



Municipality of Anchorage

Planning Department

Long-Range Planning Division

Memorandum



Date: October 18, 2021

To: Review Agencies

Subject: PZC Case No. 2021-0119, Our Downtown—Anchorage Downtown District Plan Public Hearing Draft

The Planning Department is seeking comments on the Public Hearing Draft of Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2021-0119. This plan is a “targeted” review and update of the 2007 *Anchorage Downtown Comprehensive Plan*.

The update makes recommendations on projects and actions that should be prioritized for funding and immediate community action. These recommendations and actions support fixes to the downtown code, foster public/private partnerships, identify processes to expedite project development, support existing public and private agency programming, and ultimately support the synergy needed to make Downtown welcoming, vital, and safe for all residents and visitors.

The plan helps carry out implementation Action 3.9, Step 2, of the *Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan*. The following were done to update the Plan.

- Each chapter from the 2007 Downtown Plan was reviewed for relevant and timely content. Much of that content was carried forward.
- An online survey was completed with over 300 people responding with 1,200 comments. Two subcommittees were formed for input and comments.
- A new Revitalization Strategy Map including focused development areas, cultural districts, and opportunity sites was developed similar to the 2007 Strategy Framework.
- A new land use plan map was developed from the 2007 Strategy Framework, the subcommittees, and community council comments.
- Chapter-specific goals, policies, and action items were developed based on public, agency, online survey, community council, and subcommittee comments and recommendations.
- Research into the completion of 2007 Downtown Plan action items was done. Some action items were carried forward; some were revised to be relevant to the time. For more information, visit the project website at: <http://www.muni.org/Planning/2040actions.aspx>

The Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing is scheduled for **Monday, December 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers of the Z.J. Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage**. Recommendations and findings from the Planning and Zoning Commission process will be forwarded to the Assembly, which will also hold a public hearing before taking final action.

Comments received by **November 15** will be included in the Planning and Zoning Commission packet. Comments received later will be included in a supplementary packet at the meeting. Comments may also be made at the December 6, 2021 Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing.

Submit comments in the following ways:

by CityView: <http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm>
(insert case number 2021-0119)

by email: Anchorage2040@muni.org

by mail: MOA Planning Department
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