



**Municipality of Anchorage  
Geotechnical Advisory Commission**

**A G E N D A**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024  
12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting  
(Hybrid format)**

**In-Person Physical Location**

Planning Conference Room 170  
Planning and Development Center  
4700 Elmore Road  
Anchorage, Alaska

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. Establishment of Quorum
  - B. Disclosures
- II. MINUTES
  - A. December 19, 2023
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Scope of Potential Project for Seismic Hazard Analysis and Mapping
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Discussion: Strong Motion Stations at Terminal 1 for the Don Young Port of Alaska
  - B. Discussion: 2023 50-State National Seismic Hazard Model
- V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (3-minute limit)
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Communications Committee
  - B. Hazard Mitigation Committee
  - C. Seismic Hazard Committee
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
- VIII. STAFF REPORTS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

***Next Regular Meeting – March 26, 2024***



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**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**  
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Commissioners	Staff	Guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dennis Berry</li><li>• Kyle Brennan</li><li>• Steven Halcomb, Vice Chair</li><li>• Dave Hemstreet</li><li>• Cody Kreitel</li><li>• Keri Nutter</li><li>• Amy Steiner</li><li>• John Thornley, Chair</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daniel Mckenna-Foster, Long-Range Planning</li><li>• Ryan Yelle, Long-Range Planning Manager</li><li>• Wayne Bolen, Plan Review Engineer, Development Services</li><li>• Daniel King, Plan Review Engineer, Development Services</li><li>• Ross Noffsinger, Engineering Services Manager/Acting Building Official</li><li>• Grant Gephardt, Plan Review Engineer, Development Services</li><li>• Tim Huntting, Geotechnical Lab Manager, PME</li><li>• Amanda Loach, Director, Office of Emergency Management</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dan Ciani, Geopier Northwest (online)</li><li>• Roe Sturgulewski, Anser Advisory</li><li>• Matt Van Goethem, MCG Explore Design (online)</li><li>• Gianni Martinez (online)</li></ul>

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Establishment of Quorum
- B. Disclosures  
Same disclosures as October and November meetings.

II. MINUTES

- A. October 24, 2023 minutes: **Commissioner Berry** moved to approve; **Commissioner Steiner** seconded. All in favor.
- B. November 28, 2023 minutes: **Vice Chair Halcomb** moved to approve; **Commissioner Nutter** seconded. Discussion of edits and reorganization. All voted to approve with edits.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. GAC 2023-02, Geopier Foundation Design for the Anchorage FedEx Sorting Facility, Third-Party Review.  
GAC reviewed the file “Design Comment Response No. 3 Geopier Soil Reinforcement FedEx Sorting Facility – Foundation and Slab Support” and asked questions of Geopier staff. Discussion with Geopier.  
**Commissioner Hemstreet** moved to pass the resolution that takes no exception to the Geopier design as an alternative. **Commissioner Steiner** seconded. Motion passed with **Commissioner Berry** recused.
- B. Scope of Potential Project for Seismic Hazard Analysis and Mapping. Report from **Tim Huntting**. Discussion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion: How to Make the Most of Cooperation Between MOA Staff and GAC. **Commissioner Nutter** reported on discussions from the communications committee. Helpful to debrief. **Daniel King** said he would attend the next Communications Committee (Coms Com) meeting.
- B. Discussion: Goals, End-of-Year Report (Communications Committee). The Commission acknowledged Commissioner Nutter’s work.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (3-minute limit)

None.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Communications Committee. January 9<sup>th</sup> is the next one.
- B. Hazard Mitigation Committee. No reports
- C. Seismic Hazard Committee.  
**Chair Thornley** reported on potential implementation of strong-motion stations at Terminal 1 for the Port of Alaska. Independent review panel of statewide seismic impacts should be coming out soon.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

No reports.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Commissioner Nutter** moved to adjourn. **Commissioner Berry** seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 1:11 pm.