



**Municipality of Anchorage
Public Transit Advisory Board
Meeting Agenda
April 8, 2021, 5:30–7:00 p.m.
<https://bit.ly/PTAB-April-2021>**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Public Involvement Announcement:

For those watching live online, comments and questions can be submitted via Teams Live Q&A by clicking on the Q&A button on the right side of the screen. Public comments for this meeting have also been collected via email and people have had the opportunity to sign up for a phone call. When the Board reaches your agenda item, your comment will be addressed, first by written comment, then by Teams Live Q&A, and finally via outbound phone call. If you have elected to be contacted by phone, the meeting moderator will attempt to call you after the agenda item has been discussed by the Board. You will have 2 minutes to speak on each item you wish to comment on. Written comments will be read aloud by the meeting moderator after the items have been discussed by the Board. Teams Live Q&A comments will be addressed when appropriate. A recording is being made of this meeting and will be posted on the Municipal website.

5. Action / Information Items

- a. Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Meeting (Action Item)
- b. Director's Update (Info Item)
- c. PTAB Core Ideology and Annual Goals (Action Item)
- d. 2020 System Report Card (Info Item)
- e. Ridership Update (Info Item)

6. Public Comments [2 minutes each]

7. Member Comments

8. Adjournment

Next PTAB Meeting Date:

PTAB regular meeting – May 13, 2021, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (Location TBD)

PTAB Public Comment Instructions

Meeting Date: April 8, 2021

This PTAB meeting will be streamed live over the internet via Microsoft Teams at <https://bit.ly/PTAB-April-2021>. You may comment during the meeting using the Q&A function or, alternatively, you may provide comments over the phone or by email. Phone requests and emails must be received by 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Instructions for Live Q&A:

To ask a question or submit a comment during the meeting on Microsoft Teams:

1. Select Q&A button on the right side of the screen.
2. Type your question in the compose box, and then select Send. If you want to ask your question anonymously, select Ask anonymously.
3. Any comments about a specific agenda item will be answered during the Public Comment section of the agenda unless specifically addressed towards an Agenda item.

Instructions for written comments:

If you wish to provide written public comment, please email Nicholas.Abugel@anchorageak.gov with:

1. Your name
2. Subject line: identify the agenda item you are commenting on

Comments must be received by 2 p.m. on 4/8/2021.

Instructions for comments via phone:

If you wish to provide comment on the phone, please email Nicholas.Abugel@anchorageak.gov with:

1. Your name
2. Phone number
3. Agenda item number/title for which you wish to provide comment
4. In the subject line: Phone comment

Phone requests must be received by 2 p.m. on 4/8/2021.

When your time to comment arrives during the meeting a staff member will call the number you provided.

All comments will become part of the meeting record.



**Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)
MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2021, 5:30–7:00 p.m.
<https://bit.ly/PTAB-March-2021>**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

PTAB PRESENT:

Andrew Ooms
Doug Miller
Genevieve Mina
Chelsea Ward-Waller
Sarah Preskitt
Brandon Roulet
Jennifer Ham

CITIZENS PRESENT:

Three unique logins were recorded for this meeting.

PTAB ABSENT:

N/A

After roll call, a quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Sarah Preskitt moved to approve the March 11, 2021 agenda,

Mr. Brandon Roulet 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 February 11, 2021 Meeting (ACTION)

Mr. Doug Miller moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 PTAB meeting,

Ms. Chelsea Ward-Waller seconded,

And the motion passed without objection.

b) Director's Update (INFORMATION)

Information provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

c) 2021 PTAB Work Plan Update (INFORMATION)

Information provided by Mr. Bart Rudolph.

d) Board Elections (INFORMATION)

Ms. Chelsea Ward-Waller nominated Ms. Sarah Preskitt for Chair. Ms. Sarah Preskitt accepted. The Board voted unanimously to elect Ms. Sarah Preskitt as Chair.

Ms. Genevieve Mina nominated Mr. Brandon Roulet for Vice-Chair. Mr. Brandon Roulet accepted. The Board unanimously voted to elect Mr. Brandon Roulet as Vice-Chair.

e) Ridership Update (INFORMATION)

Information provided by Mr. Nicholas Abugel and Mr. Paris Butler.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

I take the people mover to and from home to go shopping or appointments And I noticed 65 leave dimond few minutes too early when I'm taking 35 from downtown . So now I have to wait a whole hour with my boys to get home.
Can you guys fix this by letting 65 leave after 35 gets there?

Thanks so much,

Felicia Waska

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm 44 years old. My name is Goddess Zena Isabel Jones. This email serves the purpose to request allowing only one bus stop per Wal-Mart Supercenter onsite the property of Wal-Mart Supercenter (A St.) for safety and security reasons. Wal-Mart Supercenter (A St.) is located in Midtown neighborhood and Wal-Mart Supercenter (A St.) has done nothing to provide visible signs prohibiting smoking, loitering, and soliciting.

Showing favoritism by granting more than one bus stop per retail giant creates bias and it's considered a unfair business practice that can be rectified. Walking to the bus stop is dangerous in Midtown at Wal-Mart Supercenter on A St. I have a right to access a safe zone to and from the bus stop. The location of the bus stops interrupts regular traffic flow. The bus stops for Wal-Mart Supercenter (A St.) need to be reduced and placed directly onsite Wal-Mart Supercenter (A St.) property NOT on the side of the road close to an intersection. I would like a Anchorage Bus Stop to be transferred directly onsite

Wal-Mart Supercenter (A St.) property or be permanently removed away from nuisance and dangerous walking areas.

Thank-you for reading my public comment.

Karan

Now that the apartment complex has gone down the tubes will the Downtown Transit center return back to the same.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Chelsea Ward-Waller – Thanked Sarah and Brandon for taking on the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. She also thanked Andrew for his service on the Board. She was happy to see public comments during this meeting.

Sarah Preskitt – Said that she is excited to take on the role of Chair. She thanked Andrew and Doug for their service. She expanded on Andrew's comment that March 18 is Transit Driver Appreciation Day.

Jennifer Ham – Congratulated Sarah and Brandon on their new positions and thanked Andrew for his service. She also commented that she likes the new library lockers located at the Dimond Center. She asked Ms. Jamie Acton if the downtown transit center would be doing something similar.

Genevieve Mina – Commented that she is excited to have a new Chair and Vice-Chair. She thanked Mr. Andrew Ooms for his service. She also highlighted that there is a bus stop amenity request form. She informed everyone of the uses of the form and how it works.

Doug Miller – Thanked Ms. Genevieve Mina for her reminder about the bus stop amenity form. He also reminded the Board about going fare-free and congratulated Sarah and Brandon on their new positions.

Andrew Ooms – Thanked Sarah and Brandon for “stepping up.” He noted that Transit Driver Appreciation Day is March 18. He recapped some of his experiences on the Board over the last eight years. He noted that he is especially happy about the increased public participation in Board meetings and the efforts the transit department has taken to engage the public in various projects. He also thanked Jamie and Bart for their efforts to make transit more accessible and engaging. He concluded that it is “hard to go, but the Board is in good hands.”

Mr. Brandon Roulet – Congratulated Sarah on her nomination and thanked Andrew for his service.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Andrew Ooms moved to adjourn the March 11, 2021 PTAB meeting,

Mr. Brandon Roulet seconded,

And the motion passed without objection.

The next PTAB meeting will be held on March 11, 2021, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas Abugel, Transit Planning Technician

For details of the 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>



**Municipality of Anchorage
Public Transportation Department
Memorandum**

DATE: 3/31/2021
TO: Public Transit Advisory Board
FROM: Anna Germundson | *Public Transportation Planner*
SUBJECT: **PTAB Core Ideology and Annual Goals**

Background

The Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) began discussing an annual work plan in December 2020. Through those discussions, The Foraker Group was recommended to help create a clear direction of core values and next step goals for the board. After the recommendation, PTAB decided to have The Foraker Group facilitate a planning work session to help develop the board's core ideology that supports the Public Transportation Department's (PTD) Transit on the Move (TOTM) plan. Transit on the Move identifies goals and objectives for PTD to work toward and identifies performance measures and targets to track progress in achieving those goals. The plan creates a list of priority projects to improve the transit system, which are queued up and ready for implementation as additional funding is made available.

The Foraker Group specializes in strengthening organizations through education, professional services, and organizational development.

On March 9th and 12th PTAB and staff participated in a work session with Laurie Wolf, President and CEO of The Foraker Group. She facilitated a discussion around core ideology and goals that support TOTM. The draft core purpose and core values (attached) are intended to help the board connect with TOTM and develop short-term goals.

Action Requested

PTAB approve the draft core purpose and core values, as well as approve and prioritize short-term and annual goals.

Municipality of Anchorage Public Transportation Advisory Board (PTAB)
Core Ideology and Annual Goals to support the Transit on the Move Plan

Core Purpose:

- **Providing a voice between the community and public transit**
 - *"Voice" is community to the Assembly to the Department and our Voice from the Department to the community- we use it in all directions on purpose*

Core Values:

- **Connection** (*connectivity, connecting people, riders and place*)
- **Equity** (*inclusion, access, welcoming, meeting people where they are, options, flexibility*)
- **Riders**
- **Safety**

Transit plan for Municipality of Anchorage: Transit on the Move (TOTM) identifies goals and objectives for PTAB to work toward and identifies performance measures and targets to track progress in achieving those goals. The plan creates a list of priority projects to improve the transit system, which are queued up and ready for implementation as additional funding is made available.

Steps to engage the board in feeling connect to the TOTM plan and "living it:"

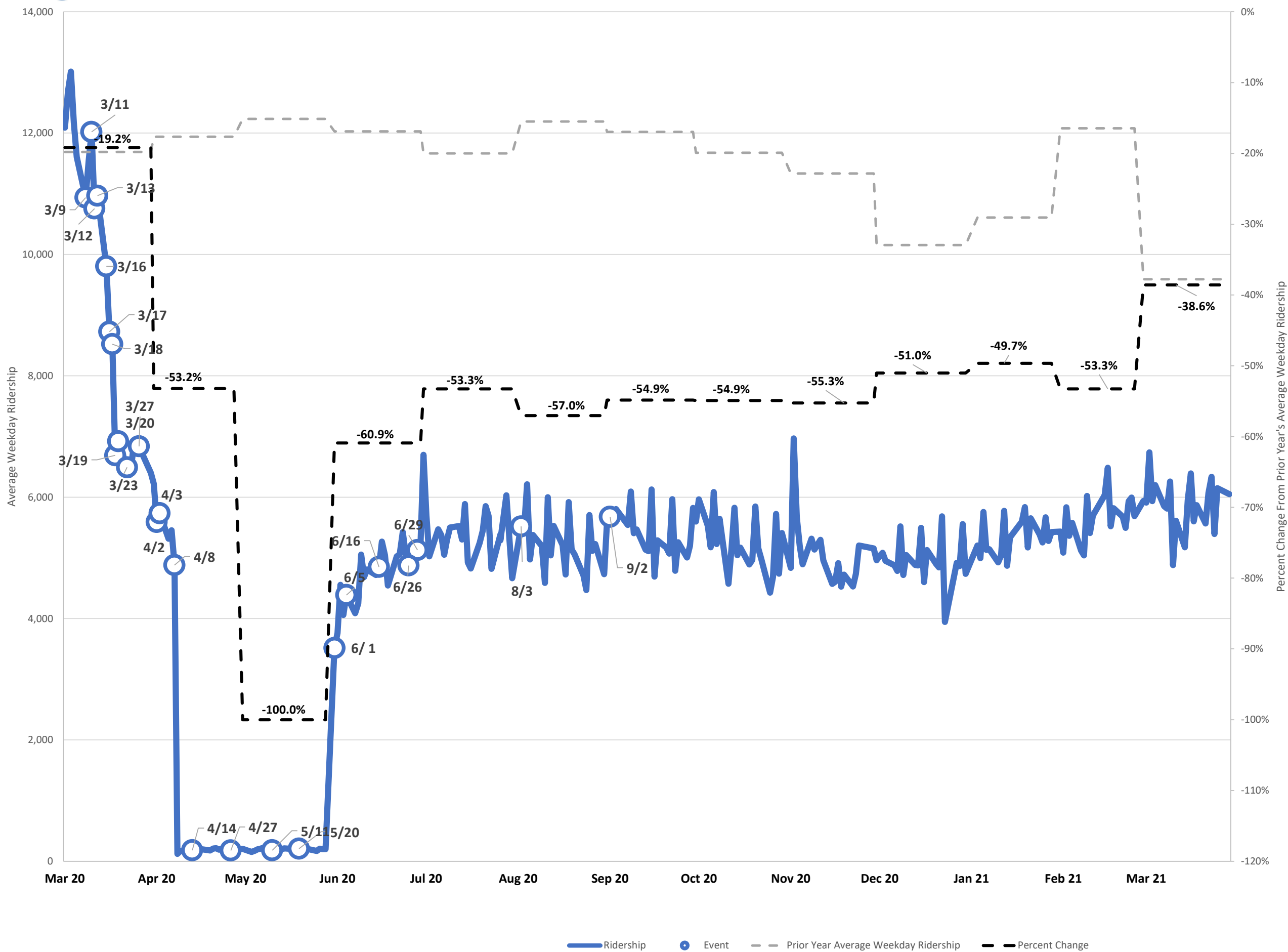
- Regular recognition that our progress relies on a project outside of our control. Jamie has done a great job providing updates when she has them
- Create a standing agenda item for connection to the plan at each meeting
- Staff updates are connected back to TOTM
- Use a dashboard to see the movement and tangible progress
- Create a timeline for reoccurring annual activities
- Connect the annual report card with TOTM
- Focus on the three services – People Mover, AnchorRIDES, and RIDE Share
- Connect decisions and discussion to core values

Short term & annual goals for 2021-2024 for PTAB- with staff support (NOTE: need to be prioritized)

1. Advocate to the Assembly and the Mayor on the annual budget and 1st quarter budget revisions for desired projects
2. Recruit a full board with representation from various communities and abilities
 - a. Provide training – on-boarding for new members to understand the rules of meetings and this plan and core values/purpose
3. Thank the Federal Delegation for transit funding
 - a. Tell the story of how it is going to positively impact the system
 - b. Provide stewardship on behalf of the board - from the board
4. Focus on outreach and restoring people's confidence in riding and their role in supporting public transportation - Have an Ambassador to the "campaign"
 - a. Provide an update from the board at Community Councils – Board members role is to be ambassadors to the plan and be an active listeners
 - b. Help the community feel more connected even if they have not been riding
5. Spearhead recognition from the whole board to all transit staff for their very hard year
6. Have our own proposal for TOTM ready projects for the Assembly and the Mayor - be prepared to respond not just "react"
7. Celebrate the launch of the new route - "party on the bus" - invite the Assembly members to ride - photo op - celebrate the core values - community process - joint effort – show this is how it works!
8. Provide every Assembly member and the Mayor a TOTM plan with a note from the board
9. Support the transition team of the new Mayor – Share the TOTM with a cover letter from the board and some talking points that the board could use to be formal and informal advocates



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.
- 8/3** - Per EO-15, current rider limits are set at 14 riders on 40-foot People Mover buses, and 4 riders on the 22-foot buses.
- 9/2** - The rider limit for the 22' bus increases to six riders. The 40' buses remain at a 14 rider limit.