient, and multimodal transportation system that fosters reliable and accessible options for all modes of travel, supports the economy and environment, and promotes healthy communities.

Goals

- Ensure transportation improvements align with **local land use patterns** and **connect housing to employment**
- Improve transportation **safety for all modes**
- Leverage all available **funding** resources
- Maintain the system in a **state of good repair**
- Create opportunities for more **diverse transportation** options
- **Shorten commute times** and **improve mobility**
- Build a **resilient** transportation network

03.

Project Selection

Programming meaningful change

Project Nomination Period Phases

- **Phase 1 – Public Engagement**
  - December – January 2026
  - Interactive Comment Map
  - Transportation Survey
- **Phase 2 – Formal Project Nominations**
  - January - March 2026
  - Project Nominations accepted through online fo
- **Phase 3 – Project Evaluations**
  - April 2026
- **Phase 4 – Project Prioritization**
  - Summer 2026



Project Nomination, Scoring & Fiscal Constraint

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Land use alignment & housing-to-employment connections
- Transportation safety improvement for all modes
- Leverage available funding resources
- System maintenance / state of good repair
- Multi-modal network enhancement
- Mobility & commute time improvements
- Resilience of transportation network
- Public support, population served & functional classification

Evaluation uses both quantitative (GIS/data) and qualitative (panel review) methods.

FISCAL CONSTRAINT

The MTP 2050 must demonstrate projects can be funded using committed, available, or reasonably available revenue sources. (23 C.F.R. 450.104)

Short Range	2027–2030
Medium Range	2031–2040
Long Range	2041–2050
Illustrative	Future Priorities

9.03% non-federal share is required for most projects

MVP MTP 2050 Draft Project List

Short Range 2027–2030	Medium Range 2031–2040	Long Range 2041–2050
ID 1 Nelson Ave Multimodal Pathway	ID 10 Vine Road Pavement Preservation	ID 44 S Mack Pedestrian Pathway Project
ID 45 Carmel Road Reconstruction	ID 23 Bogard Road Pavement Pres, Glenn to Trunk	ID 38 Pathways for Teeland/Mat-Su Career Tech HS
ID 5 Seldon & Church Intersection Improvements	ID 33 Endeavor Pathway Connection from KGB to Riley	ID 55 Trunk Road Pavement Preservation, Parks to Nelson
ID 6 Nelson Road Extension	ID 37 E Westpoint Drive Pavement & Ped Safety Upgrade	ID 21 Riley Drive Paving and Pedestrian Pathway
ID 39 Seldon Road Pavement Preservation Church to Lucille	ID 9 King Salmon Drive Bridge Replacement	ID 50 Sunset Ave Pavement Preservation
ID 11 Elkhorn Dr Sidewalk to Lucille St		ID 53 Caribou Street Pavement Preservation
ID 14 East Auklet Ave from N Alaska to AKRR ROW		ID 54 Clapp Street Pavement Pres KGB Road to Laurie Ave
ID 17 Lucille Lake North Shore Access Improvement Project		ID 57 Lucille Street Pathway North Extension
ID 18 N Bailey Rd Upgrades N Bailey St from Beaver to W Eagle		ID 58 Settlers Bay Drive Pavement Preservation
ID 19 S Seward Meridian to E Sun Mtn Ave		ID 60 Turner Road Pavement Preservation
ID 25 E Beaver Upgrade E Beaver from N Alaska to N Chugach		ID 31 49th State St Pavement Preservation
ID 27 Machetanz Elementary Path & Crossing Improvements		ID 64 Copper Creek Road Pavement Preservation
ID 29 Entire E Rempel Ave		ID 4 KGB Elementary Pathways & Crossing
ID 36 Reconstruct Foothills from KGB to Sweet Birch		ID 7 Finger Lake Elementary Path Improvements
ID 72 ADA Assessment		ID 66 Pamela Drive Pavement Preservation
ID 73 User Conflict Study		ID 43 Pioneer Peak Elementary Pathways
ID 74 Local Road Speed Management Plan		
ID 76 School Zone Sign Standardization		
ID 49 Seward Mer. Parkway Pavement Parks Hwy -- PW Hwy		
ID 52 Covington Street Upgrade		

City of Wasilla Sponsored

MSB Sponsored

City of Palmer Sponsored

Funding Availability

Fund Type	Can be Used For	Actual FY2026 Sub-Allocation	Percent of Sub-Allocation
STBG	Most flexible, roadway projects, active transportation, and some planning	$7,023,041	82%
TAP	For MVP, mostly active transportation related work	$446,840	5%
CRP	For MVP, mostly active transportation related work	$806,691	8%
PL	Planning only	$462,682	5%
5303	Planning only	$92,821	1%
TOTAL		**$8,277,885**	**100%**

Minus ~ $1.5M
for MVP Office and Planning Support
Advanced Project Definition
MVP Improvement Program

In 2026 Dollars

$5.5M STBG

+

$450k TAP

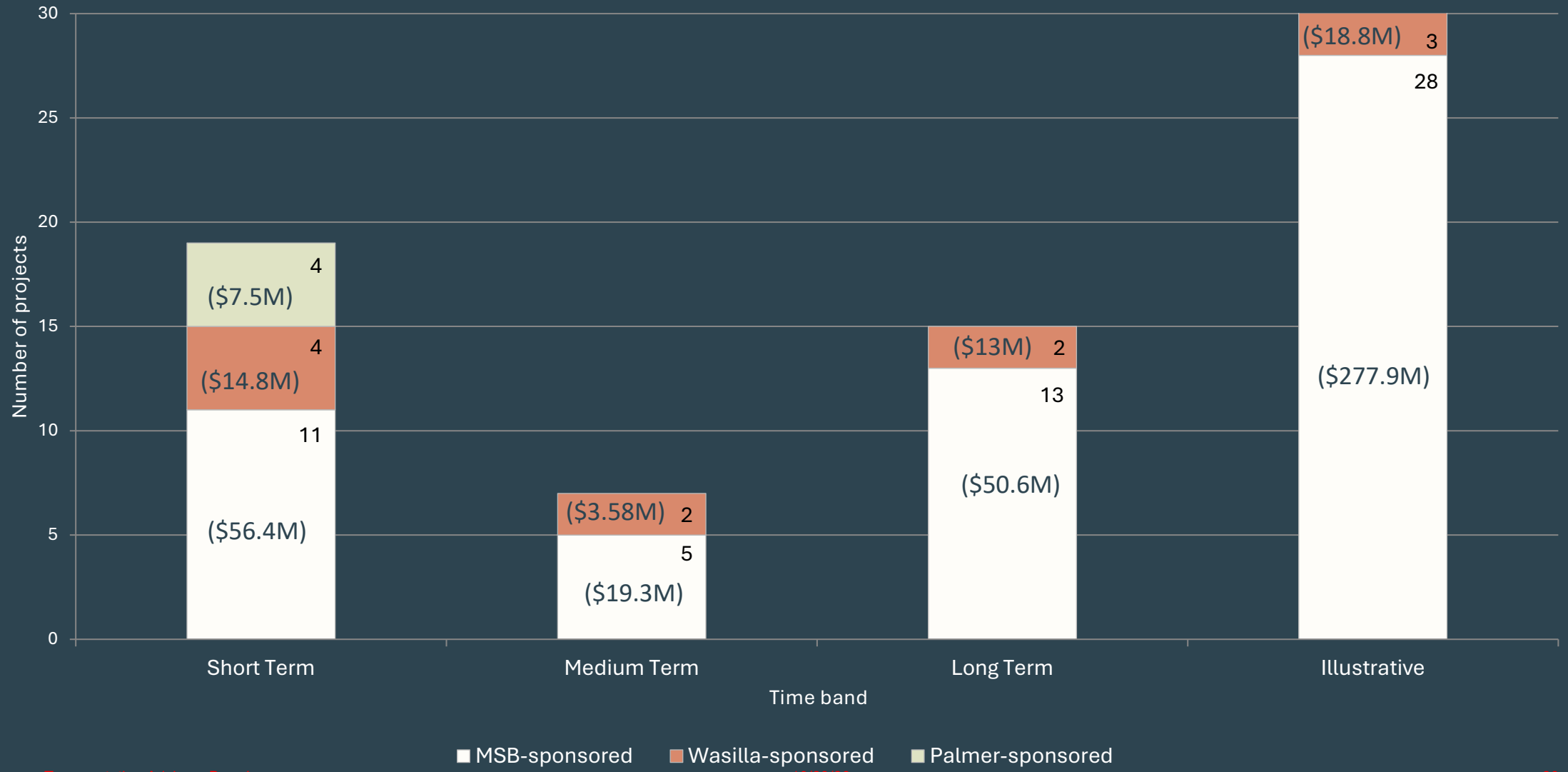
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$810k CRP

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~$6.7M for Projects

Prioritized Project List



04.

Navigating the Plan

Reviewing *MatSu 2050*

How is *MatSu 2050 organized?*

Why We Plan

Chapter 1: Introduction to the MTP

Chapter 2: Developing the Plan

Where We Are

Chapter 3: The Region Today

Where We're Going

Chapter 4: Vision, Goals & Performance

Chapter 6: Travel Demand Modeling

How We Get There

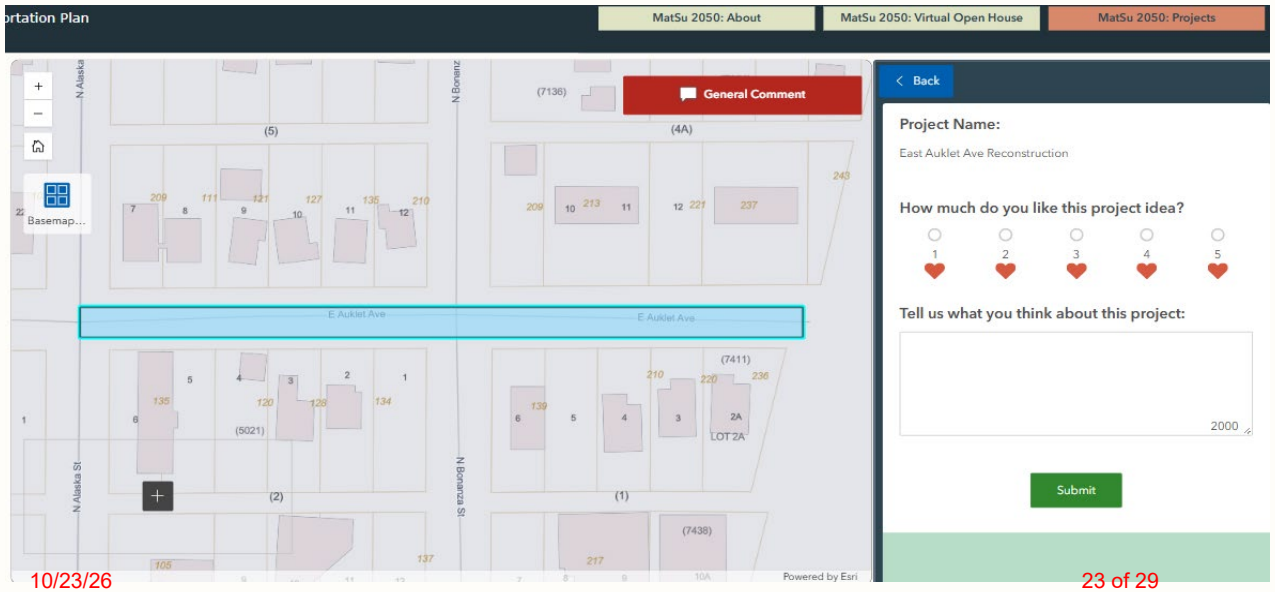
Chapter 5: Prioritizing Investments

Chapter 7: Financial Plan & Implementation

Appendices include the Existing Conditions Report, Environmental Assessment, and Master Project List.

Virtual Open House

- This is an online platform where the public can learn more about how *MatSu 2050* came to life.
- Includes summaries of the chapters outlined in *MatSu 2050,* explaining the process and work that went into developing the MTP.
- The projects are shown in map form, in addition to project descriptions, to create a user friendly interface to see projects dispersed across the MPA.
- Users have the ability to rate a project, in addition to providing general comments.
- The virtual open house is available through the open comment period, ending October 30th



05.

Plan in Motion

Implementing the MTP

Implementing *MatSu 2050*



Infrastructure

The fiscally constrained project lists translate the financial plan into an **implementation program** — roadway, active transportation, transit, planning, and partner-led **projects that can move forward within available revenues**, plus the **MVP Improvement Program** for small-scale preservation work and ongoing O&M that protects past investments.

Non-Infrastructure

Policy, programmatic, and operational actions that complement capital investment: transportation and land use coordination, asset management and winter maintenance coordination, focus groups and outreach, safety education, and grant readiness. Not subject to fiscal constraint, though planning studies can be nominated for funding once scoped.

MVP's TIP

Transportation Improvement Program

- 4-year short-range project funding program
- Identifies specific projects with funding sources & schedules
- Federally required — projects MUST be in TIP to receive federal funds
- MVP will update annually
- Must be fiscally constrained to reasonably available revenues
- Draws directly from the short-range MTP project list

MVP MTP vs. TIP

	MTP	TIP
Horizon	20+ years	4 years
Updated	Every 5 yrs	Annually
Focus	Vision & priorities	Funded projects
Detail	High-level	Project-specific
Role	Sets the menu	Orders from menu

MatSu 2050 Implementation Timeline

October 2026

Draft *MatSu 2050* Released for Comment

30-day public comment period; projects available for TIP inclusion

November 2026

Draft TIP Released for Comment

30-day public comment period; FHWA & FTA review for federal compliance

November 2026

MatSu 2050 Comments Addressed

and the plan is sent to the Technical Committee for review

December 2026

TIP Comments Addressed

and the TIP is sent to the Technical Committee for review

December 2026

MVP's MTP & TIP Adopted

Policy Board adoption; DOT&PF concurrence; projects eligible for federal funding

Make Your Voice Heard

- **Virtual Open House**
  - Explore the same materials online, share with your network, and comment at your own pace.
  - View the project map, rate projects that matter to you, and share thoughts about a specific location.

- **On the MVP Website**
  - Share broader feedback anytime through the online comment form.

Public Comment on all platforms closes October 30, 2026.

Questions?

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