Transportation Planning In Anchorage

and why are Community Council CIP surveys important?

10,000 Foot View

- Most State DOT Funding comes from Title 23 Federal Funds (Federal Highway Administration)

- Federal Funds are managed within the state with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) – A fiscally constrained 4 year plan.

- Federal Funds are managed within Anchorage through the local MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) AMATS (Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions)

- An MPO is a federally mandated transportation policy-making organization for urbanized areas over 50,000. The policy board is made up of local government(s) and state government authorities. An urbanized area over 200,000 is designated as a Transportation Management Area (TMA) and has additional duties.

Why are CC CIP lists important?

- AMATS creates and manages a long-term transportation plan called the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) (current plan is the MTP2050)

- Projects are nominated to the MTP from a variety of sources included Community Council CIP lists. Nominated projects are screened and scored as part of the MTP

- Project are chosen from the MTP2050 to be added to AMATS' short range transportation plan called the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) (a 4 year fiscally constrained plan)

- Projects in the TIP are incorporated into the STIP by reference.

Why are CC CIP lists important?

- Shows local community identified needs.
- Shows local support for projects.

How do I get a project moving?

- Work through your Community Council.

- Get the project nominated to the CIP list.

- Advocate, advocate, advocate!!!

- Work with your local city assembly members and State legislators.

- Comment during the public process for AMATS MTP and TIP and State STIP.

Some things to consider.

- There are lots of needs
- Funding is limited and finite
- Federal funding requires match
- Some projects have to compete not just locally but statewide for funding
- Transportation projects tend to be expensive
- Administrations and priorities change