



Municipality of Anchorage
Geotechnical Advisory Commission

A G E N D A

Tuesday, June 25, 2024
12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting
(Hybrid format)

In-Person Physical Location

Planning Conference Room 170
Planning and Development Center
4700 Elmore Road
Anchorage, Alaska

via Microsoft Teams

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Establishment of Quorum
- B. Disclosures

II. MEETING SUMMARIES

- A. May 28, 2024

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Scope of Potential Project for Seismic Hazard Analysis and Mapping
- B. Discussion: AMC 23.85.R401.4 Soil Tests – Existing Amendment Regarding Seismic Hazard Zones 4 and 5 (*Daniel King*)
- C. Discussion: Letter in Support of a Statewide, Enforceable Building Code
 - Information on Connecting with the Statewide Liaison, Colin Maynard (*Commissioner Berry*)
- D. Discussion: Letter of Support for Strong Motion Instrumentation at Port of Alaska Terminal 1

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Port of Alaska Progress Report (*John Daley*)

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (3-minute limit)

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Communications Committee
- B. Hazard Mitigation Committee
- C. Seismic Hazard Committee: USGS and EERI Workshop, June 26, 2024

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting – July 23, 2024



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**Tuesday, May 28, 2024
12:00 Noon – 12:54 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting
(Hybrid format)
Planning Conference Room 170
4700 Elmore Road**

Commissioners Present	Staff	Guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis Berry • Kyle Brennan • Steven Halcomb, Vice Chair • Cody Kreitel • Keri Nutter • Amy Steiner • John Thornley, Chair • David Hemstreet (Excused) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Mckenna-Foster, Long-Range Planning • Susan Perry, Long-Range Planning • Grant Gephardt, Plan Review, Development Services • Bart Rudolph, Public Transportation • Stephen Stone, Public Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeanne Bowie, Kinney Engineering

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Establishment of Quorum

B. Disclosures. **Chair Thornley** said he would recuse himself for Item B. under New Business.

Chair Thornley invited guests from Public Transportation (Transit) to speak first.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transit Center Relocation Discussion

Bart Rudolph and **Stephen Stone** were in attendance from Public Transportation (Transit) and Jeanne Bowie from Kinney Engineering. **Chair Thornley** asked about plans for the Downtown transit center and the status of the earthworks buttress in that area. Transit staff and contractor talked about the needs for the facility, the buttress, etc.

Transit asked when **GAC** should be included as the project moves forward. **Chair Thornley** suggested that the scoping phase would be best.

II. MINUTES/MEETING SUMMARIES

A. April 23, 2024: Commissioner Nutter moved to approve; Commissioner Steiner seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. April 26, 2024 (Special Meeting for Letter to NOAA on National Hazard Mitigation Program) **Commission Steiner moved to approve; Commissioner Kreitel seconded.** Passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Scope of Potential Project for Seismic Hazard Analysis and Mapping.

Nothing to report.

B. Discussion: AMC 23.85.R401.4 Soil Tests – Existing Amendment Regarding Seismic Hazard Zones 4 and 5.

Staff member **Daniel King** is out; this item will be pushed to the next meeting.

C. Discussion of March's HOME Presentation.

No discussion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

B. Letter of Support for Strong Motion Instrumentation at Port of Alaska Terminal 1.

Speaking not as the Chair, **Commissioner Thornley** explained that terminal 1 would have seismic instrumentation at the Port. Discussion of what types of sensors, etc. to put in. Commissioners discussed that the Port would need a letter of support from GAC to the Assembly. **Commissioner Nutter** asked about the timeline and what the proposed plan is so the Commission could know what to write about.

Commissioner Kreitel moved that the GAC should write a letter; Commissioner Steiner seconded. Six commissioners voted in favor. **Commissioner Thornley** abstained from voting.

Commissioner Halcomb relinquished the Chair to Chair Thornley.

C. Discussion of a Letter in Support of a Statewide, Enforceable Building Code.

Discussion of whether to include residential and commercial. General support, discussion of the purview of this commission. Should this be a general letter or tied to a specific piece of legislation? **General agreement:** keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Berry can coordinate with statewide liaison Colin Maynard, who was at April's meeting.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (3-minute limit)

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communications Committee

Report from Commissioner Nutter.

B. Hazard Mitigation Committee

C. Seismic Hazard Committee

Save the Date – The USGS and EERI will host a one-day, in-person workshop at BP Energy Center in Anchorage on June 26, 2024. The workshop will review details of the 2023 Alaska National Seismic Hazard Model and its implications for hazard, engineering, and risk applications. No virtual option but there will be a recording.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Report on Letter Sent from April 26 Special Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brennan moved to adjourn; Commissioner Halcomb seconded. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.