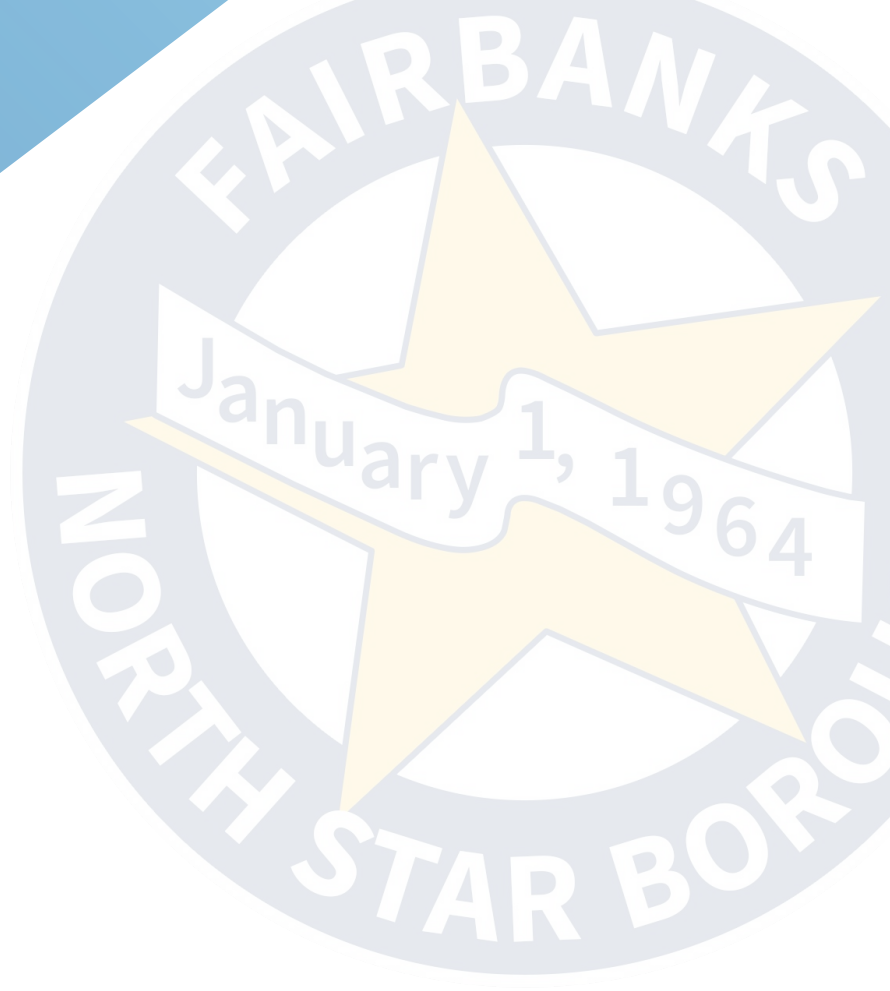


FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RAISE – AKLT Northern Terminus Planning & Design

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RAISE Notice of Opportunity Program Background

- DOT invests in "road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives."
- Public entities, municipalities, tribal governments, MPOs, counties, port authorities, etc. are eligible.
- Flexibility to be utilized at local and state levels
- Types of applicants- 'Rural' and 'Urban'
- Grant opportunities: Capital and Planning



What about
Non-Profits
and RAISE
Grants?

"The eligibility requirements of RAISE allow project sponsors to obtain funding for projects that may be harder to support through other U.S. DOT grant programs."

Funding
breakdown?

RAISE projects are rigorously reviewed and evaluated on statutory criteria of safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation.

Additionally, projects designated "RCN Program Extra" during the new FY 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program competition and submitted for consideration under the FY 2024 RAISE NOFO will have a greater opportunity to be advanced during the FY 2024 RAISE evaluation process, as described in the NOFO.

Half of the funding will go to projects in rural areas, and half of the funding will go to projects in urban areas. At least \$15 million in funding is guaranteed to go towards projects located in Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities, and projects located in these areas will be eligible for up to 100 percent federal cost share, as directed by Congress in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

ABOUT RAISE
Rebuilding American
Infrastructure with
Sustainability and
Equity

Fairbanks North Star Borough

RAISE + THE AKLT

**SIGNIFICANT
LOCAL OR
REGIONAL
IMPACT**

SAFETY

EQUITY

**CLIMATE &
SUSTAINABILITY**

**WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT**

JOB QUALITY

**WEALTH
CREATION**

**CLIMATE
RESILIENCE**

**AVOIDS
ADVERSE
ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACTS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE**





Fairbanks North Star Borough

RAISE Application

Components

**PROJECT
DESCRIPTION**

**MERIT
CRITERIA**

**PROJECT
BUDGET**

**PROJECT
READINESS**

RAISE Grants

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity

Fairbanks North Star Borough

Project Description

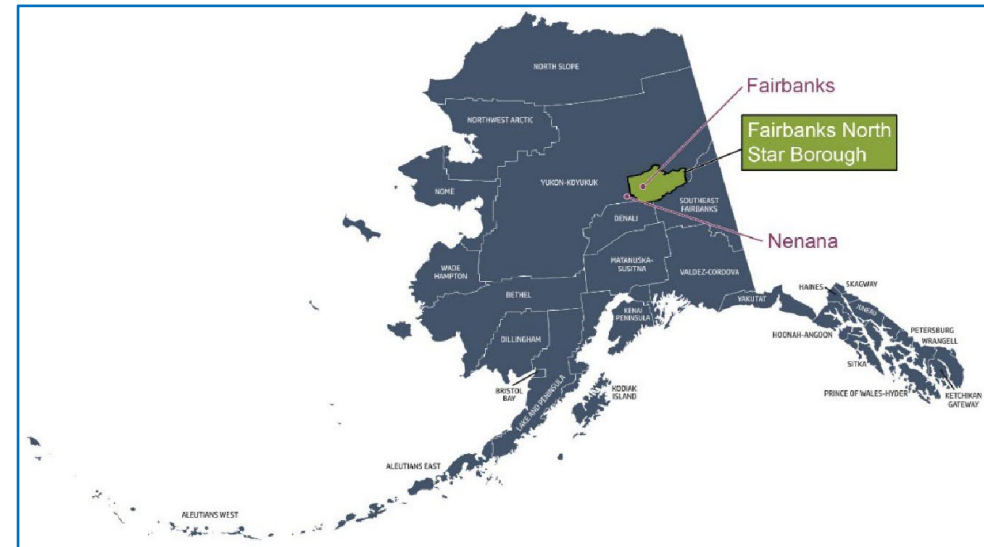
Overview

Our application seeks to receive funding for the planning and design of the northernmost segment of the AKLT from Nenana to Fairbanks, AK.

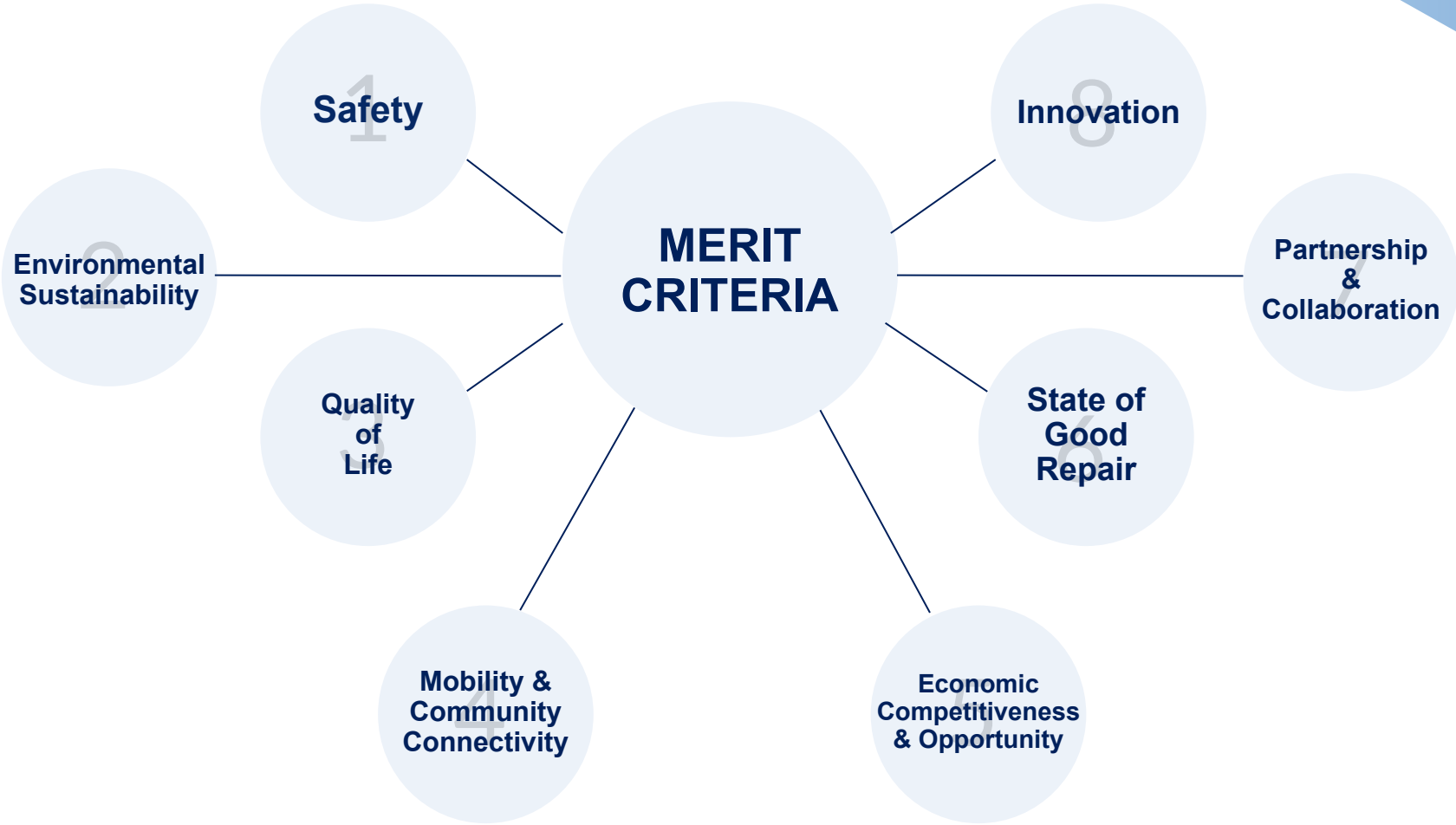
Statement of Work

Two Phases
Phase I- Planning & Predesign
Phase II- Preliminary & Final Design

Location



Merit Criteria



Fairbanks North Star Borough

Merit Criteria | Safety

Summary: The AKLT Northern Terminus project will prioritize filling critical links needed for safe active transportation in the Fairbanks region. The trail has the potential to connect over 20 existing trail segments and systems, depending on its final length and design.

Supporting features considered during this project:

- Braided trail concept dispersing different types of use.
- Reducing the number of pedestrians and motorized users traveling along roadways.
- Strategic roadway crossings.
- Use/installation of public cabins as warming shelters.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Merit Criteria | Environmental Sustainability

Summary: Prioritize environmental sustainability through improved active transportation and encouraging advocacy.

Supporting features considered during this project:

- Leverage AKLT establishment to improve active transportation in the FNSB.
- Assisting the State of Alaska in moving towards more an economy supported by a sustainable resource, outdoor recreation.
- Reduce emissions by offering an aesthetic commuter artery through the Borough.
- Partner with other agencies to support environmental rehabilitation projects along the AKLT routes.
- Increase advocacy for outdoor spaces by increasing sustainably designed public access.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Merit Criteria | Quality of Life

Summary: Improve residents' QOL by providing expanded active transportation infrastructure, increased trail connectivity, and improved subsistence access; and by bolstering the local economy through tourism.

Supporting features considered during this project:

- Increasing connectivity of existing trail systems.
- Improving/expanding trailheads and access points.
- Design decisions that serve both residents and visitors.
- Easier integration of time in nature with other daily commitments.
- Engagement with Alaska Native corporations to improve equitable access to subsistence opportunities.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Merit Criteria | Mobility & Community Connectivity

Summary: Improve connectivity of existing communities and trail systems across the larger Fairbanks North Star Borough (not just the primary population center).

Supporting features considered during this project:

- Consider ways ADA accessibility can be incorporated into route planning and trail design.
- Use design strategies that encourage "micromobility" (bike repair stations, etc.).
- Prioritize utilizing existing trails and routes that are included in the FNSB Comprehensive Recreational Trails Plan (CRTP) and have already been vetted through an iterative public process.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Merit Criteria | Economic Competitiveness &

Opportunity

Summary: Strengthen and diversify Alaska's opportunities to bolster recreation and eco-tourism for the State.

Supporting features considered during this project:

- Increase tourism, becoming a destination for long trail users.
- Promote visitation to Fairbanks and surrounding communities, bolstering the local economy through long trail tourism.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Merit Criteria | State of Good Repair

Summary: Create and design sustainable trail standards on the proposed new infrastructure to minimize the amount of maintenance required. This project intends to be extremely deliberate during the planning and design stages to achieve a sustainable outcome.

Supporting features considered during this project:

- Establish maintenance agreements.
- Reduce maintenance burdens through thorough design processes.
- Revitalize and connect existing trails between Nenana and Fairbanks.

Fairbanks North Star Borough & Collaboration

Merit Criteria | Partnership

Summary: Integrate an extensive collaboration effort with land managers and surrounding communities. These partnerships made throughout the planning and design phase will be crucial in the success of the Alaska Long Trail.

Supporting features considered during this project:

- FNSB will collaborate with land managers and gain knowledge of trail usage.
- Partner with the City of Nenana-(an area of persistent poverty per the RAISE census tract tool).
- Parks & Recreation will host multiple public and stakeholder work sessions.

Stakeholder engagement is anticipated to include consultation with the following groups:

1. Access Alaska**
2. Alaska Department of Fish and Game
3. Alaska Department of Fish and Game - Fairbanks Advisory Committee
4. Alaska Department of Fish and Game - Minto Nenana Advisory Committee
5. Alaska Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry
6. Alaska Department of Natural Resources - Division of Mining, Land, and Water
7. Alaska Department of Natural Resources - Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
8. Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities - Northern Region
9. Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority**
10. Alaska Railroad - Real Estate and Facilities
11. Alaska Trails
12. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District
13. Challenge Alaska**
14. Chena Hot Springs Resort
15. City of Nenana
16. Downtown Association of Fairbanks
17. Explore Fairbanks
18. Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation
19. Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
20. Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation - Project Enhancement Committee
21. Fairbanks Cycle Club
22. Fairbanks North Star Borough - Chena Riverfront Commission
23. Fairbanks North Star Borough - Department of Community Planning
24. Fairbanks North Star Borough - Division of Natural Resources Development
25. Fairbanks North Star Borough - Parks and Recreation Commission
26. Fairbanks North Star Borough - Trails Advisory Commission
27. Fairbanks Snow Travelers
28. Friends of Creamer's Field
29. Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce
30. Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce - Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
31. Interior Alaska Land Trust
32. Interior Alaska Trails and Parks Foundation
33. Menhti Among the Lakes*
34. Minto Development Corporation*
35. Minto Tribal Council*
36. Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center - Board of Directors
37. Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks
38. Northwest ADA Center**
39. Running Club North
40. Tanana Chiefs Conference*
41. Toghothele Corporation*
42. University of Alaska - Land Management
43. U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Alaska Natural Resources - Fort Wainwright
44. U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management - Fairbanks District Office
45. U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management - Eastern Interior Field Office

*Indicates Alaska Native organizations.

**Indicates American's with Disabilities-related organizations.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Merit Criteria | Innovation

Summary: Alaska has many trails! This project will shed a new light to what is possible in Alaska for outdoor recreation.

Supporting features considered during the planning process:

- Braided trail concept that covers motorized and non-motorized sections
- Bike repair sections along the way
- Address transportation system vulnerabilities for underserved communities

Project Budget

Applicant
Type

Population

Construction
(Capital) vs
Planning

Urban - A project is designated as urban if it is located within (or on the boundary of) a Census-designated urban area¹⁰ that had a population greater than 200,000 in the 2020 Census.

Rural - A project is designated as rural if it is located outside a Census-designated urban area that had a population greater than 200,000 in the 2020 Census.



Project Readiness

Technical
Capacity
Assessment

Demonstrate you have the resources, capacity, and support to successfully complete the project by sharing:

- Job descriptions
- Resumes
- Past experiences with Federal awards management
- Current projects status
- Operating budget

Schedule

Estimated Date(s)	Milestones & Activities
June 27, 2024	Notice of grant award.
July – December 2024	Release of RFP and award contract to hire contractor team for Phase 1 Planning and Predesign.
January 2025 – June 2026	Phase 1 Planning and Predesign
January – June 2026	Release of RFP and award contract to hire contractor team for Phase 2 Preliminary and Final Design.
July 2026 – July 2027	Phase 2 Preliminary and Final Design
August 2027 – March 2028	Project closeout to be completed at least 6 months before the obligation deadline of September 30, 2028.
July 2024 – March 2028	Estimated Total Project Length

Fairbanks North Star Borough

Letters of Support



FNSB
Resolution of
Support
(Borough
Assembly)

FNSB
Trails Advisory
Commission
(TAC)



City of Nenana



Fairbanks Area
Surface
Transportation
(FAST)



Explore
Fairbanks

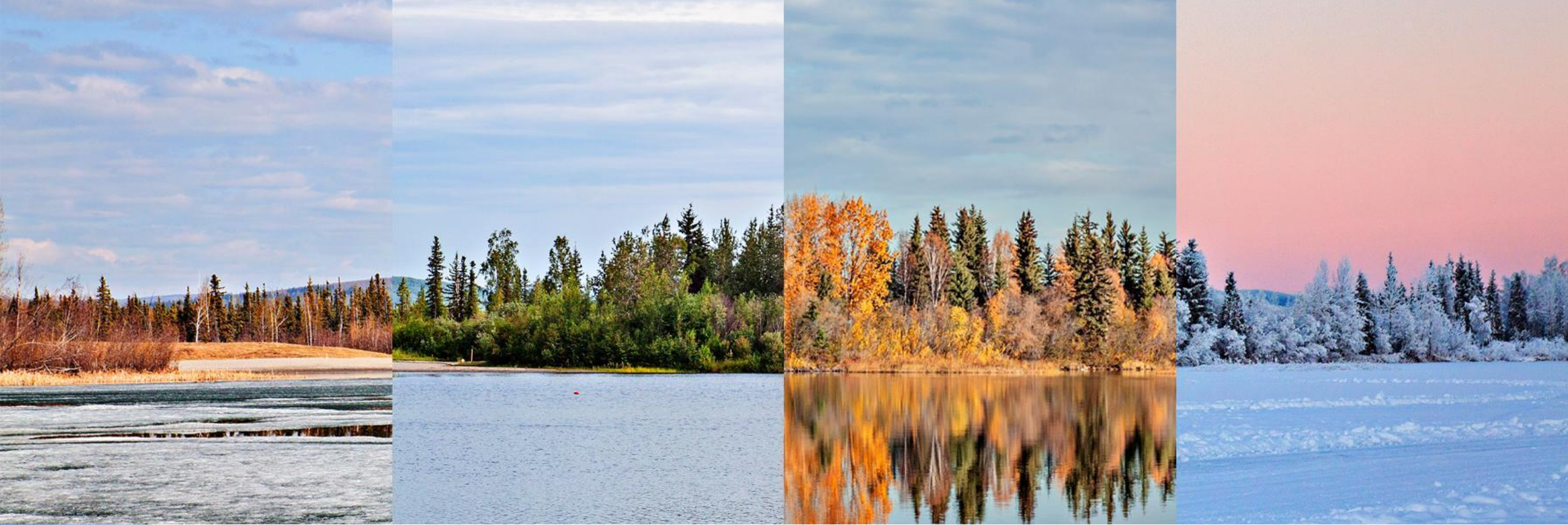


Fairbanks
Chamber of
Commerce



Alaska Trails

Alaska Interior
Delegation
(Lisa Murkowski,
Dan Sullivan,
Mary
Sattler Peltola)



Questions?