

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

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1. Call to Order

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

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

Stewart Nagel
Nakako Thompson
Melody Russo
Phil Kirk
Jay Richard (?)
K. Fong

The following Department staff were present:

Acting Director Mr. Bart Rudolph
Ms. Sandra McMahon, Travel Trainer
Ms. April White, AnchorRIDES Coordinator
Ms. Maria Owens

2. Roll Call

The Board roll call showed that

Mr. Doug Miller was present
Ms. Sarah Preskitt was present
Mr. Kyle Mielke was present
Mr. Mike Williams was present
Mr. Michael J. Williams was absent with excuse
Mr. CB Brady was present.
Mr. Nathaniel Lackey was present.
Mr. Peter Hill was present.

From the roll call, a quorum was declared.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The previously-distributed agenda was amended to move item b.ii. (a presentation about Anchor Rides by Ms. April White) to just before item a.i.

As amended, the agenda was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of the October 10, 2024 Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Public Involvement Announcement:

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

6. Action / Information Items:

Ms. April White provided information about AnchorRIDES.

Ms. Sandra McMahon, Travel Trainer, explained her many responsibilities.

a. New Business

i. 2025 PTAB Meeting location

Public comment on the meeting location was received.

Mr. Kyle Mielke moved that, beginning January 9, 2025, regular PTAB meetings be held in Room 155 of City Hall (subject to being bumped by the Anchorage Assembly), at the current time and day of the month.

Mr. Mike Williams seconded.

After Board discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

ii. Right of Way Analysis: PTAB Representation

Ms. Sarah Preskitt explained that the MOA Planning Department had contacted her about possibly having a representative from PTAB on its Right of Way Analysis committee, scheduled to meet periodically for roughly the next year, with the next meeting December 5, 2024.

Mr. Kyle Mielke volunteered to be the PTAB representative, and give period reports to the Board. This was approved by the Board.

iii. Gathering Public Feedback

At the request of the Board, Mr. Bart Rudolph described the many ways in which PTD seeks input from the community about its services, and the level of success in those efforts.

iv. Winter Operations

Mr. Bart Rudolph described the new, consolidated websites for PTD and MOA snow removal reports and requests, and answered questions.

b. Reports and Updates

i. Director's and Operations Update

Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information and answered questions. Among other things, he reported the existing Transit Center (complete with the Customer Service office and public bathrooms) will reopen on December 3, 2024; that there will be a service change in May 2025; and that efforts are underway to do a new Transit on The Move (TOTM) report.

ii. AnchorRIDES Update [moved to earlier in the meeting]

iii. Data Dashboard

Mr. Bart Rudolph walked the Board and the members of the public in attendance through recent ridership data, using the new online Data Dashboard. He stated that PTD was hoping to add information about on-time performance to the Dashboard soon.

iv. Chair Report

Ms. Sarah Preskitt stated that she did not have a report at this time.

c. Continued Business

i. Recommendation to Amend AMC to Include Permitted Items

Mr. Kyle Mielke reintroduced a proposal he put forward several months earlier to recommend to the Assembly that the Anchorage Municipal Code be amended to clarify what can and cannot be brought on board buses, by adding a "permitted" category. The matter was discussed, and the Board agreed that more information should be gathered, and the discussion continued at the December meeting.

7. Public Comments

(Nakako Thompson made comments earlier in the meeting.) Jay Richard (?), Phil Kirk, Melody Russo, and K. Fong made comments during this part of the meeting.

8. Member Comments

All Board members present made comments.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Mike Williams moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Kyle Mielke seconded the motion.

There was no objection, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.