

# From Here to the Future: Transforming Anchorage/Mat-Su Transportation

The transportation series finished with the Policymakers' Panel on May 9th. Links to all presentation slides and audio links from all events are available below. Links to audio and video are also below where available.

We compiled a final report summarizing the events and offering follow-up recommendations. [Alaska Common Ground Transportation Report and Summary 2017](#).

There were many suggestions for next steps for you to get involved in transportation planning. If you have any other suggestions please let us know.

## **Ways to get involved with transportation planning:**

- [AMATS \(Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions\)](#) is the planning organization for our area. You can find out what projects are underway and how to get involved.
- The [Federation of Community Councils](#) will help you find your local Community Council and a direct way for citizen participation.
- [Mat-Su's Long Range Transportation Plan](#) and contact information can be found here.
- [The METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN \(MTP\) 2040 UPDATE FOR ANCHORAGE AND CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER \(MPT 2040\)](#) casts the vision for what transportation will look like in the region for the next 20 years. By identifying and prioritizing transportation improvements, MTP 2040 addresses goals for a safe and efficient transportation system, transportation choices, support of the local economy, and enhancing our quality of life. Continuous

public participation is key to the success of the MTP 2040. We need your input and participation to help shape our transportation future. [Sign up today to receive news and information about the MTP 2040 process](#). To ensure you receive all the information about the MTP update, make sure you sign up for the [MTP 2040 email list](#), even if you are on the existing AMATS email list. Visit our [website](#) at [www.mtp2040.com](http://www.mtp2040.com).

- You can also write to [amatsinfo@muni.org](mailto:amatsinfo@muni.org) to get put on the AMATS mailing list for updates on planning projects and opportunities for public participation.
- **Passenger Rail for Commuters Anchorage-Matsu.** LaMarr Anderson 907 232 5082, [lamarra05@gmail.com](mailto:lamarra05@gmail.com); Cynthia Wentworth 907 330 4249, [cynthiawentworth@me.com](mailto:cynthiawentworth@me.com)
- Alaska Movement is an initiative to transform Alaskan communities of all sizes into better places to live and work. They were inspired by this series. [Check them out here](#).

## **From here to the future: Transportation planning in Anchorage and Mat-Su**

### **Technology + Demographics + Transportation**

[Rollin Stanley](#), General Manager Urban Strategy, [City of Calgary](#)

Wednesday, March 22nd, Anchorage Museum Auditorium

[Rollin Stanley presentation 3-22-17](#)

[Interview on Hometown Alaska 3-22-17](#)

Transportation investments are about the generations that come long after they are made. What impacts do technology and demographics play in guiding these decisions?

[Check out Mr. Stanley's Tedx talk.](#)

### **A Multi-Modal Transportation System (Winter or Not)**

[Mayor Paul Soglin](#), [City of Madison](#), Wisconsin

Wednesday, April 5th, Anchorage Museum Auditorium

[Mayor Paul Soglin Presentation 4-5-17](#)

Book suggestions from Mayor Soglin:

- [Community and the Politics of Place](#) by Daniel Kemmis
- [The Death and Life of Great American Cities](#) by Jane Jacobs
- [City: Rediscovering the Center](#) by William Whyte
- Video of Soglin at [Fiscal Leadership conference in 2015](#)
- Video of Soglin on a panel [about bike friendly cities](#)

**Panel Discussion: How does transportation planning work and how do I engage?**

Tuesday, April 11th, 49th State Brewing Company

- Lois Epstein – Engineer, Former Director of the AK Transportation Priorities Project
- Jennifer Witt – Former planner, AK DOT&PF [Alaska Common Ground Witt](#)
- Anne Brooks – Brooks and Associates
- Jessica Smith – Planner, Mat-Su Borough [2017 LRTP RoadShow](#)
- Moderated by John Parsi – ACG Board Member

Audio from the panel is available below.

**Panel Discussion: What we have and what we would like: Public and non-motorized or active transportation**

Tuesday, April 25th, 49th State Brewing

- Cynthia Wentworth – Passenger Rail for Commuters Planning Committee [AKCommonGround Wentworth](#)
- Steve Cleary – ED, Alaska Trails [ACG Steve Cleary 4.25.17](#)
- Andrew Ooms – Senior Engineer, Kittelson & Associates [The Future of Public Transit and On-Street Bicycle 2](#)

- Lindsey Hajduk – President, Bike Anchorage [2017 04 25 Bike Anchorage Presentation](#)
- Moderated by Taylor Brelsford– Board member, Alaska Common Ground

This panel discussion aired on KSKA as an Addressing Alaskans segment, so was shortened. You can listen to the [podcast here](#). We hope to have the full panel available on our soundcloud page.

**From here to the future: Policymakers Panel**  
**Tuesday, May 9th, 7-8:30 pm**

- Marc Luiken – DOT Commissioner [DOT 5-9 presentation](#)
- Hal Hart – MOA Planning Director [Anchorage Planning 5-9 presentation](#)
- Vern Halter – Mat-Su Borough Mayor
- Moderated by John Parsi – ACG Board Member

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