



**Municipality of Anchorage  
Public Transit Advisory Board  
Meeting Agenda  
March 11, 2021; 5:30-7:00 P.M.  
<http://bit.ly/PTAB-March-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 February 11, 2021 Meeting (ACTION)
- b. Director's Update (INFORMATION)
- c. 2021 PTAB Work Plan Update (INFORMATION)
- d. Board Elections (ACTION)
- e. Ridership Update (INFORMATION)

**6. Public Comments [2 minutes each]**

**7. Member Comments**

**8. Adjournment**

**Next PTAB Meeting Date:**

PTAB regular meeting – April 8, 2021, 5:30 - 7:00pm (Location TBD)

# PTAB Public Comment Instructions

Meeting Date: March 11, 2021

This PTAB meeting will be streamed live over the internet via Microsoft Teams at <http://bit.ly/PTAB-March-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](mailto: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 3/11/2021.

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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 3/11/2021.

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  
February 11, 2021; 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.  
<http://bit.ly/PTAB-February-2021>**

**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  
Jennifer Ham

**CITIZENS PRESENT:**

2 unique logins were recorded for this meeting.

**PTAB ABSENT:**

N/A

After roll call, a quorum was present.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ms. Chelsea Ward-Waller moved, to approve the February 11, 2021 agenda.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt 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 January 14, 2020 Meeting (ACTION)**

Ms. Sarah Preskitt moved, to approve the minutes of the PTAB meeting of January 14, 2020.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt seconded,

*And the motion passed without objection.*

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

Information provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

**c) 2021 PTAB Work Plan - Foraker Findings Update (INFORMATION)**

Information provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

**d) Transit on the Move (TOTM) Update (INFORMATION)**

Information provided by Mr. Bart Rudolph.

**a) Non-motorized Plan Open House (INFORMATION)**

Information provided by Ms. Joni Wilm.

**e) Code Change for PTAB Board Member Qualification Criteria (INFORMATION)**

Information provided by Mr. Bart Rudolph.

**b) Update from ACDA on Transit Center Remodel (INFORMATION)**

Information provided by Mr. Andrew Halcro.

**c) Ridership Update (INFORMATION)**

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

**Public Comments**

Ms. Sandy called in to comment. She mentioned that the seat restrictions were limiting especially when people brought carts from a store on the bus. She also mentioned that with the rider limits in place it was difficult for her to have confidence that she would be able to get a ride when she sees a bus approaching while she's waiting at a stop.

**6. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chelsea Ward-Waller – Thanked everyone for a great meeting and is looking forward to the next Assembly meeting. She also wanted to thank Paris Butler, Bart Rudolph and Whitney Tillman for their help communicating to seniors that free AnchorRIDES trips are available to a COVID-19 vaccination appointment.

Sarah Preskitt – Stated that she is very excited to start working on the 2021 PTAB Work Plan. She also thanked People Mover staff for their efforts.

Jennifer Ham – Thanked everyone for a very informative meeting and is looking forward to working on the 2021 PTAB Work Plan.

Genevieve Mina– Stated that she was excited about the 2021 PTAB Work Plan. She also added that she is looking forward to the opportunity to better advocate for the fare-free resolution.

Doug Miller – Thanked everyone and mentioned that he hopes that People Mover drivers have had the opportunity to get vaccinated for COVID-19.

Andrew Ooms – Said that he was happy to see the fat tire bike advertising and availability on the buses.

## **7. Adjournment**

Mr. Brandon Roulet moved, to adjourn the PTAB meeting of February 11, 2021.

Mr. Doug Miller seconded,

*And the motion passed without objection.*

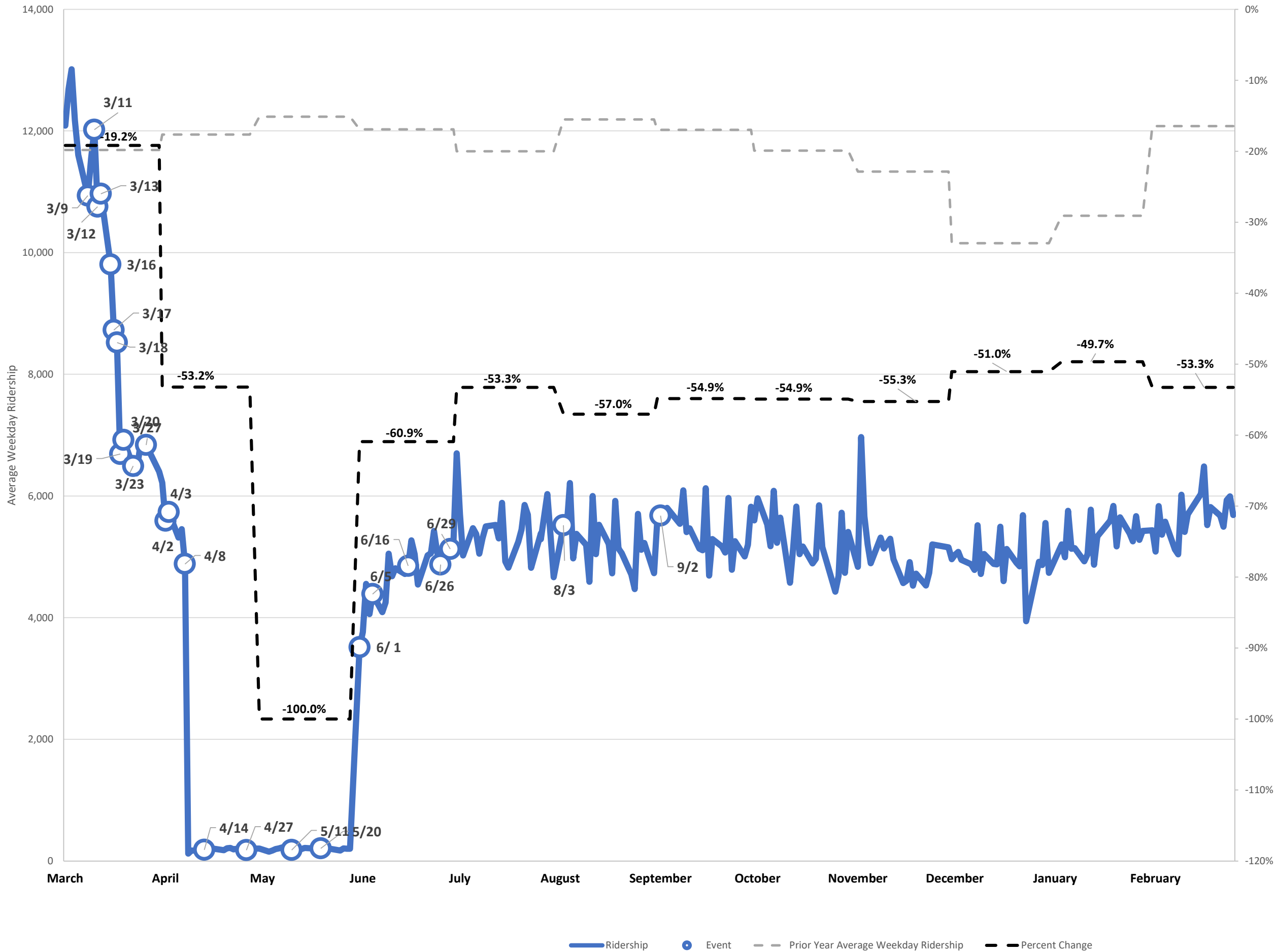
The next PTAB meeting will be held on March 11, 2021, 5:30 - 7:00pm

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>*



# 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.