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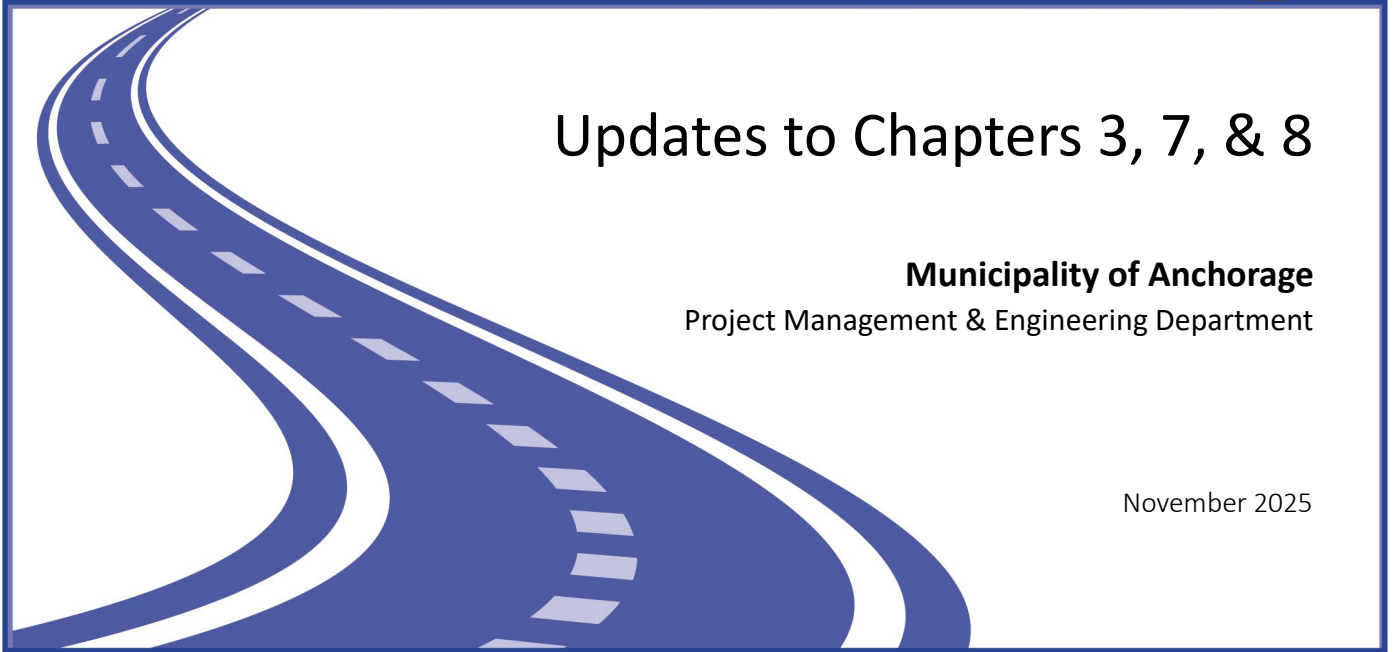
DESIGN CRITERIA MANUAL



Updates to Chapters 3, 7, & 8

Municipality of Anchorage
Project Management & Engineering Department

November 2025



Background

What is the Municipality of Anchorage Design Criteria Manual (DCM)?

The Design Criteria Manual (DCM) establishes the minimum standards for the development of roads, trails, transit, and storm drain infrastructure in Anchorage. The need for local criteria is driven by the unique climate, geology, and topography of Anchorage, which is not explicitly accounted for in national or international design guidance, and the dense urban development that exists in Anchorage which is not accounted for in State criteria. The design standards outlined in the DCM generally follow standards established and used nationwide, with particular emphasis on northern climate design techniques.

Where can the DCM be found?

The DCM may be downloaded from the following link:

https://www.muni.org/Departments/project_management/Pages/DesignCriteriaManual.aspx

What is the current plan for updating the DCM?

The Project Management & Engineering Department (PM&E) is updating the DCM on a by-chapter basis as funding, staffing, and workload allows. Updates have been developed for DCM Chapter 3 (Landscaping), DCM Chapter 7 (Public Transportation, and DCM Chapter 8 (Plans and Specifications) and are provided for review and recommendation.

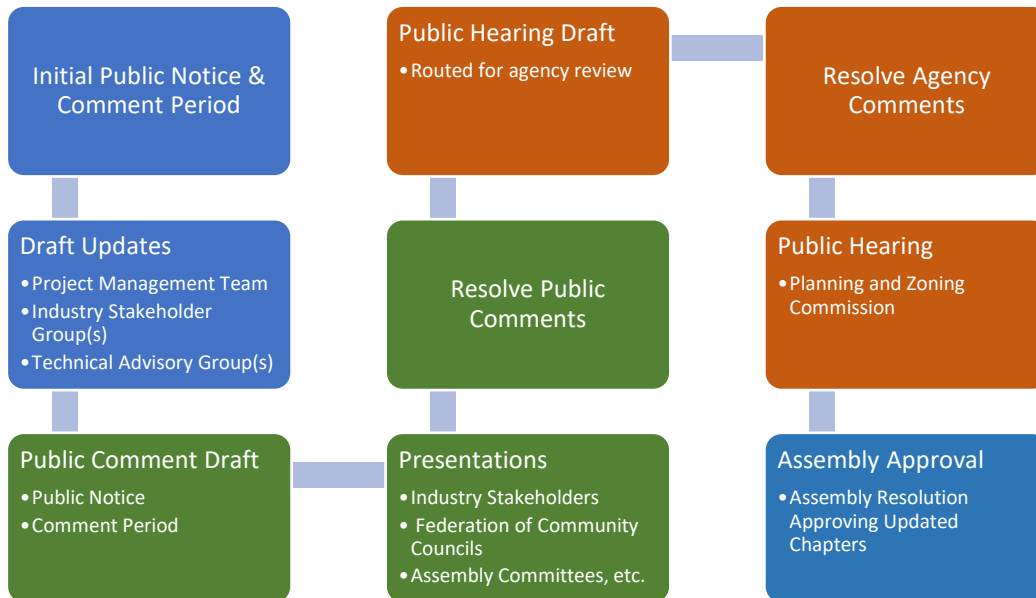
DCM Chapter	Last Update	Chapter Update Underway	Estimated Adoption
1 – Streets	2007	Pending	Q3, 2027
2 – Stormwater	2017	No	TBD
3 – Landscape	2007	Yes	Q2, 2026
4 – Trails	2007	Pending	Q3, 2027
5 – Lighting	2007	No	TBD
6 – Traffic Control	2007	Pending	Q3, 2027
7 – Public Transportation	2007	Yes	Q2, 2026
8 – Plans & Specifications	2007	Yes	Q2, 2026

How does the DCM work with the Context Sensitive Solutions Process?

The Context Sensitive Solutions Process requires projects to carefully consider stakeholder feedback and context to determine what improvements to construct with a project. As a result, the DCM avoids prescriptive criteria in many cases in favor of optional criteria or a range of acceptable criteria, leaving room for projects to make context sensitive decisions about what they construct.

What is the process for updating the DCM?

As we update each chapter of the DCM we are following the process outlined below:



Current DCM Update

What are the goals for updating the DCM?

Implementing the Safe System Approach: The Safe System approach was founded on the principles that humans make mistakes and that human bodies have limited ability to tolerate crash impacts. In a Safe System, those mistakes should never lead to death. Applying the Safe System approach involves anticipating human mistakes by designing and managing road infrastructure to keep the risk of a mistake low; and when a mistake leads to a crash, the impact on the human body doesn't result in a fatality or serious injury. Road design and management should encourage safe speeds and manipulate appropriate crash angles to reduce injury severity. There are six principles that form the basis of the Safe System approach: deaths and serious injuries are unacceptable, humans make mistakes, humans are vulnerable, responsibility is shared, safety is proactive, and redundancy is crucial.

Incorporating Movement & Place Framework: Movement and Place is a framework for identifying which roads serve what purpose, recognizing that some transport facilities are more about the movement function, and others about the place (land access) function, and that streets themselves act as places and serve multiple modes. The Movement and Place framework balances the accessibility needs of different types of road users across the network. Roads that are high place and low movement should have slower speeds and be oriented to pedestrians. Roads that are high movement and low place (limited access motorways, e.g.) may prohibit pedestrians. (Austroads Publication No. AGTM04-20 & Austroads Research Report No. AP-R611-20)

Updating Formatting, Graphics, & Code References: Changing from text in two columns to full page text, providing updated graphics, and updating code references to align with organization of new code.

Moving Towards Consistent Organization: Ensuring each chapter includes sections for Design Variances, Glossaries, Acronyms & Abbreviations, and References.

Which chapters are being submitted for approval?

Chapter 3 of the DCM provides guidance and criteria for designing and installing landscape on municipal roads and on other municipal lands with the objective of creating attractive and sustainable landscape design projects.

Chapter 7 of the DCM provides guidance and criteria for designing and installing public transportation infrastructure on municipal roads such as bus pull-outs, bus stop pads, and bus stop amenities such as shelters, benches, and lighting. Chapter 7 does not direct the Public Transportation Department (PTD) where or when bus stops and amenities should be provided, instead it offers design guidance and criteria for how to install bus stops and amenities once the PTD determines they are necessary.

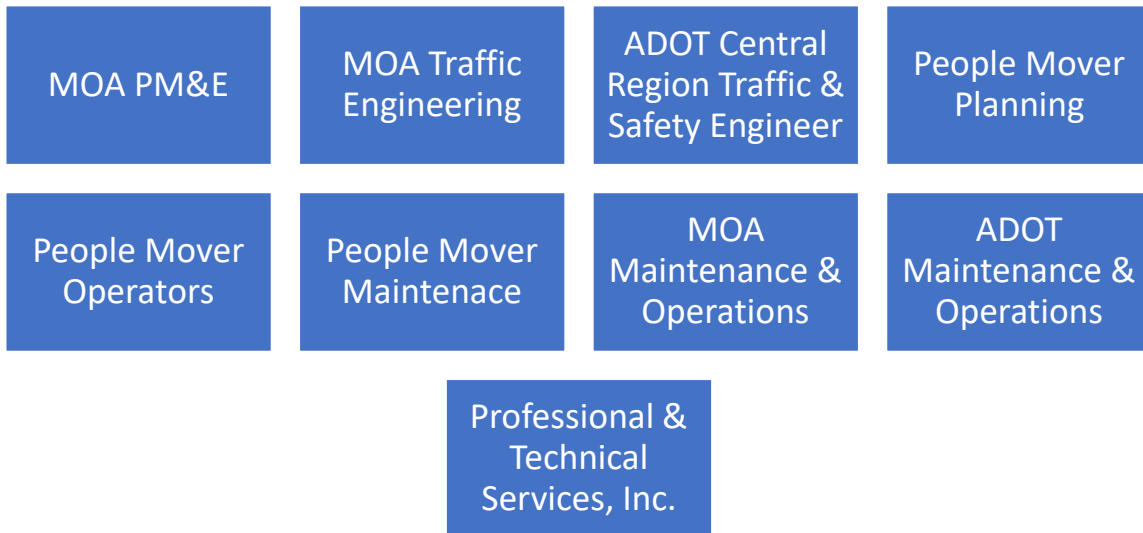
Chapter 8 of the DCM provides guidance and criteria for developing plans and specifications for projects in the Municipal right-of-way or on Municipal park land.

What stakeholders were involved in the process?

Chapter 3 – Landscape stakeholders included representatives from:

MOA PM&E	MOA Operations & Maintenance	MOA Planning	MOA Parks & Recreation
MOA Horticulture	Bettisworth North Architects	R&M Consultants, Inc	Corvus Design
Earthscape Landscape Architecture	ADNR Forestry	Huddle	Coffman Engineers
Green Earth Landworks, LLC			

Chapter 7 – Public Transportation stakeholders included representatives from:



Chapter 8 – Plans and Specifications stakeholders included representatives from:



What has been updated in each chapter?

Chapter 3 – Landscape

Restructured goals to focus on Safety, Functionality, and Durability

Clarified planting options within roadway snow storage areas, added clustered tree and shrub planting and documented relevant maintenance practices

Reorganized Section 3.4 Street Landscape by functional classification and land use within Class A (urban/suburban) or Class B (rural) zones

Updated information on best practices and municipal standards, code/plan reviews, relevant documents and plans, hardiness zones, and other references

Updated graphics

Chapter 7 – Public Transportation

Updated to adhere to the most recent MOA planning efforts to promote sustainable urban growth, improve public transportation infrastructure, and accommodate the increasing needs for accessible and efficient public transit options

Updated bus stop location selection methodology to locate stops near crosswalks and incorporate land use/zoning changes including designations of Transit-Supportive Development Corridors

Updated bus stop type selection methodology to follow a shift in MOA's approach to modal hierarchy, placing higher priority on transit facilities aiming to improve ridership comfort and service within the municipality

Incorporate PROWAG standards and updates to regional and national standards, as well as local changes to transit infrastructure, equipment, policies, and regulations

Updated bus stop design to incorporate M&O needs, as well as feedback from transit operators and DOT&PF

Updated transit vehicle and amenities to current standards including new figures

Chapter 8 – Plans and Specifications

Updated Drawing Standards for AutoCAD Civil 3D to adopt the United States National CAD standards layer naming convention, ARIAL True Type font for drawing annotation, STB for plot styles, and provided an updated symbols legend

Eliminated Example Plans and Project Manual Appendices and instead providing downloadable Civil 3D Templates on the PM&E website and referencing the Project Manual Template available on the PM&E website

Public Involvement

The project team has completed the following public involvement efforts:



Email notifications advertising public comment periods and the availability of draft chapter updates were sent to those who subscribed for notice through the MOA PM&E DCM project website or via email to project team members. 58 people subscribed to the project notification list, including numerous local engineers, landscape architects, and related professions who may implement the DCM.

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/4db36dd47c274ab4b7949fae28af54ce>

Attachments

ITE Luncheon Announcement

Urban Design Commission Agenda

Assembly Transportation Committee Agenda

Email Distribution Public Comment Period Open

Federation of Community Councils Agenda

Northeast Community Council Agenda

Email Distribution Public Comment Period Reminder

Chapter 3 Public Review Draft Comment Log

Chapter 3 Public Hearing Draft

Chapter 7 Public Review Draft Comment Log

Chapter 7 Public Hearing Draft

Chapter 8 Public Review Draft Comment Log

Chapter 8 Public Hearing Draft

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From: ITE Alaska Section <alaska@itedsc.org>
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ITE Alaska - A Community of Transportation Professionals MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER





Whether you call it Spring or Construction the city cleanups, green trees, and changing weight restrictions tell us a new season has arrived!

Get ready for an exciting month as we award our ITE Student Scholarships and dive into the latest developments in transportation at the Municipality of Anchorage! Join us Tuesday, May 13th at the MOA Permit Center Training Room as we hear from leaders at MOA Planning, Traffic Engineering, Project Management & Engineering, and Public Transportation Departments. Doors open at 11:45 am, Section business begins at 12:00 pm. Please remember to [RSVP](#) by EOD Monday May 12th, for an accurate catering order. Note that there will be no virtual option for this meeting.

May Luncheon Presentation: **"Latest Developments in Transportation at the Municipality of Anchorage"**

Presented by:

Mélisa R. K. Babb, P.L.A. – Director, MOA Planning;

Brad Coy, P.E., PTOE – Municipal Traffic Engineer/Director, Traffic Engineering;

Brandon Telford, P.E., Engineering Manager, Project Management & Engineering;

Bart Rudolph – Director, Public Transportation

You'll be treated to four engaging mini presentations on the new Long Range Transportation Strategy, Anchorage's NACTO affiliation, and the latest updates to Title 21, the Design Criteria Manual, and the Transit Development Plan.

When: Tuesday May 13th, 12:00-1:00 pm, Doors Open at 11:45 am

Where: MOA Permit Center Training Room, 4700 Elmore Rd, Anchorage

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Alaska Section News

- **The results are in!** Scholarship recipients will be officially announced at the May 13 Section Meeting; recipients are encouraged to attend.
- The Alaska Section wants to highlight the great work happening as part of the [ITE Safety Roadmap and Action Plan](#). Check it out!

We'd Like to Thank Our Annual ITE Alaska

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ITE Alaska Section recently released a [new sponsorship proposal](#). Get in touch to have your logo featured on our monthly newsletters.

ITE News

ITE Journal: Read the [May Issue Here](#).

Upcoming 2025 ITE Webinars and Events

Webinars

MAY 2025

05/13: Women in ITE (WITE) 2025 Boot Camp #2: Navigating Career Growth: The Power of Coaches, Mentors, and Advocates

05/13: Back to Basics: Active Transportation

05/15: Building a Business Series: Launching Your Consulting Business - Essential Steps to Success



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URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

A G E N D A

Assembly Chambers

Z.J. Loussac Library
3600 Denali Street
Anchorage, Alaska

June 11, 2025
6:30 P.M.

5:30 p.m. Work Session: Design Criteria Manual Update – Chapter 3, Landscaping

Edith McKee, Chair
Allison Lenig, Vice Chair

The Urban Design Commission encourages anyone wishing to provide public testimony via telephone to email PlanningPhoneTestimony@anchorageak.gov by 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please provide your Name, Phone Number, and Agenda Item Number/Title for which you wish to provide testimony. The Subject Line should read “Phone Testimony”. The Secretary will phone you at the number you have provided. You will have 3 minutes to provide testimony on each item you wish to speak on or 5 minutes for group representatives.

PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL CASE COMMENTS TO THIS EMAIL ADDRESS

ALL DOCUMENTS LISTED ON THIS AGENDA ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.muni.org/watchnow.

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Urban Design Commission

June 11, 2025

The Urban Design Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month except holidays as regular meetings. If the Urban Design Commission fails to complete its agenda for its regular meetings, the Commission carries over the remainder of the agenda to the following meeting date.

The procedure by which the public may speak to the Urban Design Commission at its meeting is:

- 1) After the staff presentation is completed on public hearing items, the Chair will ask for public testimony on the issue.
- 2) Persons who wish to testify will follow the time limits established in the Urban Design Commission Rules of Procedure.
 - a. Petitioners (including all his/her representatives) - 10 minutes. Rebuttal by the petitioner may be allowed when time has been reserved.
 - b. Representatives of groups (community councils, PTA's etc.) - 5 minutes.
 - c. Individuals - 3 minutes.
- 3) When your testimony is complete you may be asked questions by the Commission. You may only testify once on any issue unless questioned by the Commission.
- 4) Any party of interest wishing to appeal shall first file with the planning director, within seven (7) days of the commission's decision made on the record, a written notice of intent to appeal, in accordance with AMC 21.03.050A.4.a. Commission recommendations to the Anchorage Assembly are not appealable.

Following approval of the written findings of fact and decision, any party of interest may, within twenty (20) days, file an appeal by filing a notice of appeal, and paying the appeal fee and deposit in accordance with section (21.03.050). The notice of appeal must be filed with the planning director on a form prescribed by the municipality. If the appellant is not the applicant, the appellant's notice of appeal shall include proof of service on the applicant.

Revised: 5/7/25

Urban Design Commission
June 11, 2025

A. ROLL CALL

B. MINUTES

1. Wednesday, March 12, 2025

C. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS / EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

1. Disclosures

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolutions for Approval
 - a. Resolution: 2025-002 Related Case: 2024-0122
Purpose: APPROVAL (PH)
Request for Design Variances from: 1) AMC 21.05.070D.16.b.i. for the outdoor keeping of more than three large domestic animals (5 sheep) on a lot smaller than 20,000 square feet; and 2) AMC 21.05.070D.16.ii.(D)(1) for the outdoor keeping of up to 3 geese on a lot smaller than 40,000 square feet.
2. Site / Landscape Plan Approval
3. Other

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND ACTIONS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Resolutions for Approval
2. Site / Landscape Plan Approval
3. Other

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **CASE: 2025-0061 (CF)**
PETITIONER: Municipality of Anchorage - Parks & Recreation
REQUEST: Request for Trail Review for the Downtown Trail Connection, a 1-mile non-motorized, multi-use trail connecting the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and the Ship Creek Trail.
LOCATION: Downtown Trail Connection, a 1-mile non-motorized trail connecting Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and the Ship Creek Trail
SITE ADDRESS: N/A
COMMUNITY: Downtown, Government Hill, South Addition
COUNCIL(S):

H. APPEARANCE REQUEST

I. REPORTS

Urban Design Commission
June 11, 2025

1. Chair
2. Secretary
3. Committee

J. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

K. ADJOURNMENT

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Late Public Hearing Submittal Policy

Voluminous information shall not be submitted to the Commission at a public hearing. Generally, maps, graphic and photographs will be allowed. Type written information shall be limited to two pages, submitted no later than three (3) working days prior to a public hearing (i.e. the Friday before a regularly scheduled or special UDC Wednesday meeting). Information may be accepted, if the Commission chooses, to allow the additional information. If the petitioner or public insists that the voluminous information is important and critical to the case, the hearing shall be postponed for 30 days to allow staff to review the information, include it in the board member packet, and allow a thorough review by the Commission.

Policy Re: Postponement of Public Hearing Applications

When there is a short 5 member Board or Commission, and a postponement is offered to, and agreed to by the petitioner, they will be moved to the next regular agenda (AMCR 21.13.350). This should occur within 30-days, which does not require re-noticing the case (new public hearing notices, advertising).

If the petitioner is willing to postpone, but unable to attend the next available meeting date within 30 days, the petitioner has a **one-time only option** to choose the next date certain he/she can attend, at no extra fee.

When a postponement is requested by the petitioner, there is a rescheduling fee (AMCR 21.20.007.A), and a new public hearing date shall be determined by the Planning Department. This will put their case in the next available cut-off date queue as if they were submitting their case for the first time.

Effective January 01, 2004



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Assembly Transportation Committee
Committee-of-the-Whole**

**Assembly Member Daniel Volland, Chair
Assembly Member Erin Baldwin Day, Vice-Chair**

"Anchorage: a place to get to; not just a place to get through."

Wednesday, July 16, 2025; 1:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue
Assembly Conference Room #155
Anchorage, AK 99501

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. – Snow Removal Year End Wrap Up
 - b. -- Vision Zero Report and Progress
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Commuter Rail
 - b. MOA Design Criteria Manual Updates
 - c. AMATS update
- 5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

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Mission Statement: The Assembly Public Safety Committee deliberates and makes recommendations on legislative and policy matters relating to crime and fire prevention, law enforcement, administration of justice, corrections, and emergency services; and coordinates with the Municipal, State, and Federal law enforcement and justice agencies.

Telford, Brandon S.

From: MOA PM&E <vle@rmconsult.ccsend.com>
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Subject: Design Criteria Manual Update

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The Project Management & Engineering Department (PM&E)
is updating the DCM on a by-chapter basis.

Public comment is currently open on the
Public Comment Drafts for:

Chapter 3 - Landscaping
Chapter 7 - Public Transportation
Chapter 8 - Plans & Specifications

Email comments to DCMUPDATE@anchorageak.gov;
please indicated in your correspondence which chapter your
comments apply to.

Comment Period is open until October 10, 2025.



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**Questions?
Please contact:**

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Board of Delegates Meeting

Wednesday, August 20th, 6pm-8pm

In Person: FCC Conference Room

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89600528663> | Meeting ID: 896 0052 8663

Bylaws Worksession

5:30pm – 6:00pm

Join us in informal conversation about the current draft bylaws from the FCC's Bylaws Committee. Learn about the changes, provide your feedback, and ask questions before this project is brought to the full membership.

Part I – The Board Meeting

ACTION	ESTIMATED TIME
1. Meeting Opening – Chair Edgington 1.1. Roll Call	5 minutes
2. Consent Agenda 2.1. Approval of Agenda 2.2. Approval of Minutes	5 minutes
3. Committee Updates 3.1. Financial Committee – Financial Committee 3.2. Bylaw Committee – Committee Chair	10 minutes
4. Discussion Topic 4.1. Open Treasurer Position	10 minutes
5. Comment Period	<i>If Applicable</i>
6. Move to second agenda	--

Community Councils Center 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99503

Abbott Loop | Airport Heights | Basher | Bayshore – Klatt | Bear Valley | Birchwood | Campbell Park | Chugiak | Downtown | Eagle River
Eagle River Valley | Fairview | Girdwood | Glen Alps | Government Hill | Hillside Huffman – O'Malley | Midtown | Mountain View
North Star | Northeast | Old Seward – Oceanview | Portage Valley | Rabbit Creek | Rogers Park | Russian Jack Park | Sand Lake
Scenic Foothills | South Addition | South Fork | Spenard | Taku – Campbell | Tudor Area | Turnagain | Turnagain Arm | University Area



Part II – The Coalition Meeting

ACTION	ESTIMATED TIME
1. Meeting Opening – Chair Edgington	--
2. Education Topic 2.1 Council Updates – Rabbit Creek thru University Area <i>Council Updates: Rabbit Creek, Rogers Park, Russian Jack, Sand Lake, Scenic Foothills, South Addition, South Fork, Spenard, Taku Campbell, Tudor Area, Turnagain, Turnagain Arm, University Area</i>	15 minutes <i>(1 minute per council, then time for other councils with urgent business)</i>
3. Education Topic 3.1. Project Management and Engineering Design Criteria Manual Update – Brandon Telford	15 minutes
4. Education Topic 4.1. Transit Supportive Development Overlay: Project Update and Process – Graham Downey, Mayor's Office	30 minutes
5. Education Topic 5.1. Better Public Meetings – Arianna Bellizzi	30 minutes
6. Comment Period	<i>If Applicable</i>
7. Adjourn	--

** Representative Reports are being provided in written format for this month's meeting.*

**Federation of Community Councils
Board of Delegates Meeting**

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 | Hybrid
Draft Minutes

Zoom meeting being recorded, including the "Chat". There is no expectation of privacy.

FCC Delegates in attendance (16)

Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell	Mountain View – Charlie Welch
Airport Heights – Emily Weiser	North Star – Not Present
Basher – Don Crafts	Northeast – Pamela Raygor
Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule	Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Bear Valley – Not Present	Portage Valley – Not Present
Birchwood – Not Present	Rabbit Creek – Not Present
Campbell Park – Not Present	Rogers Park – Not Present
Chugiak – Paul Schneider	Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Downtown – Not Present	Sand Lake – Not Present
Eagle River – Not Present	Scenic Foothills – Not Present
Eagle River Valley – Not Present	South Addition – John Thurber
Eklutna Valley – Not Present	South Fork – Not Present
Fairview – Allen Kemplen	Spenard – Sarah Preskitt
Girdwood (GBOS) – Mike Edgington	Taku-Campbell – Not Present
Glen Alps – Not Present	Tudor – Not Present
Government Hill – Not Present	Turnagain – Not Present
Hillside – Bruce Vergason	Turnagain Arm – Michael Packard
Huffman/O'Malley – Not Present	University Area – Steven Callaghan
Midtown – Not Present	

Others in attendance:

Arianna Bellizzi, FCC Executive Director
Ali Rambo, FCC Office Administrator
Anna Brawley, Vice Chair of the Anchorage Assembly
Carl Jacobs, President of the Anchorage School Board
Farina Brown, Special Assistant to the Mayor
Dierdra, member of the public

PART I – THE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Sarah Preskitt, Chair Pro Tempore

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Agenda

- i. Sarah Preskitt explained that elected Chair, Mike Edgington, was not able to attend in person. Mike appointed Sarah as Chair Pro Tempore for the only the June meeting.
- ii. Arianna informed the board that Patrick LeMay had stepped down as Treasurer of the FCC and as FCC Delegate for Scenic Foothills. A replacement treasurer will be discussed at the August meeting.

b. Approval of Minutes

- i. Movement made to accept consent agenda and approve minutes made by Charlie Welch, seconded by Kathleen Plunkett. Passes unanimously.

II. Committee Update:

a. Bylaw Committee:

- i. Mike gave an update on the Bylaws Committee, explaining the shift towards a membership model with a smaller board and emphasizing the need for two more meetings to finalize a complete draft by August or September.
- ii. Sarah adds that it would be a board of 13-17 people, and they're still determining how that smaller board would be selected.

III. Education Topic:

a. Core Purpose & Core Values Introduction:

- i. Arianna presented the proposed Core Purpose and Values, which will be voted on in the August meeting. She explained that when this gets voted on, it has the potential to become the Federation's mission.
- ii. Someone asks if anyone is allowed to reach out with questions or comments before the next meeting, Arianna confirms this and encourages that anyone is welcome to email or call with any thoughts about the Core Purpose & Core Values.

IV. Discussion Topic:

a. FY 2026 Budget Decision

- i. Arianna introduces the budget, and gives everyone a moment to review it, and ask any questions before Sarah calls for a vote. There are a few general questions regarding the internal codes used for organizing, and some line-item allotments.
- ii. Mike Edgington makes a motion to approve the 2026 Budget, seconded by Steve Callaghan. The Budget passes with 15-1 votes.

V. Comment Period:

- a. Arianna announces the July 16 picnic location will be at Chanshtnu Muldoon Park, and encourages everyone to join with some chairs, as seating will be limited.
- b. Arianna also mentioned she'll be at the Downtown Summer Solstice Festival co-tabling with League of Women Voters and hopes to see familiar faces there.

- c. Arianna also informs the board about a website outage earlier in the week, as well as informing everyone that the FCC is switching website hosts, nothing will change for anyone using the website, other than a short outage over a weekend to avoid causing major disruption, the outage will be advertised as soon as a date has been chosen.

VI. Move to second agenda

PART II – THE COALITION MEETING

Meeting Opener: Chair Pro Tempore Preskitt

I. Education Topic:

a. Council Updates: Girdwood thru Portage Valley

- i. Girdwood** – Mike discussed three main issues: a proposal for affordable housing on public land, trail closures due to a new road being built in Holden Hills, and a controversial helipad development near residential areas.
- ii. Hillside** – Currently on break through July, however they've been involved in tracking homeless initiative to criminalize trespassing and notes that the work session for this can be found on the Assembly website.
- iii. Mountain View** – Charlie mentions the fires in Davis Park weren't nearly as bad as it seems through the media, and shares that many people were given assistance but that there are still several people lingering in the park. MVCC is hosting a Street Fair July 26th from 1pm to 5pm, with the meeting location still being determined. Charlie also mentioned that the Community Center had a smooth transition from Boys & Girls Club to Municipal oversight.
- iv. Northeast** – Pamela shared updates from Muldoon, including a successful picnic event and thanks the Muni for addressing homeless encampments in the park prior to the event.
- v. South Addition** – John reported on new housing developments, including a grant for affordable housing units, with the starting price of those new units being 500k.
- vi. Fairview** – Allen mentions July 19th is the Annual Block Party, all are invited. Positive movement has been happening on the Community Gardens as well at 13th & Karluk St. Reconnecting Fairview also had its first technical advisory meeting as well.
- vii. University Area** – 42nd Ave construction is happening and avoid it if possible. Steve calls attention to a potential AO regarding Transitive Supportive Corridors.

II. Motion Made:

- a.** There was a motion made by Charlie Welch, seconded by Kathleen Plunkett to amend the agenda, to allow for Farina Brown to present before the Representative Reports due to Representatives running late. Motion was approved by consent.

III. Education Topic:

- a. Turning the Tide on Homelessness** – Farina Brown, Special Assistant to the Mayor
 - i.** Farina presented updates on the city's homelessness initiatives, including the "Turning the Tide" website, which provides data on shelter beds and abatement activities.
 - ii.** She discussed the administration's efforts to address homelessness through year-round shelter, increased enforcement, and outreach

programs. Farina also introduced a new proposed designated overnight parking program for individuals experiencing homelessness, which will operate seasonally and require permits. The program is currently accepting proposals, with a deadline of June 26th.

- iii. Farina provided an update on recent abatement efforts at Davis Park and the snow dump, highlighting the importance of connecting people to shelter and housing services. She emphasized that encampments should not become entrenched and explained the change in policy allowing abatement without requiring shelter space.
- iv. Farina discussed the challenges of managing homelessness, including the need for balanced approaches between abatement and providing shelter options. The administration is committed to addressing the issue through outreach, enforcement, and community engagement.

IV. Education Topic:

a. Mayor's Office: Marie Husa, Mayor's Office Representative

- i. Not Present at this meeting

b. Assembly: Anna Brawley, Vice-Chair

- i. Anna Brawley discussed ongoing efforts to address homelessness and mentioned an upcoming meeting to consider an ordinance regarding criminal penalties for camping outside. She also highlighted the 50th anniversary of Anchorage's formation in 2025 and encouraged Community Councils to plan events reflecting on the city's history and future.

c. School Board: Carl Jacobs, President

- i. Carl Jacobs reported on the impact of the governor's veto of funding for the school district and outlined steps being taken to address the budget shortfall.

d. Planning Department: Elizabeth Appleby, Current Planning Division

- i. Arianna gives a brief update on behalf of Elizabeth Appleby; the Transitive Supportive Development Overlay is coming up July 14 and materials can be found online. The Manufactured & Modular Housing Coordinates and Non-Conformities Ordinance are going before Assembly in the near future. The Community Councils Boundary Review will also be going in front of the Assembly soon with an undetermined date. PZC continues to meet and discuss a 10 year targeted update to the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan and 2040 Land Use Plan.

V. Comment Period:

VI. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Federation Of Community Councils

Budget vs. Actual

January through June 2025

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Expense			
7200 · Personnel Services			
7210 · ED Labor	54,333.32		
7211 · ED Fringe	4,705.00		
7220 · Staff Labor	22,642.69		
7221 · Staff Fringe	2,747.24		
7250 · Payroll taxes	6,630.25		
Total 7200 · Personnel Services	91,058.50	98,558.00	-7,499.50
7900 · Overhead			
7910 · Accounting	1,250.00		
7940 · Utilities	1,335.76		
7950 · Office Equipment Rental	283.12		
7960 · Insurance	1,575.00		
7970 · Office Tech Support	1,031.38		
Total 7900 · Overhead	5,475.26	8,125.00	-2,649.74
8000 · Outreach & Training			
8010 · Physical Outreach	740.96		
8020 · Digital Outreach	2,945.30		
8060 · Training	6,888.12		
8070 · Insurance for Councils	368.00		
Total 8000 · Outreach & Training	10,942.38	9,750.00	1,192.38
8200 · Occupancy			
8210 · Office Rent	3,308.76		
8211 · Shared Rent Costs	85.76		
8290 · Occupancy - Other	112.50		
Total 8200 · Occupancy	3,507.02	3,500.00	7.02
8500 · Other			
8510 · Supplies	332.89		
8530 · Membership dues - organization	607.10		
8550 · Bank Charges	150.00		
Total 8500 · Other	1,089.99	815.00	274.99
Total Expense	112,073.15	120,748.00	-8,674.85

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Meeting ID: 833 4733 9174

Creekside Park Elementary- Gymnasium

7500 E 6th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99504

Doors open at 6:30 PM

NECC Voting member participants must sign-in & verification of residence, business ownership, or non-profit agency representative is required.

Voting cards will be distributed once membership is verified.

Standing Rules: Business will be conducted in the manner established at previous NECC meetings, in bylaws or Robert's Rules of Order. Members are encouraged to participate, if they wish, within the agenda time constraints. No member may speak a second time until others have had the opportunity to do so, within a fixed time. During a debate on an action item, comments will be limited to 2 minutes per person, 3 individuals may speak to an issue per side, in support of or opposing any motion, as recognized by the Chair. The maker of a motion is not counted as one of the three speakers in support of or opposing any motion. Maximum debate on any subject shall be limited to 20 minutes unless otherwise allotted.

Time		Lead
6:30 pm	Doors Open Sign-in, register, collect meeting materials & handouts, and mingle with neighbors.	
7:00	Welcome & Call to Order Reminder: NECC Voting members must sign-in & verification of residence is required.	Stephanie Taylor
7:01	Pledge of Allegiance	Member
7:03	Board Introductions	Stu Grenier
7:05	Minutes' Approval: August General Meeting Note responses to previous requests for Information	David Weber
7:08	Treasurer's Report (\$_____) as of August	John Cunningham
7:09	NECC Community Members' an opportunity for members to share. (max 2 min per person unless otherwise noted)	
7:15	NECC Council Committee Reports (Limit 3 min incl. discussion unless otherwise noted) Alcohol & Marijuana, Art & Placemaking Ad Hoc, CIP, Homelessness Ad Hoc, Parks & Trails, Planning & Zoning Ad Hoc, Spirit of Muldoon Picnic, NECC Patrol, Nunaka Valley Patrol	Committee Chairs
7:35	Community Leadership Updates as available (Limit 3 min each incl. discussion) JBER , Police Department , Fire Department , Muldoon Public Library , PTAs, Bartlett Area Principal Group, Rotary	
7:50	Elected Representatives (Limit 3 min including questions unless otherwise noted) Mayor's Report One representative per district office will rotate each month. Northeast Elected Officials: School Board (7), Assembly (4), House (6), Senate (3) School Board Member Report – Dora Wilson Assembly Member Report – Yarrow Silvers State House Representatives Report – David Nelson State Senator Report – Loki Tobin	Mayor's Office Anchorage School Board Assembly Members State Legislators
8:10	Old Business includes Action Items (Limit 3 min incl. discussion unless otherwise noted) Council Board Election voted on by ballot . The results will be announced at the end of Old Business. Only properly vetted voting members will be provided a voting card to obtain a ballot.	
	Reinstate Jaywalking Laws & Fines Resolution 2025-07 2 nd Reading (5 min) Action	Nate Martin

8:17	Presentations (Limit 3 min including discussion unless otherwise noted) <u>Presentations</u> Project Management & Engineering, Municipality of Anchorage (25 min) Muldoon & Debarr Transit Center Study Project (12 min)	Taryn Oleson-Yelle Lucy Whittlinger
8:55	New Business Non-Action Items (Limit 3 min including discussion unless otherwise noted)	
8:56	Community Announcements of Events/Meetings (Limit 1 min ea.) Noteworthy: MOA 50 celebrations thru November	
9:00	Next NECC Regular General Meeting: October 23, 2025 (Doors open: 6:30 p.m. Mtg 7-9 p.m.) Adjourn no later than 9:00 PM	

Notes and Announcements:

- Presentations and subjects are timed. **Brevity is important to ensure all have the opportunity to participate.**
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REMINDER

**The public comment period will close on
October 10, 2025.**

Public Comment Drafts currently open:

Chapter 3 - Landscaping
Chapter 7 - Public Transportation
Chapter 8 - Plans & Specifications

Email comments to DCMUPDATE@anchorageak.gov;
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