Municipality of Anchorage
Public Transit Advisory Board
Meeting Agenda
May 8, 2025; 5:30-7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (Action Item)**
4. **Approval of the February 20, 2025, Minutes (Action Item)**
5. **Approval of the March 13, 2025, Minutes (Action Item)**
6. **Approval of the April 10, 2025, Minutes (Action Item)**
7. **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.

8. **Action / Information Items:**
   a. New Business
      i. Election of Officers – Action Item – Total 30 minutes
         1. Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary (20 minutes)
         2. Voting for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary (15 minutes)
      ii. Meeting Format and Location – Action item – Total 20 minutes
         1. Discuss Meeting Type Options (In-Person, Hybrid, Online) (10 minutes)
         2. Determine Location Requirements (if applicable) (10 minutes)
   b. Reports and Updates – Info Item – Total 30 minutes
      i. Director's and Operations Update (10 minutes)
      ii. Data Dashboard (5 minutes)
      iii. Service Change (5 minutes)
      iv. TOTM Update (5 minutes)
      v. Chair Report (5 minutes)
   c. Continued Business
      i. N/A
9. **Public Comments** [2 minutes each]
10. **Member Comments**
11. **Adjournment**

Next PTAB Meeting Date: PTAB Regular Meeting – June 12, 2025

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Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)
Municipality of Anchorage
Minutes for Meeting of February 20, 2025
Held at City Hall, Room 155

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1. Call to Order

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey called the meeting to order at approximately 5:33 p.m.

The following citizens signed in and were present for at least part of the meeting:

Nakako Thompson
Andrea Smith
Luis Polanco
Chanell Matthews

The following Department staff were present:

Director Mr. Bart Rudolph
Ms. Sandra McMahon, Travel Trainer
Ms. Maria Owens, Business and Community Outreach Coordinator
Mr. Stephen Stone, Transit Planner
Mr. Stewart Nagel, People Mover

2. Roll Call

The Board roll call showed that

Ms. Sarah Preskitt was absent with excuse.
Mr. Nathaniel Lackey was present.
Mr. Doug Miller was present.
Mr. CB Brady was present.
Mr. Peter Hill was present.
Mr. Mike Williams was present.
Mr. Michael J. Williams was absent with excuse.
Mr. Kyle Mielke was present.

From the roll call, a quorum was declared.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved, following a motion by Mr. Peter Hill and a second by Mr. Doug Miller.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the December 12, 2024 Meeting

The minutes for this meeting approved (including the correction of a scrivener's error) following a motion by Mr. CB Brady and a second by Mr. Peter Hill.

5. Approval of the Minutes for the January 9, 2025 Meeting

Mr. Peter Hill moved to approve the minutes for this meeting, and Mr. CB Brady seconded. There was then a motion to amend the minutes by Mr. Peter Hill, and seconded by Mr. Doug Miller, to say that adjournment of the meeting was done without objection. The amendment passed, and the main motion (approval of the minutes, as amended) also passed.

6. Public Involvement Announcement:

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey read the previously-distributed Public Involvement Announcement.

7. Action / Information Items:

a. New Business

i. PTAB Core Ideology and Annual Goals Statement

It was noted that a previously-distributed draft of this document was the product of a work session held on January 31, 2025. The draft was discussed, and possible changes noted. Mr. Doug Miller moved to table the matter until the next meeting, and Mr. Peter Hill seconded. That motion passed.

ii. Designation of Direct Recipient

A letter from the Board to Governor Dunleavy had previously been distributed. Director Mr. Bart Rudolph explained that the letter related to the Municipality's status as a Designated Recipient of federal funds, and that it was extremely urgent that the letter be sent, and that the Governor act on it. It was noted that a nearly identical letter was approved the same day by AMATS. Mr. Kyle Mielke moved to approve the letter, and Mr. Doug Miller seconded. The letter was approved.

b. Reports and Updates

i. Director's and Operations Update

Mr. Bart Rudolph reported on several recent developments, including: that there would again be PTD participation in Fur Rondy events; that there is currently only one opening for bus operators (pending certification of some new hires), but that there are many other open positions in the Department; that budget matters are moving forward, including an effort to restore service on at least some municipal holidays; that plans are being formulated to prepare for an eruption by Mt. Spurr; and that he has been confirmed by the Assembly as Director.

ii. Data Dashboard

No new information was available, because of significant technical difficulties, including corruption of much of the data collected in the latter part of 2024.

iii. Chair Report

There was no report available.

8. Public Comments

Comments were made by Luis Polanco and Nakako Thompson.

9. Member Comments

All Board members present made comments.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Peter Hill moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Michael Williams seconded. There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Minutes for Meeting of March 13, 2025
Held at City Hall, Room 155

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1. Call to Order

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

The following citizens signed in and were present for at least part of the meeting:

Luis Polanco
Cathy Musser

The following Department staff were present:

Mr. Bart Rudolph, Director
Ms. Sandra McMahon, Travel Trainer
Ms. Maria Owens, Business and Community Outreach Coordinator??
Mr. Stephen Stone, Transit Planner
Ms. Cecilia Sanchex, Travel Advocate
Mr. Stewart Nagel

2. Roll Call

The Board roll call showed that

Ms. Sarah Preskitt was present.
Mr. Nathaniel Lackey was present.
Mr. Doug Miller was absent with excuse.
Mr. CB Brady was present.
Mr. Peter Hill was absent with excuse.
Mr. Mike Williams was present.
Mr. Michael J. Williams was present.
Mr. Kyle Mielke was present.

From the roll call, a quorum was declared.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved, following the correction of a scrivener's error, upon motion by Mr. Mike Williams and a second by Mr. Michael Williams.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the February 20, 2025 Meeting

These minutes were not available.

5. Public Involvement Announcement:

Ms. Sarah Preskitt read the previously-distributed Public Involvement Announcement.

6. Action / Information Items:

a. New Business

i. People Mover Holiday Service Resolution

The previously-distributed resolution was moved by Mr. Kyle Mielke and seconded by Mr. Michael Williams. There was then a motion made by Mr. Nathaniel Lackey and seconded by Mr. Mike Williams to amend the resolution by changing "Day After Thanksgiving" to "Native American Heritage Day" in the first "Resolved" paragraph. That motion passed. After further discussion, the main motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1, with all members present voting for, with the exception of Mr. Michael Williams, who voted against.

ii. Transit Employee Appreciation Day

Mr. Bart Rudolph explained the previously-distributed letter from the Board regarding this annual event, to be held this year on March 18, 2025, and the letter was adopted without opposition.

iii. Service Reduction Recap: Driver OT, Retention, and Statistics

Mr. Stephen Stone and Mr. Bart Rudolph explained the previously-distributed handouts regarding the consequences of the 2024 service reduction, especially in levels of ridership, driver retention, driver morale, and use of overtime, all of which appeared to be positive. Mr. Bart Rudolph described the progress in trying to get in-house training for passenger endorsements for drivers, which involves classification certification by the Municipality.

iv. April 10th Meeting Rescheduling Discussion

Upon being informed that the room on the first floor of City Hall would be unavailable at the time currently set for the April 10, 2025, PTAB meeting, the Board discussed various solutions, and settled on holding the meeting on the scheduled date, but in the meeting room on the 8th Floor of City Hall. This solution was unanimously agreed upon.

v. [New business] Mr. CB Brady explained that there was currently a bill being considered by the Alaska House of Representatives, introduced by Representative Mina, that would add public transit to a list of important matters in a state statute. There was discussion of whether there could be a letter signed by PTAB in support of the bill. Mr. Kyle Mielke stated that he would try to ascertain the status of the bill as the meeting continued.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Kyle Mielke explained that the current deadline for public testimony, at least for one committee, would be March 18, 2025. The matter was discussed, and it was agreed that it would not be possible to have a Board resolution by that date, but that Board members could offer their comments as individuals,and encourage others to do so.

b. Reports and Updates

i. Director's and Operations Update

Mr. Bart Rudolph reported on several recent developments, including: that there would again be PTD participation in Fur Rondy events; that there is currently only one opening for bus operators (pending certification of some new hires), but that there are many other open positions in the Department; that budget matters are moving forward, including an effort to restore service on at least some municipal holidays; that plans are being formulated to prepare for an eruption by Mt. Spurr; and that he has been confirmed by the Assembly as Director.

ii. Data Dashboard

Mr. Bart Rudolph explained the main trends in currently-available data, using a screen-share. Per policy adopted several months earlier, none of this data had been distributed as part of the meeting materials. Mr. CB Brady and Mr. Michael Williams asked if we could resume including summaries of this data in the meeting materials, and Mr. Bart Rudolph stated that the materials would be included going forward.

Mr. CB Brady asked whether data regarding "incident reports" could be made available (meaning service disruptions caused by passengers or other individuals, broadly speaking). The question was discussed, and Mr. Bart Rudolph stated that he would look to see what data was available, and in what form, and report back to the Board.

iii. Chair Report

Ms. Sarah Preskitt gave a report highlighting things to be accomplished in the near future, including a communication with Alaska's federal delegation and the creation of a list of "talking points" to share with those who might be interested to hear about public transportation in Anchorage.

7. Public Comments

Comments were made by Luis Polanco and Cathy Musser. In addition, new PTD employee Ms. Cecilia Sanchez was introduced; Cecilia works as a transit trainer and processes applications for Anchor Rides service.

8. Member Comments

All Board members present made comments, except that Mr. Kyle Mielke had to leave before this portion of the meeting began.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Mike Williams moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Michael Williams seconded. There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

TOTM
TRANSIT ON THE MOVE

Public Transportation Department

The Departments mission is to connect our community with safe, reliable transportation options, emphasizing customer service while providing economic, social, and environmental benefits.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Phase 1: Define Project Scope

Phase 2: Develop Public Involvement Plan

Phase 3: Public Involvement Events

Phase 4: Analysis & Draft Report

Phase 5: Approve Plan!

START — FINISH

Winter-Spring 2025

PHASE 1

- Analyze current system
- Updates from TOTM 2020
- Re-assess PTD Needs - Values - Desires - Goals
- Develop Project List

PHASE 2

Meet people where they are.
Contact community groups & event organizers to request attendance at a variety of upcoming gatherings.
Notify public of events we'll attend.

January - April

Summer 2025

PHASE 3

Attend:
Festivals - Neighborhood Celebrations - Community Council Meetings - Fairs - Parades - Tablings - and numerous public events throughout the community to encourage as much participation as possible.

April - September

Autumn 2025

PHASE 4

Prioritize new set of projects after all Phase 3 public involvement has concluded. Draft document available for 45 day public comment period.

October - December

Winter 25/26

PHASE 5

Finalize all documents, and make them publicly accessible.

January - March

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