Municipality of Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board Meeting Agenda January 9, 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. 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.

## 6. Action / Information Items:

- a. New Business
  - i. JBER Public Transportation in the 2025 Transit on the Move Plan (Action Item):15 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
- 7. Public Comments [2 minutes each]
- 8. Member Comments
- 9. Adjournment

## **Next PTAB Meeting Date:**

PTAB Regular Meeting - Thursday, February 13, 2025

## Municipality of Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board Resolution #2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT EXPLORE PUBLICLY FUNDED TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON IN THE 2025 TRANSIT ON THE MOVE PLAN

**WHEREAS,** Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) is a significant community within the Municipality of Anchorage, serving as a home and workplace to thousands of military personnel and their dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, current public transportation options do not provide direct access to JBER, limiting the mobility of military members and their dependents and creating challenges for those without personal vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, access to public transportation could address the needs of various audiences, including young military members who are new to Alaska and lack private transportation, older dependents requiring access to on-base resources such as the BX and Commissary, and families transitioning to and from JBER during a Permanent Change of Station (PCS); and

**WHEREAS,** public transit options could promote safety and community well-being by reducing drunk driving incidents among military personnel and providing reliable means for dependents to age-in-place; and

**WHEREAS,** integrating JBER with Anchorage's public transit system could facilitate greater commerce and mobility between the base and the city, benefiting both military and civilian communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Transit on the Move Plan (TOTM) for 2025 includes the pilot launch of PTD MicroTransit, a publicly funded and organized ride-share service, creating a timely opportunity to test demand and feasibility for public transit services on JBER; and

**WHEREAS**, possible transit solutions could include bus routes or MicroTransit services with designated stops at JBER's Visitor Centers, key residential areas, and recreational facilities, with appropriate security protocols in place such as requiring Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) credentials; and

**WHEREAS**, contracting with JBER leadership and conducting community outreach, such as surveys or direct mailers, could help assess the transportation needs of military personnel and their dependents, ensuring services are tailored to meet demand; and

**WHEREAS,** public transit integration on JBER aligns with the Municipality's commitment to providing equitable and accessible transportation for all residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board strongly recommends the Public Transportation Department explore the feasibility of publicly funded transportation options to JBER as part of the 2025 Transit on the Move Plan, including potential bus routes, MicroTransit services, and other viable alternatives; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Public Transportation Department engage with JBER leadership, conduct surveys to assess community needs, and develop a pilot program to test public transit options for JBER; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board supports the inclusion of JBER transportation solutions in the Transit on the Move Plan to enhance mobility, safety, and quality of life for military personnel, their families, and the broader Anchorage community.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board this 9th day of January, 2025.

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Sarah Preskitt
Chair

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