

REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2022; 6:00pm – Gulkana Fuel Pilot Lounge

Topic: Copper Valley - Regional Planning Organization Meeting

Time: Oct 13, 2022 06:00 PM

- I. Call to Order: 6:06 PM Jason Hoke
- II. Roll Call: Terry Valentine, Bruce Cain, Joe Bovee, Gary Schliesing, Jason Hoke, Judy Chapman, Martin Boniek
- III. Discussion Items:
 - a. Goals/purpose of the RPO: The RPOs give the Copper Valley a voice in transportation planning, priorities, and spending. To cooperate and coordinate on Transportation opportunities, and comprehensive planning for the region with the DOT and undertake long-range transportation planning.
 - b. Chair: Motion by Terry Valentine to **nominate Bruce Cain as the Chair of the RPO Committee**; 2nd by Gary Schliesing. Motion passed
 - c. Alternate Chair: Motion by Joe Bovee to **nominate Gary Schliesing as the Alternate Chair of the RPO Committee**; 2nd by Martin Boniek. Motion passed.
 - d. Secretary: Motion by Terry Valentine **to nominate Jennifer Rosenthal as the Secretary of the RPO Committee**; 2nd by Bruce Cain. Motion Passed
 - e. Official name of the RPO: Discussion followed. The committee decided table the vote to name the committee and decided it would be best to consider the official name of the RPO further. Jen will send out a “survey” for the committee to submit suggestions on the RPO name.
 - f. RPO Area Map: Discussion followed. Motion by Bruce Cain to **adopt the Copper River Census area map boundaries that are in effect on 10/13/22 as the RPO area map**. 2nd by Terry Valentine. Motion passed. Jen will add mile markers to the map for further clarify the existing boundaries and distribute.
 - g. Interior Alaska Transportation Plan (IATP) Gulkana Airport Planning. Discussion and history around updating the master plan for Gulkana Airport and the UTAPS around designating one of 4 airports as the regional HUB. Further discussion/clarification is needed. Carry over to the next meeting. Options RPO managing the GKN portion of the IATP. 1. Separate Grant with FAA funding. 2. State Funds 3. Use existing contractor.
 - h. Transportation projects that are a priority for the Copper Valley. Brief discussion, Jen will send out an email on this subject for committee members to send list of projects that are a priority.
 - i. STIP Discussion: Please review STIP projects, these are in various stages of planning. Anything that is a priority from this list can be added to item h above. Here is link to the list of projects. The excel file is searchable.
<https://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/cip/stip/search.shtml>

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- j. MSB CTP and TAP Notice Discussion. Notice of Intent to Apply is due prior to 10/31. Jen will work with Bruce to complete the Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) for submission.
 - k. Monitor: Jen will price monitors for use during meetings.
- IV. Next Meeting Proposed dates: 6pm on 10/24, 10/28 or 10/3. Location: Gulkana Fuel Pilots Lounge
- V. Adjournment: 7:15pm