

# Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023, 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  
Doug Miller  
Sarah Preskitt  
Peter Hill  
CB Brady  
Ric Nelson  
Michael Williams

### Citizens Present

Jeff Manfull  
Melinda Gant  
Robin Dern

### PTAB Members Absent

N/A

After the roll call, it was identified that a quorum was present.

## Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Peter Hill moved to approve the March 9, 2023, agenda.

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

## Public Involvement Announcement

Ms. Sarah Preskitt read the public involvement announcement.

## Action/Information Items

### A. Minutes of the February 9, 2023, meeting (Action Item)

Mr. Ric Nelson moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2022.

Mr. Peter Hill seconded the motion.

The motion passed without objection.

### B. Director's Update (Info Item)

Information was provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

### **C. Transit Employee Appreciation Week Resolution (Action Item)**

Mr. Ric Nelson moved to approve resolution 2023-01.

Mr. CB Brady seconded the motion.

The motion passed unopposed.

### **D. New Rider Tools and Technology (Info item)**

Information was provided by Mr. Bart Rudolph.

### **E. Ridership Update (Info Item)**

Information was provided by Mr. Nicholas Abugel, Ms. April White, and Mr. Bart Rudolph.

## **Public Comments**

Public comments received are as follows:

Dear board members,

Thank you for making bus transportation free to Fur Rondy pin holders this year.

I usually ride or bike downtown for Rondy and the Iditarod, so this was a fun bonus. I felt more festive when I caught the 35 Downtown.

Safe driving and walking in Anchorage!

Marta Mueller

## **Member Comments**

Mr. CB Brady said that he thinks the People Mover system has been exceptional. He stated that December was tough because of the snow, but access to bus stops has improved. He also thanked the transit staff responsible for cleaning the bus stops.

Mr. Doug Miller said that it's great to see the new rider tools, and he supports the resolution that the board passed today regarding Transit Employee Appreciation Week.

Mr. Michael Williams said that he's excited about the increase in ridership, and he was happy about the free rides for Fur Rondy. He thinks that it's something that should continue.

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey said that he was thankful for all the hard work going into public transportation in Anchorage. He's happy to see all the new technology, and he supports Transit Employee Appreciation Week.

Mr. Peter Hill thanked Sarah for going to the Assembly. He also said that it was nice to have clearer sidewalks to get to the bus stops around town.

Mr. Ric Nelson said that he was happy to take part in today's meeting and thinks that the board is moving in the right direction.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt thanked transit staff for their work in getting new technology on the buses. She noted that the application was especially helpful. She also wanted to thank the drivers for how cool, calm, and collected they were over the past couple of months, considering all the snow.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey moved to adjourn the PTAB meeting of March 9, 2023, at 6:12 PM.

Mr. Peter Hill seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The next PTAB meeting will be held on April 13, 2023, 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>