

**Municipality of Anchorage**  
**Public Transportation Department**  
**Memorandum**



**DATE:** 6 August 2020  
**TO:** Public Transit Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Jamie Acton, Public Transportation Director  
**SUBJECT:** **FTA CARES Act Funding Proposal**

**BACKGROUND**

On Friday, March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) into law. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) allocated \$25 billion to recipients of urbanized area and rural area formula funds. Funding is provided at a 100-percent federal share, with no local match required. It is available to support capital, operating, and other expenses generally eligible under 5307 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Total amount available to the Public Transportation Department is \$18,580,864 for fiscal years 2021-2028.

**SOLUTIONS**

PTD proposes to utilize its CARES Act funding for the following activities over the next seven years:

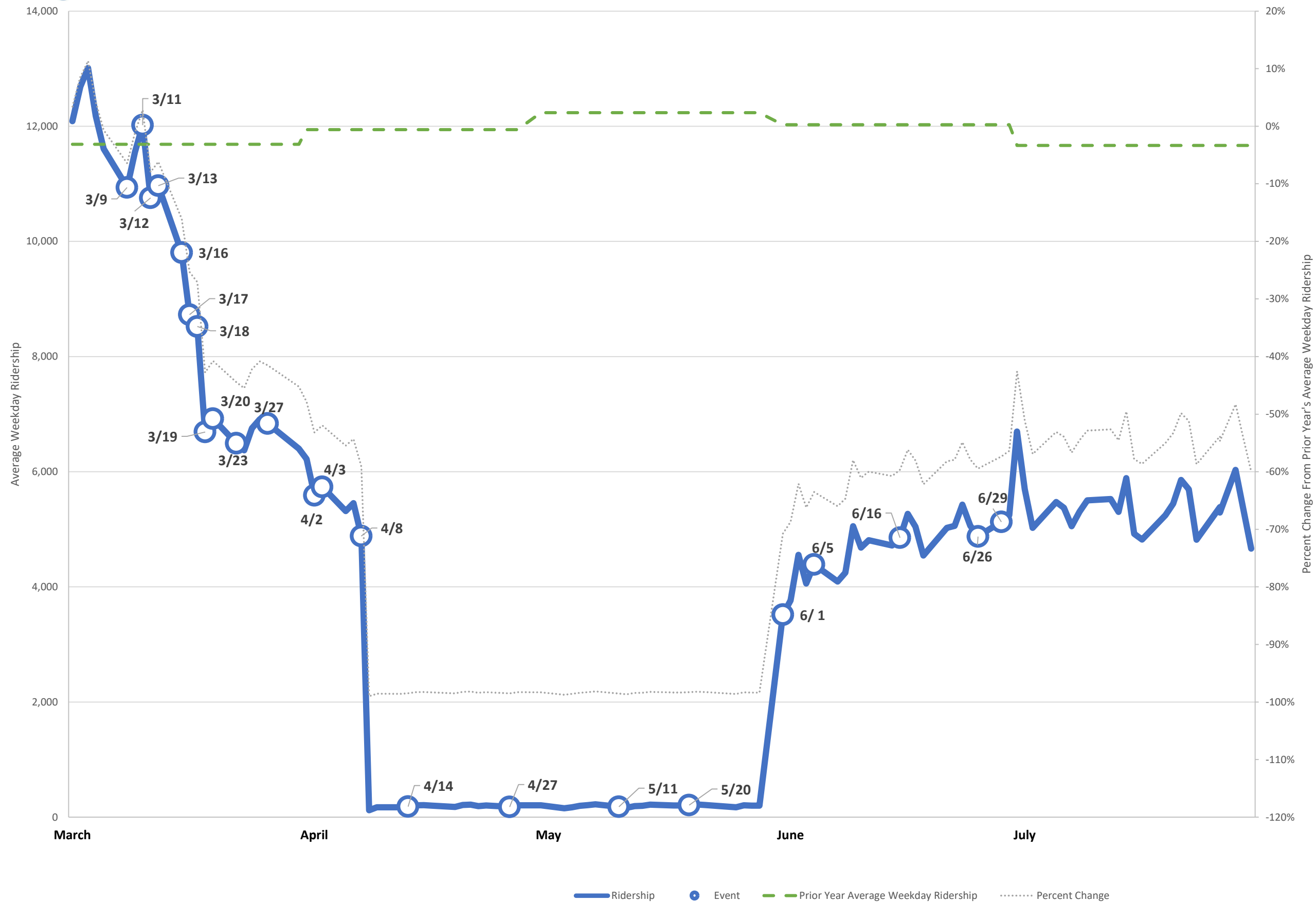
Eligible Activity	Budget	Details	Support Documents
Operating Assistance	\$5,000,864	Provides for labor costs for transit employees due to COVID, PPE materials, and supplies specific to responding to the COVID pandemic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2018-22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</li><li>• 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)</li></ul>
Transit Security	\$7,000,000	Provides contracted security guards on buses and facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transit on the Move (TOTM)</li></ul>
Facility Preventative Maintenance	\$3,080,000	Provides 5 site enhancement positions (4 site-enhancement + 1 lead) to assist with the cleaning and maintenance of bus stops.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transit on the Move (TOTM)</li><li>• 2018-22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</li><li>• 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)</li></ul>
Vehicle Preventative Maintenance	\$3,500,000	Provides for the cost of additional cleaning and COVID exposure prevention with the vehicles; to include labor, parts, and materials specific to responding to the COVID pandemic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2018-22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</li><li>• 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)</li></ul>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,580,864</b>		

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully requests that PTAB pass a resolution supporting the PTD'S CARES Act funding to support the proposed eligible activities outlined in the table above.



# Average Weekday Ridership During COVID-19



- 3/9** - Municipality of Anchorage increases Emergency Operations Center to Level Two (2).
- 3/11** - Governor issues Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration for COVID-19. Seniors ride free.
- 3/12** - Muni declares a civil emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. ASD closes all schools for an extra week.
- 3/13** - National emergency declared. State of Alaska issues Health Mandate 001. Visitation at State Institutes, Non-Contact Student Days at Schools. Muni closes all municipal libraries and civic, cultural, and recreational facilities to the public until March 30.
- 3/16** - State of Alaska issues Health Mandate 002. All Libraries, Archives and Museums, Residential Schools closed to the public. Muni to close all Libraries and civic, cultural, and recreational Facilities.
- 3/17** - State of Alaska issues Health Mandate 003 & 004. Statewide Closure of Restaurants & Bars. Travel Advisory issued to those who have recently traveled to the state of Alaska.
- 3/18** - At 3 PM People Mover bus capacity limited to nine riders. People Mover and AnchorRIDES provided free of charge. Downtown Transit Center lobby and Customer Service closed.
- 3/19** - Mayor announces move to remote work for MOA staff.
- 3/20** - Mayor announces Emergency Order to "Hunker Down."
- 3/23** - State of Alaska issues Health Mandate 009 & 010. Personal Care Services & Gatherings Statewide. International and Interstate Travel, Order for Self Quarantine.
- 3/27** - Mayor extends Hunker Down Order. State of Alaska issues Health Mandate 011 & 012. Social Distancing. Intrastate Travel - Limiting travel between communities to critical infrastructure or critical personal needs.
- 4/2** - 4-passenger limit takes effect for Routes 11, 21, 31, 41, & 91 to allow for additional space for social distancing. These routes are operated with a smaller bus compared to the other routes.
- 4/3** - People Mover announces that they will transition to Demand-Based Service transportation on 4/8 at midnight until further notice.
- 4/8** - People Mover transitions to Demand-Based service at midnight.
- 4/14** - Mayor updates and extends Emergency Orders.
- 4/27** - Mayor issues Emergency Orders EO-07 and EO-08.
- 5/11** - Mayor issues Emergency Order EO-09.
- 5/20** - Mayor issues statement about the Municipality's transition to Phase 3.
- 6/1** - People Mover resumes regular bus service, with rider limits in place. 9 riders per 40' bus, and 4 riders per 22' bus. Cloth face masks recommended.
- 6/5** - Mayor signs EO-11 establishing updated quarantine protocols for interstate travelers.
- 6/16** Mayor issues Emergency Order EO-12.
- 6/26** - Mayor issues Emergency Order EO-13.
- 6/29** - In accordance with the emergency order EO-13, cloth face masks will be required to ride People Mover starting today. Rider limits are also increased to 18 riders per 40' bus, and 6 riders per 22' bus.