Municipality of Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board Meeting Agenda February 20, 2025; 5:30-7:00 P.M.







- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of the Agenda (Action Item)
- 4. Approval of the December 12, 2024, Minutes (Action Item)
- 5. Approval of the January 9, 2025, Minutes (Action Item)
- 6. 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.

#### 7. Action / Information Items:

- a. New Business
  - i. PTAB Core Ideology and Annual Goals 2025 (Action Item): 20 minutes
  - ii. Designation of Direct Recipient (Action Item): 10 minutes
- b. Reports and Updates
  - i. Director's and Operations Update (Info Item): 10 minutes
  - ii. Data Dashboard (Info Item): 5 minutes
  - iii. Chair Report (Info Item): 5 minutes
- c. Continued Business
  - i. N/A
- 8. **Public Comments** [2 minutes each]
- 9. Member Comments
- 10. Adjournment

#### **Next PTAB Meeting Date:**

PTAB Regular Meeting – Thursday, March 13, 2025

# Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) Municipality of Anchorage Minutes for Meeting of December 12, 2024 Held at Loussac Public Library, Moose Room

[Note: this version of the minutes is the draft distributed to the Board for approval. Corrections may have been made before the minutes were approved (in addition to the removal of this Note). If you are reading this after the meeting, and you want to determine whether any corrections 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.]

#### 1. Call to Order

Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at approximately 5:33 p.m.

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

Nakako Thompson Tanner Dunn Becky Stephan

The following Department staff were present:

Acting Director Mr. Bart Rudolph Ms. Sandra McMahon, Travel Trainer Ms. Maria Owens (?)

#### 2. Roll Call

The Board roll call showed that

Ms. Sarah Preskitt was present.

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey was present.

Mr. Doug Miller was present.

Mr. CB Brady was present.

Mr. Peter Hill was present.

Mr. Mike Williams was absent with excuse.

Mr. Michael J. Williams was absent with excuse.

Mr. Kyle Mielke was present.

From the roll call, a quorum was declared.

## 3. Approval of the Agenda

The previously-distributed agenda was moved for approval by Mr. Peter Hill, seconded by Mr. Nathaniel Lacky, and approved unanimously.

# 4. Approval of the Minutes for the November 14, 2024, Meeting

The minutes were moved for approval by Mr. CB Brady, seconded by Mr. Peter Hill, and approved unanimously.

#### 5. Public Involvement Announcement:

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

#### 6. Action / Information Items:

#### a. New Business

#### i. JBER Transportation Options

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey explained a previously-distributed memo about possibilities for service on the base, and the memo was discussed.

# ii. Passengers Passed Up

Mr. Bart Rudolph displayed a graphic showing recent rate of occurrences, and the details of the data were discussed by the Board.

#### iii. PTAB Meeting Location

## 1. City Hall Location

It was explained that the expected room is unavailable for the PTAB meeting scheduled for February 13, 2025.

#### 2. February 2025 Meeting Location

A motion was made by Mr. Kyle Mielke, and seconded by Mr. Peter Hill, to reschedule the February 2025 meeting from February 13 to February 20. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### b. Reports and Updates

#### i. Director's and Operations Update

Mr. Bart Rudolph reported on a list prepared by staff of things they were grateful for and things they were proud of for 2024.

#### ii. Data Dashboard

Mr. Bart Rudolph explained some recently-collected data.

# iii. Chair Report

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

# iv. Right of Way Committee Update

Mr. Kyle Mielke (the Board's designated representative) described some recent work of the committee.

# 7. Public Comments

(Nakako Thompson made comments earlier in the meeting.) Tanner Dunn made comments.

#### 8. Member Comments

All Board members present made comments.

# 9. Adjournment

Mr. CB Brady moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Peter Hill seconded the motion.

There was no objection, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

# Municipality of Anchorage Public Transportation Advisory Board (PTAB) Core Ideology and Annual Goals 2025

#### **Core Purpose:**

Providing a voice in all directions between the community, the Assembly, and the Public Transportation
 Department (PTD)

#### **Core Values:**

- Connection (connectivity, connecting people, riders and place)
- Equity (inclusion, access, welcoming, meeting people where they are, options, flexibility)
- Riders
- Safety

**Transit on the Move (TOTM)** identifies PTD goals and objectives as well as performance measures to track progress in achieving those goals. The plan creates a list of priority projects to improve the transit system, which are queued up and ready for implementation as additional funding is made available.

#### 2025 PTAB Goals

- 1. Advocate to the Assembly and the Mayor on the annual budget and quarterly budget revisions for desired projects and have our own proposal for TOTM ready projects for the Assembly and the Mayor
  - 2. Be prepared to respond with TOTM projects not just "react"
  - 3. Provide every Assembly member and the Mayor a TOTM plan with a note from the board
- 4. Thank the Federal Delegation for transit funding and tell the story of how it is going to positively impact the system
- 5. Maintain a full board with representation from various communities and abilities
  - 6. Provide training and on-boarding for new members to understand PTAB's core values and purpose, this plan, and meeting rules
  - 7. Adopt a new rules and procedures document
- 8. Assist the Department in amplifing their messaging and communicating the value of public transit
  - 9. Create talking points that the board could use to be formal and informal advocates
  - 10. Meet with the Marketing team at PTD
  - 11. Write a resolution of success and/or an op-ed of news from the department
  - 12. Interview riders actively using public transit
  - 13. Provide an update to the Federation of Community Councils
  - 14. Act as ambassadors for TOTM and PTD and be active listeners
- 15. Celebrate PTD and public transit initiatives
  - 16. Spearhead recognition from the whole board to all transit staff for their very hard work on Transit Worker Appreciation Day
  - 17. [NEW] Assist with PTD celebratory events
- 18. [NEW] Support the update new strategic plan/short-term transportation plan

#### Steps for PTD to engage the board in feeling connected to the TOTM plan and "living it:"

- Create a standing agenda item for connection to TOTM at each meeting
- Use a dashboard to see the movement and tangible progress
- Connect the annual report card with TOTM
- Focus on all three services People Mover, AnchorRIDES, and RIDE Share

February 20, 2025

Mike Dunleavy Governor, State of Alaska Office of the Governor P.O. Box 110001 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Subject: Designation of Direct Recipient

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

The Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) of the Municipality of Anchorage is tasked through A.M.C. 4.60.100 with contributing to the long-range planning of a balanced public transit system, conducting investigations into the requirements for a balanced publicly owned and operated transit system, and supporting efforts to locate, develop, and obtain funding for the publicly owned and operated transit system in the municipality. PTAB has received a presentation from the Municipality of Anchorage Public Transportation Department regarding the designation of a transit provider as a direct recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding.

PTAB supports the Municipality of Anchorage being Designated Recipient of the following sections of FTA funds in the Anchorage urbanized area:

Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5307)
Improved Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (49 U.S.C. Section 5310)
Formula Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5339)

PTAB urges your support for this designation to maintain continued funding for public transportation for municipal residents and visitors.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Sarah Preskitt, Chair Municipality of Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board

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