

Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)
Municipality of Anchorage
Minutes for Meeting of April 9, 2026
Held at Loussac Library, 2nd floor Beluga Rm, and MS Teams (hybrid meeting)
PROPOSED [draft 1]

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1. Call to Order

Board Chair Kyle Mielke called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

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

- Charlie Rogge (in-person)
- Linda Larson (in-person)

The following Public Transportation Department or affiliated staff were present:

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

2. Roll Call

The Board roll call:

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| 1) Chair: | Kyle Mielke | present |
| 2) Vice Chair: | Bridget Jochum | present |
| 3) Member: | Sarah Preskitt | present |
| 4) Member: | CB Brady | present/online |
| 5) Member: | Michael T. Williams | present |
| 6) Member: | Issa Spatrisano | absent/excused |
| 7) Member: | Francisco “Cisco” Mercado | present/new member |
| 8) Member: | --- | <i>vacant</i> |
| 9) Member: | --- | <i>vacant</i> |

From the roll call, a quorum was declared.

3. Public Involvement Announcement

Kyle Mielke read the previously distributed Public Involvement Announcement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Upon request through the chair, agenda item **7. Section b. subsection i:** “Welcoming of new PTAB board member Francisco ‘Cisco’ Mercado”, was reprioritized to follow approval of the agenda. With that exception, and one clerical error noted, (a correction was made to the date referenced for the previous minutes of “March 12, **2025**”, to read “March 12, **2026**”), the agenda was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes for the March 12, 2026 PTAB meeting were approved unanimously.

Clerical note: Following approval of the minutes, Francisco “Cisco” Mercado was introduced as a new board member.

6. Public Comments

- i. Written comments: none
- ii. In-person [and on-line] comments: Linda Larson made a comment for the record.

7. Action / Information Items

a. Reports, Updates, and Presentations

- i. Department Report/Updates: Presented by PTD Director Bart Rudolph.
 - Regarding the upcoming service change, the 31 will go back to normal service. Route 11 will move its origin/destination from the City Hall bus stop to the *Gray Zone* at the Downtown Transit Center.
 - PTD route planner was able to identify opportunities for 4 more trips on route 25, increasing service during key morning (9am-11am) times.
 - Big thanks to PTAB members who contributed photos to the Transit Employee Appreciation Day event.
 - The department is working its way through the FTA triennial review, which is planned to end on the 21st or 22nd of this month.
 - 1st quarter budget revisions for the municipality may include a recommendation from the mayor to increase funding for AnchorRides, covering the budget shortfall of \$1.6 million. A work session is planned for Friday, April 17th. A resolution from PTAB would be a welcome voice on behalf of the department.
 - Based on preliminary election day results, it looks like the Municipal Bonds affecting transit will pass, from the recent elections. These allow the department to meet “matching funds” requirements for federal fund.
 - The department has several job openings in the maintenance and site enhancement divisions.
 - Ridership continues to trend up; *see dashboard for more information.*

- ii. TOTM Presentation/Update: Senior Transit Planner Stephen Stone delivered a brief recap of the Phase 5 progress with an estimated rough draft plan completion date of June or July, for presentation to the board. PTAB was also given an update regarding the Art in Transit new signage planned for later this year.

b. New Business

- i. *(item moved to top of agenda)*
- ii. 2026 PTAB goals document
 - Partner organization with similar goals, transit objectives or letters of support
- iii. Non-motorized safety discussion
 - Municipal liaison for Vision Zero is vacant, but Brady Coy is a good resource for safety-related questions.
- iv. Proposed rules and procedures
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- v. May Board elections

c. Continued Business

NA

8. Member Comments

All Board members present provided comments for the record. Comments included support for the new signage, continued discussions prioritizing pedestrian safety, shoutout for the social media messaging,

9. Adjournment

Sarah Preskitt motion, meeting adjourned at 6:51.