Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) Municipality of Anchorage Minutes for Meeting of January 9, 2024 Held at City Hall, Room 155

1. Call to Order

Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32 p.m.

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

Nakako Thompson Stewart Nagel Autumn Bunag

The following Department staff were present:

Acting Director Mr. Bart Rudolph Ms. Sandra McMahon, Travel Trainer Ms. Maria Owens Mr. Steven Stone

2. Roll Call

The Board roll call showed that

Ms. Sarah Preskitt was present.

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey was present.

Mr. Doug Miller had an excused absence.

Mr. CB Brady was present.

Mr. Peter Hill was present.

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

Mr. Kyle Mielke brought forth a resolution (2025-03) regarding the Right of Way Committee (asking the Committee to contribute to the process of drafting our Transit on the Move document this year.) Mr. Nathaniel Lackey seconded. This was approved as an addition to the previously-approved (as item 6. a. ii.). As amended, the agenda was approved by the Board unanimously.

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

The minutes for this meeting were not available for review.

5. Public Involvement Announcement:

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

6. Action / Information Items:

a. New Business

i. JBER Public Transportation in the 2025 TOTM Plan (Resolution 2025-01).

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey explained the previously-distributed draft of this resolution. Public comment was solicited. After discussion, the draft was amended (upon motion by Mr. Kyle Mielke and a second by Mr. Nathaniel Lackey) by adding some language and removing some language after the first "Be It Resolved" clause. The resolution, as amended, was approved unanimously.

ii. Right of Way Committee Resolution

Paper copies of draft Resolution 2025-03 were distributed, and the resolution was discussed. Public input was solicited. The resolution was amended to be titled "Resolution 2025-02." After it was moved by Mr. Mike Williams and seconded by Mr. Michael Williams, the resolution (as amended) was approved unanimously.

b. Reports and Updates

i. Director's and Operations Update

Mr. Bart Rudolph reported on several recent developments, incidents, and new opportunites. This included an announcement that the three Board members whose re-appointments had been forwarded to the Assembly had all been confirmed (for terms ending October 15, 2027), and that his own appointment as permanent Director had been forwarded to the Assembly, but not yet acted upon. He also noted that we are obligated to at least begin the process of drafting a new TOTM plan in 2025.

ii. Data Dashboard

No information was presented this month.

iii. Chair Report

Ms. Sarah Preskitt stated that she did not have a report at this time, except that the Board will be meeting soon to go over our Goals and Priorities (possibly before the February meeting).

7. Public Comments

There was a letter and public comment from Autumn Bunag of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) asking for consideration of adding a possible new stop at or near ANHC. It was noted that the Health Center is currently at least three-eights of a mile from any existing stop. The process and average cost of adding stops was discussed by Mr. Bart Rudolph. Nakako Thompson also made comments.

8. Member Comments

All Board members present made comments. (It was noted that the next meeting will be on February 20, 2025, in Room 155.)

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous agreement at 6:13 p.m.