



**PTAB  
Meeting Minutes  
July 9, 2020; 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Andrew Ooms called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**PTAB Present:**

Andrew Ooms  
Doug Miller  
Jennifer Ham  
Genevieve Mina  
Chelsea Ward-Waller

**PTAB Absent:**

Dawn Groth

**Citizens Present:**

4 unique logins were recorded for this meeting.

After roll call, a quorum was present.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Ms. Genevieve Mina moved, \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the July 9, 2020 Agenda.

Mr. Doug Miller seconded,

*and the motion passed without objection.*

**4. Public Involvement Announcement**

Mr. Andrew Ooms read the public involvement announcement.

## 5. Action / Information Items

### a) Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Meeting (ACTION)

Mr. Doug Miller moved, to approve the minutes of the PTAB meeting of June 11, 2020

Ms. Genevieve Mina seconded,

*and the motion passed without objection.*

### b) Director's Update (INFORMATION)

Information provided by Ms. Jamie Acton and Mr. Felix Rivera

### c) ACDA Update re: Transit Center Redevelopment Project (INFORMATION)

Information provided by Mr. Andrew Halcro

### d) Service Change Update (INFORMATION)

Information provided by Ms. Christine Schuette

### e) Public Transportation Department (PTD) Budget Update (INFORMATION)

Information provided by Ms. Jamie Acton

### f) Ridership Update

Information provided by Mr. Nicholas Abugel

## 6. Public Comments

Stephen A. Welch

### DISCUSSION POINTS/QUESTIONS

- **Five LOCAL businesses** (Tent City Taphouse, Circular Boutique, Akela Space, Madmen Studios, Bottoms Boutique) are located on the north side of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between C and D Streets and their customers utilize the parking meters on the south side of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Locating two transit stops at this location **removes 5 of the 8 spaces available**. At the direction of Acton, these were moved on 6/25/20 to the sidewalk across from JCP.
- Issues arose on the first day that transit stops were located at the Nordstrom building:
  - Fighting resulting in one person entering oncoming traffic three times; Mall security was called
  - A gentleman not allowing others to pass on the sidewalk
  - Break-in at Tent City Taphouse that evening
  - Vandalism of port-a-potty outside of Tent City Taphouse, including drug paraphernalia left inside
  - Dust and exhaust in the air from busses stopping and departing
  - Transit riders asking to use bathrooms in adjacent shops
- On 8/24/20 transit stops will be relocated from the Downtown Transit Center to the area on 6<sup>th</sup> adjacent to Nordstrom **AND** across from JCP because those locations were deemed to have the

least impact to transit operations. The projected length of time they will be there is **12-18 months**.

- The transit stop relocation date of 8/24/20 related to a May 2020 start for the Downtown Transit Center redevelopment, which is **now delayed to 4/1/21**. It seems that a move of transit operations in August 2020 is premature, at best, and that the projected 12-18 month time period mentioned above would be **further extended by a minimum of this 7-month delay**.
- There has been **NO public involvement whatsoever** in the decision to relocate the transit stops (not a Transit project, so not their responsibility; ACDA has no steps to notify the public or provide outreach).
- There were 550 calls to APD and AFD regarding the Downtown Transit Center last year and approximately 100 this year. **THIS PROBLEM WOULD BE MOVED TO THE BUSINESSES SURROUNDING THE PROPOSED LOCATION AND TO THE 5<sup>th</sup> AVENUE MALL.**
- Why were businesses being impacted by the relocation of transit stops not consulted?
- What criteria are typically used in a site selection? What is the public involvement process?
- What facilities typically accompany a transit stop with this level of traffic?
- Why does the relocation of transit stops seem to exclude investment by the MOA/ACDA/EasyPark to ensure the location has the least impact, i.e. not removing parking used by local business patrons, providing bathroom facilities for a stop of this scale, increasing clean-up of the surrounding area, etc.?
- What is the schedule for the redevelopment of the Downtown Transit Center, including the anticipated location of the Transit Center when that redevelopment is complete?

Roberta Jamestown

I ride weekdays OB 31 @ 648 duben & oklahoma and debarr to transfer to IB 25 @ 715 to ANMC, when i get off the 31 @Muldoon & debarr to wait on the 25 transfer it is a 25 minute wait which is a long wait in the winter. Maybe the 25 bus at this time slot can run every 15 for people going to work early weekday, or the 31 bus can leave Northway later in the mornings to have a better connection time to catch the 25. And the return after work isn't a good connection either as far as wait time between these two buses.

Kim Stalder

I'm available for questions, should the board have any, regarding the relocation of stops to Nordstrom/JCP, as it is my understanding it may be possible to move them.

## 7. Member Comments

Doug Miller stated that he was interested in further information regarding the transit center relocation.

Genevieve Mina stated that she was excited about discussing People Mover going fare free. She is also excited about more people joining the board; she also enjoyed the story map and the explanation it provided. She also stated that she was glad that People Mover went through the Transit on The Move process. She was also happy that People Mover was handing out masks and suggested more social media posts that they were available.

Jennifer Ham stated that she was excited about some of the developments going on at People Mover. She also asked if security would move with the transit center should it move in the future. Ms. Jamie Acton replied that the ACDA security that is currently at the transit center will move with the transit center.

Chelsea Ward-Waller stated that she was interested in the comments received from local businesses in regard to the transit center moving. She agreed that the story map was super helpful and looks forward to further decision about the transit center move.

Andrew Ooms thanked People Mover for their efforts to keep everyone safe with regards to COVID-19. He also looks forward to new members. He shared that he will be in Anchorage a little bit longer than he expected.

**8. Adjournment**      **Time: 6:46pm**

Ms. Chelsea Ward-Waller moved,

to adjourn the PTAB meeting of  
July 9, 2020

Mr. Jennifer Ham seconded,

*and the motion passed without objection.*

Mr. Andrew Ooms adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm.

The next PTAB meeting will be held on August 13, 2020, 5:30 - 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicholas Abugel, Transit Planning Technician

*For detailed Board discussion, please refer to the recording of this meeting located on the Municipal Website at <http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/Pages/PublicTransitAdvisoryBoard.aspx>*