

University Area Community Council Comments on the 2050 Metropolitan
Transportation Plan Dated October 2021

The UACC appreciates the time and work that has gone into this document. It was a detailed and commendable effort. The meat of this plan is in the 6-page table attached to the 8 pages of text. It explains the changes that were made from the 2040 Goals to the 2050 Goals. But the attached table is terse, vague and difficult to read. It also has errors, contradictions and dead ends which should be clarified. (The reader seems forced to make an assumption that a 2050 goal approximately to the right of a 2040 goal is addressing the same subject even though it has a different goal number.) The structure makes for a concise table but at the expense of readability. Below are just a few examples of the many issues that should be addressed. Please go over the table with a sharp eye to catch all such problems.

Exp 1 - On p.5 of the table, the 2040 goal 5D says "Use coordinated transportation . . . techniques . . . to reduce reliance on auto trips." This goal has been dropped out of the 2050 goals with a note saying "Cut: Addressed in 3K", but there is no goal 3K among the 2050 goals. Please add the essence of 2040 goal 5D to the 2050 goals.

Exp 2 – Does 2050 goal 5D replace 2040 goal 5G? If so, most of the specifics from 2040 goal are inexplicably dropped from 2050 goal 5D. They should be added back in.

Exp 3 – Presumably 2040 goal 5F is moved to "2050 goal 6 (meaning goal 6B)", but the specifics of 2040 goal 5F are mostly missing in 2050 goal 6 B. Pls add them back in.

Exp 4 -Does goal 2050 5E mean walking, jogging, bike riding, skiing, etc.? If so, say so. The terms "increasing active transportation" is way too cryptic.

While we understand that the 2040 and 2050 MTPs have been valuable exercises in goal making and in providing feedback to AK citizens. It brings to light important difference among the Muni's various comprehensive plans (e.g. Anchorage 2020, Chugiak – Eagle River Comprehensive Plan Update (2006) and AMATS Spenard Corridor Plan). As a result of comparing these plans, we request the Muni to propose, at the next available opportunity, the addition of the 1st three and last goals of the Chugiak – Eagle River Comprehensive Plan Update (2006) to the next version of the Anchorage 2020 Plan. These goals address important environmental issues. They are sorely missing from the Anchorage 2020 Plan and should be added to the next version.

On line 5 of page 2 of the main 8-page document, please add a comma after the word "travel," delete the next word (and), then add "and environmental values" after the word "tourism."

Please look for other opportunities in the 2050 MTP to strengthen its environmental provisions related to rapid action to diminish transportation related pollutants. This should include stronger incentives to diminish concrete road dust and to convert to electric buses, including school buses, trucks, cars and motorcycles.

The UACC also fully supports and endorses the attached 12/22/21 comments on this document submitted to AMATS by the Rabbit Creek Community Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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