



**Municipality of Anchorage
Public Transit Advisory Board
Meeting Agenda
January 14, 2021; 5:30-7:00 P.M.
bit.ly/PTAB-January-14-2021**

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 December 10, 2020 Meeting (ACTION)
- b. Director's Update (INFORMATION)
- c. COVID-19 Rider Survey Results (INFORMATION)
- d. Fat Tire Bike Rack Promotion (INFORMATION)
- e. 2021 PTAB Work Plan (INFORMATION)
- f. Resolution for Fare-Free (ACTION)
- g. Code Change for PTAB Board Member Qualification Criteria (INFORMATION)
- h. Ridership Update (INFORMATION)

6. Public Comments [2 minutes each]

7. Member Comments

8. Adjournment

Next PTAB Meeting Date:

PTAB regular meeting – February 11, 2021, 5:30 - 7:00pm (Location TBD)

PTAB Public Comment Instructions

Meeting Date: January 14, 2021

This PTAB meeting will be streamed live over the internet via Microsoft Teams at bit.ly/PTAB-January-14-2021. 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 1/14/2021.

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 1/14/2021.

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.



**PTAB
MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2020; 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.
bit.ly/PTAB-December-10-2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

PTAB PRESENT:

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

CITIZENS PRESENT:

3 unique logins were recorded for this meeting.

PTAB ABSENT:

Dawn Groth
Jennifer Ham

After roll call, a quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Doug Miller moved,

to approve the December 10, 2020 agenda,
while also striking item 5e.

Ms. Chelsea Ward-Waller 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 November 12, 2020 Meeting (ACTION)

Ms. Genevieve Mina moved,
Doug

to approve the minutes of the PTAB meeting of
November 12, 2020 with the correction that Mr.
Miller had an excused absence on that date.

Mr. Doug Miller seconded,

And the motion passed without objection.

b) Director's Update (INFORMATION)

Information provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

c) 2021 PTAB Work Plan (INFORMATION)

Information provided by Mr. Bart Rudolph.

d) Fare-Free Analysis Recommendation (Action)

Ms. Genevieve Mina and Mr. Brandon Roulet volunteered to write a resolution on this topic which will be revisited at the next meeting.

e) Ridership Update (INFORMATION)

This item was struck from the agenda.

Public Comments

No public comments were received.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS

Brandon Roulet – Stated that he is excited about the progress made on the Fare-Free recommendation.

Doug Miller – Stated that he doesn't think the board needs to worry about getting into too many details while writing the Fare-Free Analysis Recommendation. He would also like to talk about the new route at the next meeting.

Genevieve Mina – Stated that she is very excited to be a part of the board and echoes the previous statements by Mr. Roulet and Mr. Miller.

Sarah Preskitt – Stated that she echoes the previous board member statements and is happy to be a part of the board.

Chelsea Ward-Waller – Thanked everyone for a great discussion and looks forward to next month's meeting.

Andrew Ooms – Reminded the board that they do have influence on the Assembly and suggested that the board consider bringing up the possibility of restoring holiday service for People Mover, due to an article he read in the ADN. Mr. Ooms also expressed that he wishes there was more public engagement with the online PTAB meetings.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Brandon Roulet moved, to adjourn the PTAB meeting of December 10, 2020.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt seconded,

And the motion passed without objection.

The next PTAB meeting will be held on January 14, 2021, 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>

Municipality of Anchorage
Public Transit Advisory Board Resolution #2021-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD SUPPORTING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF FARE-FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

WHEREAS, the mission of the Public Transportation Department (PTD) is “to connect our community with safe, reliable transportation options, emphasizing customer service while providing economic, social, and environmental benefits,” and

WHEREAS, the Public Transit Advisory Board was established to advise the Assembly and the Mayor on matters related to public transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Board is charged with making recommendations to the Assembly and Mayor on municipal policy with respect to budget review, capital improvement programs and funding of the public owned and operated transit system, and

WHEREAS, the PTD currently utilizes various types of Fare-Free Public Transport, including a mixed-fare system with users paying either full, half, or no fare (depending on a variety of factors); additionally, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PTD temporarily implemented a full Fare-Free Public Transport system between March 18 and April 8, 2020, and

WHEREAS, implementation of full Fare-Free Public Transport can be expected to have the following benefits:

- Decrease traffic congestion and carbon emissions by reducing the use of single-occupancy vehicles,
- Improve economic opportunities for economically disadvantaged populations by reducing basic expenses for transportation to jobs, education, and daily living,
- Reduce costs to the PTD department related to fare collection and processing,
- Shorten travel times and elevate the quality and efficiency of Anchorage’s public transportation system by supporting the PTD’s focus to deliver safe and reliable transit options to the community,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board strongly recommends the Administration and the Assembly pursue efforts to expand Fare-Free Public Transport by supporting the Public Transportation Department in a near-term Fare-Free Public Transport pilot program and a study for broader implementation in the Municipality of Anchorage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board
this 14th day of January 2021.

Andrew Ooms
Chair