



1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (Action Item)**
4. **Approval of the May 9, 2024, Minutes (Action Item)**
5. **Approval of the June 13, 2024, Minutes (Action Item)**
6. **Approval of the July 11, 2024, Minutes (Action Item)**
7. **Approval of the August 14, 2024, Minutes (Action Item)**
8. **Approval of the September 12, 2024, Minutes (Action Item)**
9. **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.

10. Action / Information Items:

- a. **New Business**
 - i. SFY2026 Alaska Mental Health Trust Grant (Action Item)
 - ii. Department Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025 (Action Item)
 - iii. PTAB Meeting Time Discussion (Info Item)
- b. **Reports and Updates**
 - i. Director's and Operations Update (Info Item): 10 minutes
 - ii. Chair Report (Info Item): 5 minutes
 - iii. Data Dashboard (Info Item): 5 minutes
- c. **Continued Business**
 - i. N/A

11. Public Comments [2 minutes each]

12. Member Comments

13. Adjournment

Next PTAB Meeting Date:

PTAB Regular Meeting – Thursday, November 14, 2024

**Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)
Municipality of Anchorage
Minutes for Meeting of May 9, 2024
Held at Loussac Public Library, Moose Room**

D R A F T

Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

The following citizens were present:

Kyle Mielke

The following MOA staff were present:

Jamie Acton
Bart Rudolph

The Board roll call showed that the following PTAB members were present:

Nathaniel Lackey
Michael J. Williams
Doug Miller
Sarah Preskitt
CB Brady

and that the following PTAB members were absent:

Michael Williams
Peter Hill (excused)

From the roll call, a quorum was declared.

The previously-distributed agenda was approved (with the addition of a Chair's Report, to be given between the Ridership Update and the Membership Work Group Report.)

The previously-distributed draft minutes of the April 11, 2024, meeting were approved as final without objection.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt read a Public Involvement Announcement.

Ms. Jamie Acton gave the Director's Report and Operations Update and answered questions.

(In the course of giving the Report and the Update, Ms. Acton stated that she had intended to share certain links with relevant information during the meeting, but this would not work in an in-person meeting; she stated that she would try to provide such links in advance for future meetings.)

Mr. Bart Rudolph described a service change going into effect on May 13, 2024, and answered questions.

Mr. Bart Rudolph gave a Ridership Update and answered questions.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt gave a Chair's Report, which included an explanation of why the meeting was being held at Loussac Library.

Mr. Doug Miller gave an update for the Membership Work Group.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt explained that the PTAB Procedural Rules and Order of Business document was not ready to be an action item.

In the annual elections:

Ms. Sarah Preskitt was nominated as Chair by Mr. Doug Miller; this nomination was seconded by Mr. CB Brady, and approved unanimously.

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey was nominated as Vice Chair by Mr. Michael J. Williams; this nomination was seconded by Doug Miller, and approved unanimously.

Mr. Doug Miller nominated himself as Secretary; this nomination was seconded by Mr. CB Brady, and approved unanimously.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt gave an explanation of the Talking Points Work Group, and Mr. Michael J. Williams agreed to be a member of the Work Group.

There was one Public Comment, from Kyle Mielke.

Member comments were given by Michael J. Williams, Doug Miller, CB Brady, Sarah Preskitt, and Nathaniel Lackey (in that order).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m., just as snow began to fall outside the library.

**Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)
Municipality of Anchorage
Minutes for Meeting of June 13, 2024
Held at Loussac Public Library, Moose Room**

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Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m.

The following citizens were present:

Kyle Mielke
Linda Larsen
Karen Carson
Joann Mitchell

The following Department staff were present:

Jamie Acton
Bart Rudolph

The Board roll call showed that the following PTAB members were present:

Nathaniel Lackey
Michael J. Williams
Doug Miller
Sarah Preskitt
CB Brady
Peter Hill

and that the following PTAB members were absent:

Michael Williams

Ms. Sarah Preskitt read a Public Involvement Announcement.

From the roll call, a quorum was declared.

The previously-distributed agenda was approved, with two amendments (without objection):

(1) a discussion of whether to cancel the scheduled July meeting was added as item c.ii; and

(2) item a.ii. (the Transit Center Study Final Recommendation) was changed from an information item to an action item.

The minutes of the May 9, 2024 meeting were not available to be voted upon.

Mr. Mike Robbins, head of ACDA, and Jim Winegarner, project director for ACDA, provided information and answered questions regarding the 6th Avenue Redevelopment Project, for approximately 15 minutes.

The Board discussed, and heard public comment on, the Transit Center Study (for approximately 1 hour and 5 minutes). Mr. Doug Miller moved, and Mr. Michael J. Williams seconded, that the Board recommend that the Chinook site be selected for a new transit center. The motion was amended to include the following language:

“provided that site has additional pedestrian amenities that allow users of all abilities to get between that site and the rest of downtown.”

As amended, the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1 (with Mr. CB Brady voting “no.”)

A motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes passed without objection.

Mr. CB Brady moved, and Mr. Peter Hill seconded, that the previously-distributed letter from the Board to Mayor-elect LaFrance be approved. The motion passed without objection.

The previously-distributed proposal to amend Title 11.7 of the Anchorage Municipal Code was discussed, and tabled until the August meeting, with a request that the Department provide more information, especially about what similar actions are being taken elsewhere.

A motion by Mr. Doug Miller to extend the meeting by 5 minutes, and to table items b.ii. through c.ii., passed without objection.

Ms. Jamie Acton gave the Director’s Report and Operations Update and answered questions (noting that on future agendas this item should be called the “Department Update”).

Public comments were received from Kyle Mielke, Linda Larsen, and Karen Carson.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)
Municipality of Anchorage
Minutes for Meeting of July 11, 2024
Held at Loussac Public Library, Moose Room**

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Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

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

Kyle Mielke
Linda Larsen
Karen Carson
Colin Humason
John Woodbury
Lee Brisey
Luis Munoz
Michael Eastham
Bailey _____

The following Department staff were present:

Bart Rudolph
Steven Stone

The Board roll call showed that the following PTAB members were present:

Nathaniel Lackey
Doug Miller
Sarah Preskitt
CB Brady

that the following PTAB members were absent with excuse:

Michael Williams

and that the following PTAB members were absent without excuse:

Michael J. Williams
Peter Hill

From the roll call, the absence of a quorum was declared.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt read a Public Involvement Announcement.

Mr. Bart Rudolph discussed an upcoming proposed service change, as described in previously-distributed materials, and answered questions about the proposed change.

Board comments were made on the proposal.

Public comments were made on the proposal.

Because of the unexpected absence of the Director, there was no Director's Report or Operations Update.

Mr. Bart Rudolph gave a Ridership Update, based on previously-distributed materials, and answered questions about the update.

Chair Ms. Sarah Preskitt made her report.

Members of the public made comments.

Board members made comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

**Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)
Municipality of Anchorage
Minutes for Meeting of August 14, 2024
Held at Loussac Public Library, Moose Room**

[Note: this version of the minutes is the draft distributed to the Board for approval. Amendments may be made by the Board. To determine whether any amendments were made, and if so, what they were, please go to the final version posted on the municipal website, or listen to the audio recording of the meeting, also posted on the website.]

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

Linda Larsen
Luis Munoz
Karl Eklund

The following Department staff were present:

Ms. Jamie Acton
Mr. Bart Rudolph

1. Call to Order and Introduction of New Board Member

Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m., and introduced the newest member of the Board, Mr. Kyle Mielke.

2. Roll Call

The Board roll call showed that the following PTAB members were present:

Mr. Peter Hill
Mr. Doug Miller
Ms. Sarah Preskitt
Mr. Kyle Mielke
Mr. Mike Williams
Mr. Michael J. Williams
Mr. CB Brady [arrived during Director's and Operations Update]
Mr. Nathaniel Lackey [arrived during Director's and Operations Update]

From the roll call, a quorum was declared.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The previously-distributed agenda was approved, with the following amendments: (1) approval of the minutes for the May 9, 2024, meeting was moved to later in the meeting, as new action item b. iv.; (2) approval of the minutes for the June 13, 2024, meeting were moved to later in the meeting, as new action item b. v.; and (3) approval of the minutes for the July 11, 2024, meeting were postponed to a later meeting.

4. Approval of the May 9, 2024, Minutes (Action Item)

As explained above, this item was moved to later in the meeting.

5. Approval of the June 13, 2024, Minutes (Action Item)

As explained above, this item was moved to later in the meeting.

6. Approval of the July 11, 2024, Minutes (Action Item)

As explained above, this item was postponed to a later meeting.

7. Public Involvement Announcement:

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

8. Action / Information Items:

a. New Business [none]

b. Reports and Updates

i. Director's Report and Operations Update

Ms. Jamie Acton gave the Director's Report and Operations Update, and answered questions about those. She also announced her resignation, effective August 15, 2024, and the appointment of Mr. Bart Rudolph as Acting Director. She thanked the members of the Board for their service during her six-year tenure as Director, and the Board thanked her for all her hard work and many achievements.

ii. Ridership Update (Info Item)

Mr. Bart Rudolph gave a Ridership Update, based on previously-distributed materials, and answered questions. He also reported that the Department had made its decision about the upcoming service change, selecting the plan described as Option B in the materials that were distributed to the public and the Board, with minor adjustments. He also answered questions about that service change, scheduled for October.

iii. Chair Report

Ms. Sarah Preskitt made the Chair's Report, which included a listing of priorities for the coming year.

iv. Approval of the May 9, 2024, Minutes (Action Item)

Mr. Peter Hill moved approval of the May 9, 2024, minutes.

Mr. Kyle Mielke seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved as written, without objection.

v. Approval of the June 13, 2024, Minutes (Action Item)

Mr. CB Brady moved the approval of the June 13, 2024, minutes.

Mr. Michael J. Williams seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved as written, without objection.

c. Continued Business

i. Wheeled Transportation Devices Not Compatible with Bike Racks (Info item)

Ms. Jamie Acton stated that she would be distributing to Acting Director Rudolph a memo regarding allowing additional types of vehicles and devices on board the buses.

ii. PTAB Procedures Document (Info Item)

Mr. Doug Miller explained that the current situation was that he was supposed to be merging two drafts into one document, and he hoped to complete that task soon and confer with the other two members of the Rules and Procedures Working Group.

9. Public Comments

All three members of the public present made comments.

10. Member Comments

All Board members made comments.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Municipality of Anchorage
Public Transit Advisory Board Resolution #2024-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION
FOR THE SFY2026 ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST GRANT

WHEREAS, the Alaska Mental Health Trust (AMHT) has provided funding to the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) to support AMHT activities in the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Board is charged with making recommendations to the Assembly and Mayor on municipal policy with respect to budget review, capital improvement programs and funding of the public owned and operated transit system, and

WHEREAS, DOT&PF has issued a call for grant application for SFY2026; and

WHEREAS, provision of AMHT funding to the Municipality of Anchorage Public Transportation Department (PTD) would support the AnchorRIDES paratransit program and the service it provides to the target populations of elderly, disabled and AMHT beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, PTD provides a program of AnchorRIDES services as part of the SFY 2026 AMHT grant application; and

WHEREAS, DOT&PF is to staff, support, and administer the AMHT grant program requiring a 20% match of local funds; and

WHEREAS, A resolution of the Board is required as part of the AMHT grant application by PTD; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board strongly supports the AnchorRIDES program and the services it provides to the target populations of elderly, disabled, and AMHT beneficiaries in the Anchorage area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anchorage Public Advisory Board supports the application by PTD for SFY2026 funding under the AMHT grant program.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board
this 10th day of October 2024.

Sarah Preskitt
Chair

Municipality of Anchorage
Public Transit Advisory Board Resolution #2024-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD SUPPORTING THE
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

WHEREAS, the Public Transit Advisory Board (Board) was established to advise the Assembly and the Mayor on matters related to public transportation, and;

WHEREAS, the Board is charged with making recommendations to the Assembly and Mayor on municipal policy with respect to budget review, capital improvement programs, and funding of the publicly owned and operated transit system, and;

WHEREAS, high-frequency transit routes provide an incentive to housing and commercial development and infill development over the long term, and;

WHEREAS, the Public Transportation Department (PTD) utilizes local funds provisioned by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the operation of People Mover, AnchorRIDES, and RideShare services; and;

WHEREAS, PTD's proposed budget to OMB has been forecasted to maintain existing levels of public transportation services for fiscal year 2025 within the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA); and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board strongly supports the Public Transportation Department's budget proposal for fiscal year 2025 and recommends that the Assembly and the Mayor do not reduce the amount allocated during the annual budget or quarterly budget revision processes in order to maintain existing service levels that thousands of Anchorage residents rely upon to maintain their quality of life.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board
this 10th day of October, 2024.

Sarah Preskitt
Chair