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FMATS Priority Project Funding Request

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State of Alaska
Director Karen Rehfeld
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Dear Director Rehfeld,

The Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System (FMATS) Policy Committee respectfully requests approximately \$15 million in General Funds to be allocated to the FMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project priorities.

This funding will address local match requirements for local governments without road powers, assist their ability to meet estimate, scope, and scheduling changes, and help FMATS address priority projects within the Metropolitan Planning Area. The funding will fulfill critical FMATS improvements in Downtown Fairbanks in coordination with the Vision Fairbanks Downtown Plan. This plan focuses on economic development and is based on smart growth principles.

Federal funding is expected to decrease significantly in the next fiscal year. State funding is needed for projects that cannot be completed with the available federal funding. To meet this shortfall, the FMATS Policy Committee requires a general fund authorization for FMATS included in the capital budget. With construction inflation rates rising, it is important to have flexible State funding to keep our basic infrastructure projects moving forward.

The attached list of example projects demonstrates needs identified in the TIP for the FMATS area. The FMATS Policy Committee encourages you to request language that would allow us the flexibility to prioritize funding as we work within ongoing project development needs.

Thank you for considering this critical request.

Sincerely,

Steve Titus, P.E.
Chair, FMATS Policy Committee

CC: Commissioner Leo von Scheben

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General Fund Projects

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost Estimate</u>
Cushman Street Reconstruction	\$8,000,000
Barnette Street Traffic Revision	\$15,000,000
Noble Street Upgrade	\$11,000,000
Plack Rd Upgrade	\$6,000,000
Yankovich/Miller Hill Rd Upgrade	\$6,500,000
Dawson Road Connector	\$1,600,000
College Road Rehabilitation	\$6,500,000
Tanana Drive Extension	\$8,000,000
South Cushman (Gaffney to 17 th)	\$10,000,000
Phillips Field Rd Upgrade	\$2,000,000
Nordale Road Rehabilitation	\$2,800,000
South Cushman (Mitchell Expy to Van Horn Rd)	\$5,000,000
AKRR Southern Alignment (FBKS-NP) Road & Rail Improvements	\$1,000,000