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**Denali Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2010
Meeting Held via Teleconference**

Members Present –Via Teleconference:

Steve Ivanoff, Kawerak, Inc.
Chuck Pool, Pool Engineering, Inc.
Walter Sampson, NANA Development Native Corporation
Carvel Zimin Jr., Bristol Bay Borough
Ray Richards, Doyon, Ltd.
Chuck Quinlan, K'oyitl'ots'ina, Limited
Joel Neimeyer, Denali Commission

Others Present:

Mike McKinnon, Denali Commission
Tessa DeLong, Denali Commission
Adison Smith, Denali Commission

Members Absent:

Mike Hoffman, Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP)
Randy Romenesko, Norton Sound Health Corporation

Agenda Item 1: Welcome, Introductions, Review of Agenda

Meeting called to order at 1:05pm.

Ms. DeLong provided TAC members with an overview of the purpose of the meeting, and reviewed the briefing material that was sent to TAC members prior to the meeting. Ms. DeLong and Mr. McKinnon explained to TAC members that the purpose of the

meeting was to score transportation projects that had previously been funded for design and were now ready to be funded for construction. Mr. McKinnon further noted that the projects in question had not been scored for construction funding at the January 2010 TAC meeting. The projects were not scored because at that time the Commission had only received \$10 million of the \$14 million from Federal Highways Administration (FHWA).

Mr. Neimeyer provided an update on the recent Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General (DOT-OIG) review of the Denali Commission Transportation Program. Mr. Neimeyer explained to TAC members that the final report had not been provided to the Commission; however, Management and Program Staff have made some changes and have ~~already made~~ prepared proposed changes to the program in anticipation of the review’s contents. Actions undertaken or currently in development include: 1) TAC conflict of interest procedures, recusals and meeting actions captured via minutes. 2) Project selection process 3) FTA funding timeline for DC projects. These will be discussed more fully at the TAC staff retreat of 9-27/28-10.

Agenda Item 2: Project Discussion & Staff Recommendations

Discussion Summary:

Ms. DeLong provided an overview of the scoring process, informing TAC members of the recusal process. Ms. DeLong indicated that per the TAC Committee guidance document developed by the Commission members should recuse from voting on any project(s) in which they have a personal or professional interest.

Mr. McKinnon identified projects staff were recommending for the TAC to review and approve. After the projects are reviewed and approved by the TAC, the projects will be forwarded to the Federal Co-Chair for final approval. The following list of projects were reviewed and voted on by the TAC as detailed:

ROADS				
FHWA 1960 \$4,300,000				
Project	Funding Level	Construction	Match	Review Notes
Anaktuvuk Pass Contact Creek Bridge Replacement	\$1,000,000	2011	North Slope Borough \$3,700,000	Motion to approve the project was made by Mr. Zimin, Mr. Pool seconded the motion. All TAC members voted in favor of the motion.

ROADS				
FHWA 1960 \$4,300,000				
Project	Funding Level	Construction	Match	Scoring Notes
King Salmon & Naknek School Bus Road Rehabilitation	\$800,000	2011	Bristol Bay Borough \$72,240 match, plus construction funding as needed	Motion to approve the project was made by Mr. Pool, Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. Mr. Zimin abstained from voting due to his involvement with Bristol Bay Borough. All other TAC members voted in favor of the motion.
Scammon Bay Community Streets	\$973,558	2011	AVCP - \$249,000 for design, plus construction.	Motion to approve the project was made by Mr. Sampson, Mr. Richards seconded the motion. All TAC members voted in favor of the motion.
Tununak Community Streets Rehabilitation	\$1,500,000	2011	State of Alaska General Fund Match -\$135,450 Tununak is also applying for IRR High Priority funds, in the amount of \$1,000,000	TAC members questioned how the requested amount for this project met the \$1 MM project cap. Mr. McKinnon indicated that the community of Tununak was a small community with very limited financial resources. As such, and pursuant to the TAC guidelines, the Committee may elect to provide additional funding beyond the \$1 MM cap to communities such as Tununak. Motion to approve the project was made by Mr. Sampson, Mr. Ivanoff seconded the motion. All TAC members voted in favor of the motion.
TOTAL	\$4,273,558			
WATERFRONT/Technical Assistance-Construction Inspection Services				
FY 2010 Miscellaneous Appropriations - \$2,300,000				
Project	Funding	Construction	Match	Scoring Notes

	Level			
Perryville Barge Landing	\$1,000,000	2012	Perryville providing \$100,000 for construction, plus additional funds as needed	TAC members raised concerns on the timeline for construction and the partner identified to administer the funds and manage the project. Mr. McKinnon informed TAC members that program staff had confidence the project would be managed successfully by its partner USACE, and the timeline for construction would be met. Mr. McKinnon stated that the project would most likely go to construction in 2011. Motion to approve the project was made by Mr. Sampson, Mr. Zimin seconded the motion. Mr. Pool and Mr. Ivanoff were not in favor of the motion. All other TAC members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
Seldovia Harbor Improvements	\$1,000,000	2012	Seldovia applying for additional construction funds through State of Alaska for a project up to \$3,000,000	TAC members raised concerns on the timeline for construction, and the partner identified to administer the funds and manage the project. Mr. McKinnon informed TAC members that program staff had confidence the project would be managed successfully by its partner USACE, and the timeline for construction would be met. Mr. McKinnon stated that the project would most likely go to construction in 2011. Motion to approve the project was made by Mr. Pool, Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. All TAC members voted in favor of the project.
WATERFRONT/Technical Assistance-Construction Inspection Services FY 2010 Miscellaneous Appropriations - \$2,300,000				
Project	Funding Level	Construction	Match	Scoring Notes
US Army Corps of Engineers	\$150,000	2011	No Match Required	TAC members and Commission staff agreed that according to the Statute and Program Policy, Technical Assistance and or

(USACE) – Construction Inspection/Tech Services				Construction Inspection Service Awards do not require the TAC to score.
Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD) – Tech Services	\$150,000	2011	No Match Required	TAC members and Commission staff agreed that according to the Statute and Program Policy, Technical Assistance and or Construction Inspection Service Awards do not require the TAC to score.
TOTAL	\$2,300,000			

TAC members and program staff agreed that all projects approved above move forward with the understanding that Commission funds are contingent on attainment of referenced cost share match by the grantee. The progress of projects will be evaluated by the TAC within the next year and if projects are not meeting the requirements funds will be de-obligated and reassigned to other prioritized projects.

Agenda Item 3 Meeting Wrap Up:

Discussion Summary:

TAC members reviewed the agenda for the upcoming September 28th and 29th Retreat. Mr. Sampson requested that an agenda item be added to review and discuss the SAFETEA-LU Legislation that created the Transportation Program.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45PM.