

Public Transit Advisory Board  
January 10, 2019, 5:30 p.m.  
*ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE ROOM (#155), CITY HALL*

**PTAB PRESENT:**

Doug Miller  
Elijah Haines  
Andrew Ooms  
Samuel Moore

**STAFF:**

Jamie Acton  
Wes Renfrew  
Bart Rudolph  
Nicholas Abugel  
Christine Schuette  
Alison Gutacker  
Will Brown

**CITIZENS PRESENT:**

Sean Ryan	Ben W.	D. Stein
Kielynnee DeVaney	Iris C.	Austin Brown
Joe Pichler	Brenda C.	Albert Edenshaw
Cherie Biddle	Patrisha Olson	Edwina P.
Vincent DeVaney	Ben Latham	David Henry
Paul Williams	Dawn Groth	Lucy P. Bell
Alan B. Rice	Joshua Williams	Amber Lee
Gretchen Wehmhoff	Wendy Williams	Tyler Weathers
Terry Sharkey	Sammuel Williams	Bev Wilkey
Betty W.	G Williams	
Lary D.	R Williams	
Melinda Grant	Joseph Prado	

*I. CALL TO ORDER*

**Mr. Samuel Moore** called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

*II. ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF, AND GUESTS*

**Mr. Samuel Moore, Mr. Doug Miller, Mr. Elijah Haines** and **Mr. Andrew Ooms** were present. After roll call, a quorum was not present. It was agreed to continue with the meeting with the agenda items as informational items.

*III. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT*

An announcement was made by **Mr. Samuel Moore** to those in attendance that there would be a public comment period in which those wishing to make comments would be allowed two minutes each. Comments would also be accepted after any informational item. Comments would be accepted both during the public comment period and during the informational item period so long as the comment made during the informational period related to that item.

*IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

The January 10, 2019 agenda was not approved due to lack of a quorum.

*V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

The December 13, 2018 minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

## *VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY*

**Bev Wilkey** – Stated that the new People Mover drivers are very well trained. However, Ms. Wilkey stated that some of the drivers, specifically on route 11, were “wildcards.” She described that they are not practicing safe driving techniques and she feels unsafe with them on the road.

**Shawn Ryan** – Stated that he is a long time rider. He was discouraged by an experience he had at customer service downtown; specifically, they would not refund him for his damaged pass. His pass was damaged from being stored in his shirt pocket and frequent use. Mr. Ryan also suggested that route 25 continue around the Tudor/Muldoon curve rather than detouring through Patterson and 36<sup>th</sup>.

**Joe Pichler** – Stated that he would like to use AnchorRIDES to get to Eagle River. He also stated that the shelters at Northway mall need to be cleaned.

**Tyler Wethers** – Stated that he would like route 36 back because it dropped off right in front of the Loussac Library. He also stated that he would like more service on the south side of Anchorage; specifically, he would like to see route 60 return.

**Vince** – Stated that he would like the route 13 to return because it was a convenience that came by his home.

**Allen Rice** – Stated that he is a frequent bus rider and asked about driver training; specifically, that drivers check to see if anyone was walking up to the bus before the driver drove away.

**Joshua Williams** – Stated that he takes the bus every day and depends on it to get to work. He identified a problem that he has been having with route 30; specifically, that route 30 on Sunday mornings is never there (Debarr and Boniface) between 8:24 – 8:26. He stated it generally shows up at 8:55 – 9:15.

Public comment was closed at 5:45 p.m.

## *VII. BUSINESS / INFORMATION ITEMS*

### *a. Ridership Update*

- i. **Mr. Abugel** – Reported that weekday ridership for December 2018 declined by 4%, Saturday ridership increased by 0.6%, and Sunday ridership increased by 13.7% compared to last year (2017). He speculated that since Anchorage School District was closed at the beginning of the month due to the November earthquake, some of the ridership decline could have been attributed to ASD students not going to school.

### *b. Short-Range Transit Plan (S RTP): Transit On the Move*

#### *i. Draft Goals & Objectives*

1. **Ms. Schuette** – Described how the short range plan would define goals, objectives, measures and targets to evaluate how priorities should be assessed. **Mr. Miller** asked if bus stops will have to be upgraded to ADA compliance. **Ms. Schuette** replied that bus stops only need to be updated to ADA status when they are changed/modified by the public transit department. **Mr. Haines** asked if there was a measure to assess walking distance to stops. **Mr. Rudolph** stated that they did not put that in the current plan but it could be considered in the future plans. **Mr. Rudolph** further described the plan stating that this plan eventually will create an outline of how to spend any funds that the People Mover receives. In other words, this plan will prioritize how any future funding would be spent, an

example being an expansion to the mTicket program, or the increase of frequency along a route, or more buse stops, etc. **Mr. Miller** asked how this information would be available. **Mr. Rudolph** stated that it would be available online, at customer service and at the various public meetings scheduled around town.

c. Board Member Requested Items

i. Standard orientation materials for new PTAB members (Doug Miller)

1. **Mr. Moore** – Asked if there was a packet of information available for new members to the PTAB board. **Mr. Rudolph** replied that there currently wasn't one but relevant materials would be provided to any new members.

*VIII. NEXT PTAB MEETING DATE*

Next Meeting Date: February 14, 2019, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Location TBD)

Comments:

**Mr. Ooms** – Stated that he was excited that there were a few applications in the pipeline for more PTAB members.

**Mr. Moore** – Asked if all the buses have cameras. **Mr. Renfrew** responded that most buses have active cameras. **Mr. Moore** also asked about snow clearance and who has responsibility for which roads and sidewalks. **Ms. Acton** stated that there are maps on the municipal website designated to providing information about the plowing schedule. **Mr. Moore** also suggested looking into better signage at the downtown transit center.

**Mr. Haines** – Stated that the public should remember to wear reflective clothing in the winter.

*IX. ADJOURNMENT*

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.