

**Municipality of Anchorage
Public Transit Advisory Board
Meeting Agenda
December 8, 2022; 5:30-7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Public Involvement Announcement:

Audience participation at this meeting is limited to the Public Comments section of the agenda. However, the Chair may open any agenda item for public comment. Written comments will be addressed first, then verbal comments on a first-recognized basis by the Board Chair. Each commenter should state their name so it can be recorded in the minutes. Commenters will have two minutes to speak on each agenda item they wish to comment on. If you used the call-in number, please mute yourself when not speaking by dialing *6. A recording is being made of this meeting and will be posted on the Municipal website.

5. Action / Information Items

- A. Minutes of the November 10, 2022 Meeting (Action Item)
- B. Director's Update (Info Item)
- C. Destination UMED (Info Item)
- D. AMATS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1 Resolution of Support (Action Item)
- E. Winter Maintenance Road/Sidewalk Priorities (Action Item)
- F. Ridership Update (Info Item)

6. Public Comments [2 minutes each]

7. Member Comments

8. Adjournment

Next PTAB Meeting Date:

PTAB regular meeting – January 12, 2023

Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2022, 5:30–7:00 p.m.



Call to Order

Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PTAB Members Present

Nathaniel Lackey
Michael Williams
Doug Miller
Peter Hill
Sarah Preskitt

Citizens Present

N/A

PTAB Members Absent

CB Brady
Ric Nelson

After the roll call, a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Peter Hill moved to approve the November 10, 2022 agenda.

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey seconded the motion.

The motion passed without objection.

Public Involvement Announcement

Ms. Sarah Preskitt read the public involvement announcement.

Action/Information Items

A. Minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting (action item)

Mr. Michael Williams moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Peter Hill seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

B. Minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting (action item)

Mr. Doug Miller moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Peter Hill seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

C. Director's Update (info item)

Information was provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

D. Mental Health Trust Grant (action item)

After a vote, the SFY2024 Alaska Mental Health Trust Grant was unanimously approved.

The motion passed without objection.

E. Rider Survey Results (info item)

Information was provided by Mr. Randy Brown.

F. IT Upgrade Update (info item)

Information was provided by Mr. Bart Rudolph.

G. Winter Maintenance Priorities Survey (action item)

This item changed to an information item after Ms. Sarah Preskitt determined that more conversation was needed before action could be taken.

Information was provided by Ms. Sarah Preskitt.

H. Ridership Update (Info Item)

Information was provided by Mr. Nicholas Abugel, Mr. Paris Butler, and Mr. Bart Rudolph

Public Comments

No public comments were received for this meeting.

Member Comments

Mr. Doug Miller said that he was excited about the AnchorRIDES rollout of new vehicles. He also stated that he appreciated the presentation on the Rider Survey Results. Mr. Miller also stated that he would like to go back to in-person PTAB meetings.

Mr. Peter Hill said that he was happy about all the positive changes discussed during today's meeting. He also stated that he would like meetings to remain online or available in a hybrid format.

Mr. Michael Williams said that he appreciated all the data used to inform the board of how the transit system is doing. He also stated that he would prefer to continue to meet online or in a hybrid format.

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey said that he was excited to be a part of the board.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt welcomed Mr. Nathanael Lackey and said that she was excited about all the positive changes discussed during today's meeting. She also praised People Mover's social media feed.

Adjournment

Mr. Peter Hill moved to adjourn the PTAB meeting of November 10, 2022, at 6:43 p.m.

The next PTAB meeting will be held on December 8, 2022, from 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Abugel
Transit Planning Technician

For details of the board's discussion, please refer to the recording of this meeting on the municipal website at

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/Pages/PublicTransitAdvisoryBoard.aspx>

Municipality of Anchorage
Public Transit Advisory Board Resolution #2022-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD SUPPORTING AMAT'S
2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT #1.

WHEREAS, the Public Transit Advisory Board (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 publicly owned and operated transit system, and

WHEREAS, high-frequency transit routes provide an incentive to housing and commercial development and infill development over the long term, and

WHEREAS, the Public Transportation Department (PTD) utilizes local and federal funds for the operation of People Mover, AnchorRIDES, and RideShare services; and

WHEREAS, Federal funds, programmed by AMATS, are used to support programs like RideShare, bus stop and facility improvements, capital vehicle purchases, and service expansion; and

WHEREAS, Special consideration and support have been given to the following items in Table 5:

1. Seniors and Youth Ride Free – Funding to provide free transit trips for people 18 and under and 60 and over,
2. Microtransit – Funding to help establish an on-demand Microtransit service in Anchorage,
3. Muldoon Transit Hub Mixed-Use Development – Funding in 2026 to help design and construct a mixed-use transit-oriented development to replace the collection of on-street bus stops at/near the intersection of Muldoon and Debarr Roads; and

WHEREAS, PTD has demonstrated its effectiveness and value to the community through several recent notable achievements, including:

1. The award of the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant in the amount of \$450,000 by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to assist in the planning and design of an improved off-street Muldoon Transit Hub,
2. Voters' approval of General Obligation Bonds in 2021 to help replace eleven 40-foot People Mover buses that have exceeded their useful life of 15 years or 500,000 miles,

3. The award of an ITS grant of \$4.2 million by the FTA to replace People Mover's 20-year-old ITS system to improve system reliability and improved rider tools to be completed by the winter of 2022,
4. Implementation of Route 85 that connects downtown, West Anchorage, the Loussac Library, and the Dimond Center,
5. The RideShare program has grown to 85 organized carpools with 640 participants, eliminating over 6.2 million vehicles miles on Anchorage roads and highways and reducing CO2 emissions by over 5 million pounds annually; and

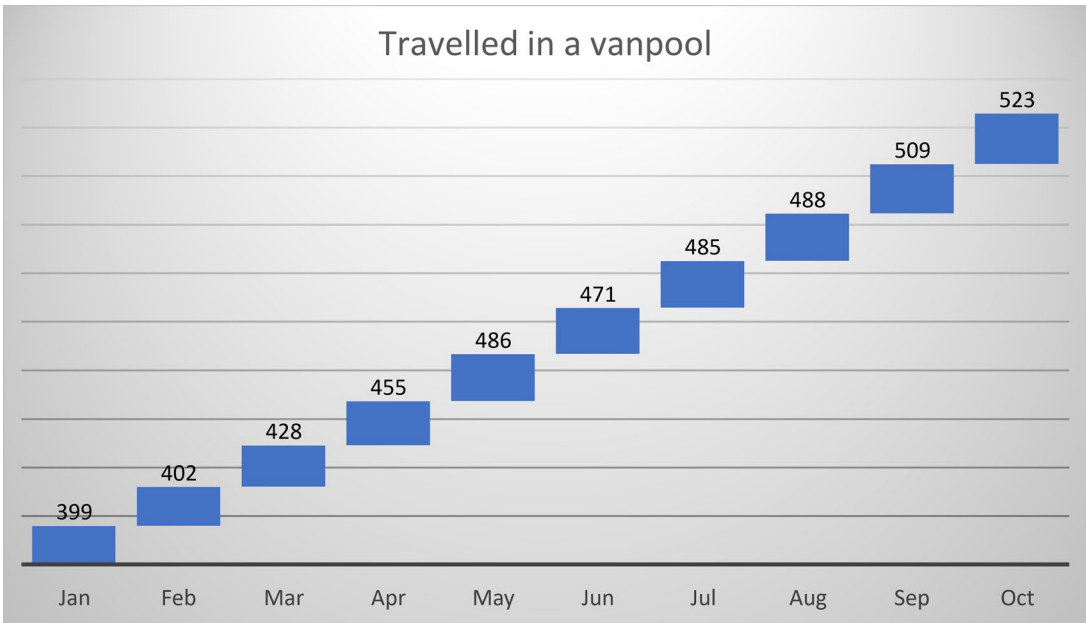
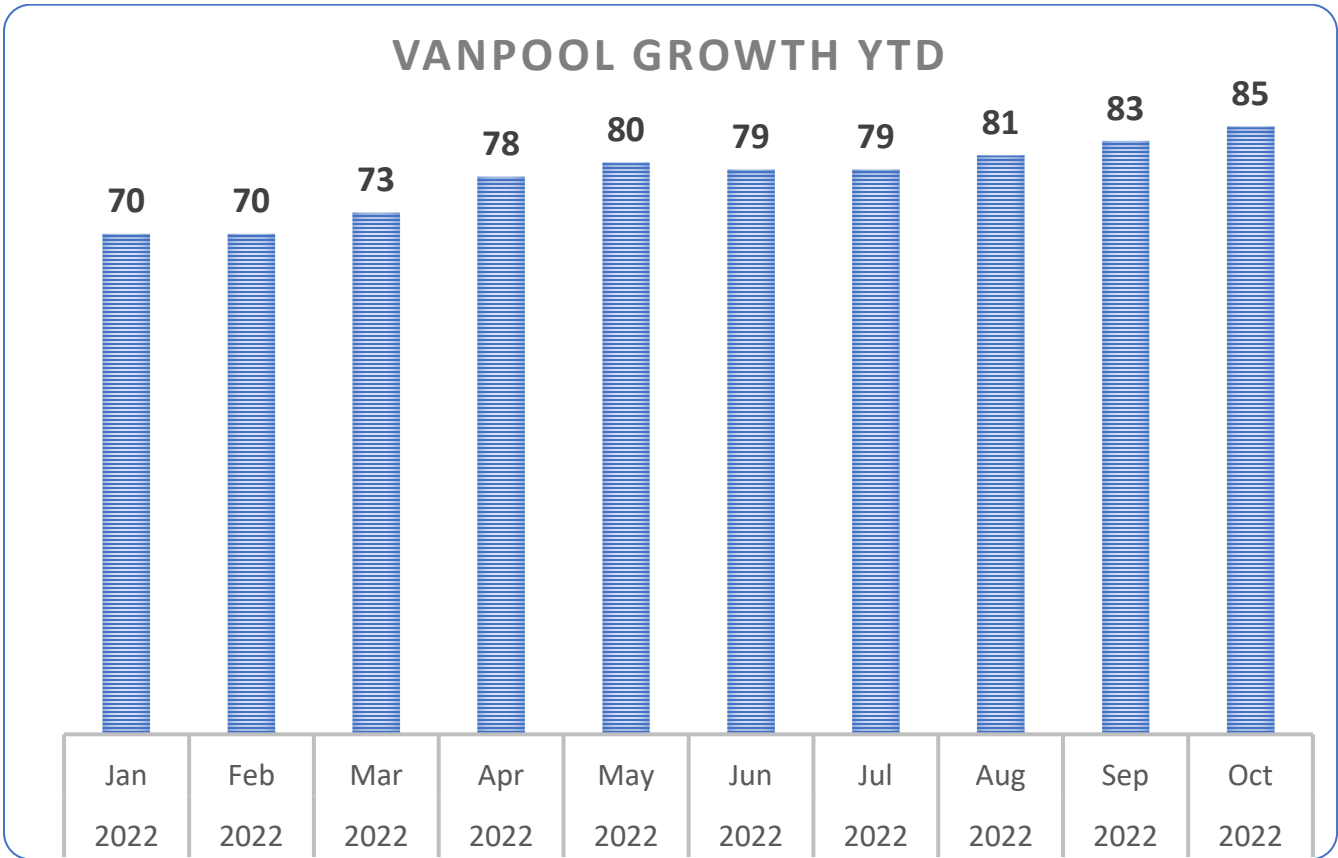
WHEREAS, PTD maintained service levels despite fluctuating COVID-19 protocols and driver shortages that crippled other transit systems; and

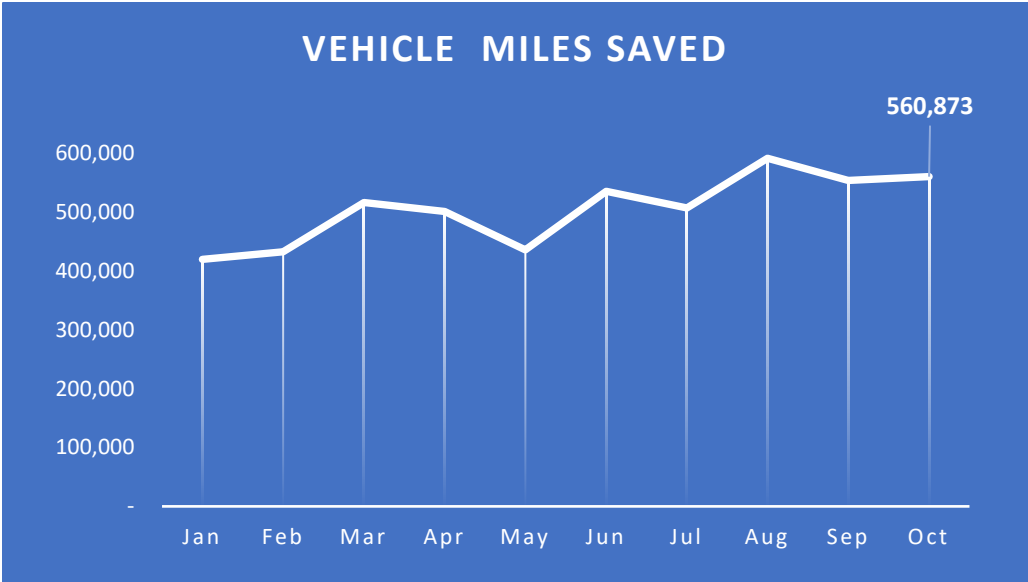
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board strongly supports the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1, specifically the addition of the three (3) new transit projects in Table 5 and recommends that AMATS not reduce the amount allocated and approve the amendment with the three projects included in order to improve bus and carpool services that thousands of Anchorage residents rely upon to maintain their quality of life.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board
this 8th day of December 8, 2022.

Sarah Preskitt
Chair

December 8 PTAB Meeting RideShare Report





Program Goal is to reduce CO2 emissions

