

Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)
Municipality of Anchorage
Minutes for Meeting of May 14, 2026
City Hall, Rm 155 and MS Teams-hybrid meeting

PROPOSED [draft 01]

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1. Call to Order

Called by: Kyle Mielke

Time: 5:34PM

The following members of the public were present for at least part of the meeting:

- John Young (in-person)
- Ruby (online)
- David Rowe (online)
- Nakako (in-person)
- Jess D. (online)

The following Public Transportation Department or affiliated staff were present:

- Bart Rudolph, Director
- Isabella Zamarron, Planning and Marketing Manager
- Maria Owens, Community Outreach Coordinator
- Michael Coffey, Senior Planning Technician
- Cecelia Sanchez, AnchorRides Administrative Officer
- Sandra McMahon, Travel Trainer (online)

2. Roll Call

The Board roll call:

present

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| 1) Chair: Kyle Mielke | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) Vice Chair: Bridget Jochum | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) Member: Sarah Preskitt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) Member: CB Brady | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5) Member: Michael T. Williams | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6) Member: Issa Spatrisano | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7) Member: Francisco Mercado | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8) Member: Terrence White | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9) Member: Charlie Rogge | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Quorum declared?

Yes

3. Public Involvement Announcement

Chair reads the Public Involvement Announcement.

4. **Approval of the Agenda: Today, May 14** *Approved*

5. **Approval of the Minutes: April 9, 2026** *Approved*

6. Public Comments

Written comments: NA

In-person [and on-line] comments:

John Young: My comment is about the safety of the bus drivers. It's always been a concern of mine I know there have been past incidents whether they have been threatened and that they shouldn't have to deal with that as they have enough to contend with.

7. Introduction of new board members

i. Charlie Rogge (in room)

Charlie Rogge: blind senior citizen, frequent rider of People Mover and Anchor Rides. Retired anchorage resident (22 years).

ii. Terrence White (unavailable/absent)

8. Action / Information Items

a. Reports, Updates, and Presentations

Presented by Department Report/Updates: Director, Bart Rudolph:

- [paraphrased] We finished recent FTA triennial audit review, with two minor findings that the department is responsible for and 2 or 3 findings that the municipality will be responsible for, all of which should be corrected very quickly. The Muni 2023-24 audit was late but being wrapped up, which also affects. A huge success and great undertaking for the team, pulling up 3 years of data including public involvements, notices, and other aspects of operations.*
- Service change happened on Monday the 11th, and went off without a hitch. We introduced a new schedule opportunity for bus operators, making some scheduling more desirable for newer drivers.*
- Working to continue/implement the new passenger endorsement (CDL) training program. Once its up and running this will help us maintain a fuller roster long-term*
- I had the opportunity to work with the maintenance department and change out a bus transmission with staff. It was interesting to learn what they do and what they go through to keep our fleet running.*
- Negotiations with Teamsters will start this summer (drivers' union).*
- Ridership/Dashboard report – the weekday average has recently surpassed pre-Covid (2019) numbers.*

Kyle Mielke: I'd like to acknowledge the work that went into the audit.

b. New Business

i. Security Incidents:

Presented by Department Report/Updates: Director, Bart Rudolph:

This is the first time this report has been put together in this way, [see attached documentation] the columns reflect type of interactions and the responses or actions taken for each incident, each month. I think what this shows is that our security team is very busy, and they are often responding to incidents that would otherwise be handled by APD. We are open to suggestions for future reporting, to improve the data.

Bridget Jochum (PTAB): *Can you define “suspicious activity?”*

Bart: *it is broad and left to interpretation of the officer responding. Something that doesn’t fit within the predefined categories, but that requires a call-out.*

CB Brady (PTAB): *Thank you for this, it looks like a lot but I don’t feel like it’s a lot. Is there a way to see the number of incidents in comparison to how many rides per month?*

Bart: *It is the total number of incidents. To compare it to number of rides, you are correct. On a given day we give over 12,000 rides, but over the month we responded to a total of 300+ incidents.*

Member of the public: *Does this include areas around the bus like the transit centers or do the numbers just refer to incidents on the bus itself?*

Bart: *It is all of the above, bus stops, transit centers.*

Sarah (PTAB): *Do we have any idea how many different individuals are contributing to these numbers? And is there a higher consequence for ‘repeat’ offenders*

Bart: *I’m not sure about the breakdown by individual, but I can check into that.*

Cisco (PTAB): *Is there data involving minors?*

Bart: *No we don’t break it down by age*

Do you use the data to help with resource distribution of security

Issa (PTAB): *How many people are doing all of this security work?*

Bart: *I believe it is 6, a minimum of 3 or 4 per shift. There is one dedicated security at the downtown transit center paid for through that lease.*

Issa (PTAB): *Is there a way to further identify incidents that fall into the “other” category. i.e. “wellness checks, which are very different than assaults.*

Bart: *The data is collected from incidents noted in security reports and entered into the Transit app and reviewed daily by our security team.*

ii. Letter of Support USDOT Safe Streets (Action Item)

Kyle: Any discussion from the board?

[Discussion]

Kyle: Move to approve, without changes, asking for unanimous consent. Hearing no opposition to the motion, it is approved.

c. Continued Business

- i. May board elections: No changes to current roles.

Secretary: No volunteers

Vice Chair: No votes against current

Chair: No votes against current

- ii. Transit Employee Appreciation resolution (Action Item)

Kyle: *Any discussion from the board?*

Sarah (PTAB): *I move to approve.*

CB Brady: *Second.*

Kyle: *Any opposed? Hearing none this resolution is approved.*

- iii. 2026 PTAB goals (Standing Item)

Kyle: *Any discussion from the board?*

[Discussion]

- iv. Resolution on Non-motorized (Action Item) – *delayed item*

- v. Proposed Rules and Procedures (Action Item) – *delayed item*

Additional public comments

9. Member Comments

10. Adjournment

Time: 6:33