



2018 Statewide Trails Conference

Active Transportation Track

AGENDA

Breakout Session – Friday, April 27th, 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Title: Plans, Projects and Making Connections: Fish Creek Trail and Wayfinding

Presenters: Robert Devassie – *Senior Transportation Engineer, Alaska DOT&PF*
Brooke Blessing – *Project Management and Engineering, Municipality of Anchorage*

Description: Presenters will highlight the South Fish Creek Trail Rehabilitation and the Fish Creek Trail Connection both of which are in the Spenard area of Anchorage. The projects include many improvements to the trails - including connecting up with a new section of pathway at the Northwood Park, improving connectivity for the community. The connection project will also construct a new section of trail and pedestrian bridge between Spenard Road and Northwood Drive.

More information can be found at the [Trails Rehabilitation website](#).

Breakout Session – Friday, April 27th, 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Title: Continuous Routes for Walking & Biking - Completing the Network

Presenters: Brian Looney, PE – *CRW Engineering Group*
Colin Singleton, PE – *CRW Engineering Group*
Christi Meyn, EIT - *CRW Engineering Group*
Kelly Yanoshek, EIT – *CRW Engineering Group*

Description: CRW Engineering Group will present on several projects all with the focus on how Anchorage can connect biking and walking resources better, overcoming obstacles and completing the network that will enable more and safer Active Transportation. Presenters will share their experience working on a continuous bicycle and pedestrian corridor through Mountain View and Russian Jack. The

AMATS projects on Pine Street, McCarrey Street, Mountain View Drive and Peterkin Boulevard provide a missing bicycle connection and address some of the obstacles pedestrians face along the corridor. They will provide an overview of the development of Bike Maps for Anchorage and MatSu.

In addition, they will provide a brief overview of the League of American Bicyclists' Smart Cycling education program and how Anchorage and other communities can benefit from the program.

Breakout Sessions – Friday, April 27th, 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Title: Walkability and Walk Audits

Presenter: [Joni Wilm](#) – Senior Transportation Planner – Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions
[Robert Devassie](#) – Senior Transportation Engineer, Alaska DOT&PF
[Jessica Smith](#) – Planner, Mat-Su Borough

Description: Walking is not alternative transportation. It is original transportation. Participants fresh from the **Walkability Action Institute** - April 9 - 12, 2018 in Decatur, Georgia will share their experience and knowledge. The institute, sponsored by the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, believes all states and communities should be designed to support physical activity and non-motorized forms of transportation so that people can have the policy, system, and environmental (PSE) supports needed to engage in active lifestyles, whether recreationally or through essential daily functions like commuting to and from work, to community destinations, and/or places of interest (community events, schools, shopping, etc.).

The Mat-Su Borough's Jessica Smith will share how the Borough is using walkability training and walk audits. The session will conclude with a facilitated discussion among participants on what this means for their communities and how they can tie their trails efforts to broader themes of walkability.

Breakout Sessions – Friday, April 27th, 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Title: Anchorage Vision Zero - Streets should be safe for everyone.

Presenters: [Wende Wilber](#) AICP PTP - Principal, Kittelson & Associates
[Andrew Ooms](#) PE - Senior Engineer, Kittelson & Associates

Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing

safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. We know that in Anchorage, traffic collisions disproportionately impact people who walk and bike.

Description: The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) is applying a data driven, systems-based approach to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan. Findings from the data analysis will be presented including maps of the “high injury” corridors and intersections and the underlying causes of deaths and severe injuries on our roadways (what’s happening, why, when, to whom). Identifying where crashes occur repeatedly and why they are happening affords the opportunity to prioritize scarce funding in areas where it’s needed most.

While still in development for the Action Plan, the presentation will include an overview of the countermeasures toolkit that applies National Best Practices in engineering, education, enforcement to local conditions. All solutions will be equity-based and as such public engagement has been targeted to reach the most vulnerable populations with a strong emphasis on social equity.