

## **NLCC Road & Traffic Safety Committee**

### **Meeting Notes / Committee Report**

January 22, 2023

Attendees: Rod Hanson Chris Schnipke Rachel Greenberg

Not present: Josh Leutzinger Theron Bair

#### **A. Vision Agreed:**

- NLCC residents are well informed of State and Borough road improvement projects and traffic safety initiatives in our area and have the opportunity to provide timely and meaningful input and positive influence on project prioritization.

#### **B. Mission Agreed:**

- The NLCC Road & Traffic Safety Committee enables the NLCC Board to:
  - i. Engage in the capital improvement project process in a timely and proactive manner – providing meaningful community input to the MSB and AK DOT early in the planning, prioritization, and project design phases.
  - ii. Identify gaps in road or traffic safety projects or initiatives that need to be addressed within the boundaries of the NLCC and bring these items forward in a timely manner.
  - iii. Coordinate with Mat-Su Borough and State of Alaska administration (planning departments) and legislative contacts to successfully deliver completed projects, improvements, and safety initiatives.

#### **C. Committee Activities and Goals (initial):**

- i. Review existing MSB and State DOT publications to identify existing projects or initiatives planned or underway within the NLCC area.
- ii. Gather road and traffic safety data (traffic levels, accident frequency, etc.) to help inform our processes and prioritization.
- iii. Identify and prioritize (with community input) road and traffic safety issues and concerns.
- iv. Set up an initial committee meeting with Borough and State Planning managers to begin networking, communications, and gain understanding of process(es) for engagement.
- v. Determine most leveraging way to engage or provide timely input to ongoing State level discussions about infrastructure priorities and funding within the Mat-Su, and more specifically, within the NLCC area boundaries.
- vi. Establish and document a deliberate process by which the NLCC provides input to long range community infrastructure planning processes.

- vii. Complete the agreement with the MSB to deploy Radar speed signs within the NLCC and get them deployed. Establish a process to prioritize future deployments. Coordinate with MSB and State DOT for deployment on State roads.
- viii. Work with the Communications Committee to improve the sharing of Road and Traffic safety information and to gather input from our members and area residents.

D. Committee Working Processes:

- Selected committee chairperson: Chris Schnipke
- Initial plan is face-to-face monthly meetings.
- Other special meetings as appropriate (ie: Meeting with Borough and State Planning Managers) – Rachel is going to reach out to Kim Sollien with the Borough to get this set up.
- Future meetings and work sessions may involve teleconference or zoom discussions.
- Will explore potential of using NLCC googledrive for document exchanges, etc. Rod will discuss with Theron.

E. Reference Materials for Committee member review.

- NLCC Bylaws available at <https://nlakes.cc/>
- NLCC Area Map available at <https://nlakes.cc/>
- Materials gathered at Transportation Fair (Rod will distribute hard copies and/or links)
- MSB Web Site <https://matsugov.us/> Source of many related documents.
  - i. Parcel viewer – excellent planning and research tool on MSB website.
  - ii. Official Streets & Highways Plan 2022  
<https://matsugov.us/plans/documents/official-streets-highways-plan-2022>
  - iii. Long Range Transportation Plan 2035 <https://matsugov.us/plans/lrtp>
  - iv. Core Area Comprehensive Plan 2007 <https://matsugov.us/plans/core-area-comprehensive-plan>
  - v. Most recent Planner Platform report of January, 2023 (distributed by NLCC on 1/20/23 as an email with hotlinks). Includes reference to:
    - 1. Metropolitan Planning Organization <https://www.mvpmpo.com/>
    - 2. Borough Wide Comprehensive Plan Update  
<https://my.visme.co/view/mxwnwwzn-6j02e0gw9omrl8zq>
  - vi. Mat-Su Borough – SASS – Bogard-Seldon November, 2022.  
<https://ecommerce.matsugov.us>

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**Latest update: January 22, 2023**

List of Traffic and Road Safety projects, initiatives, issues and concerns (not yet prioritized). Note, this list will ultimately be prioritized and updated regularly as the “Scope” of attention for the Committee.

### Identified Projects

- Bogard / Engstrom / Green Forest Intersection
- Engstrom to Trunk Connector
- Shaw Elementary / Wasilla Fishhook Intersection
- Peck / Wasilla Fishhook Intersection
- Seward Meridian extension to Seldon Road
- Paving of Bogard Road

### Areas of Common Concern

The following list includes a mix of projects, operations, and maintenance issues that will require attention.

- Bogard Road Improvements needed between Trunk and Seldon
- Multiple Bogard Intersections of Concern (Caribou / Bear / Stony Hollow / Everetts / Finger Lake Campground / Barry’s Resport / East Cottonwood / Moose)
- Speeding / Compliance / Upgrades – Bogard / Seldon Roundabout
- Speeding / Compliance / Upgrades – Green Forest Drive
- Speeding / Compliance / Upgrades – Charly Drive
- Neighborhood Street Lighting – Multiple Areas
- Bike Paths / Trails – Multiple Areas
- Road Maintenance (summer and winter)