Transit Center Study

MEETING SUMMARY

Project:	Transit Center Study
Meeting:	Downtown Community Council
Date/Time:	July 12, 2023, 5:30 pm
Location:	City Hall, Rm 155, Anchorage
Attendees:	Jeanne Bowie and Joann Mitchell with Kinney Engineering Bart Rudolph, Randy Brown, and Jamie Acton with Public Transportation Department
	Approximately 15 people were in attendance.

Jeanne Bowie introduced the project, providing an overview of the process and the schedule.

- Because the Transit Center will be temporarily relocated while the current location is being redeveloped, it is a good opportunity to evaluate the best site for the permanent location of the transit center.
- Two phase process. Phase 1 is to determine the requirements for the Transit Center with input from a Transit Advisory Committee. Using this information, a list of potential sites will be created.
- The list of sites will be presented to a group of stakeholders and the public in September. Based on feedback, that list will be narrowed down to about 3 sites.
- Phase 2: Those 3 sites will be developed further—conceptual site plans will be developed so rough cost estimates can be done and the impacts to the bus system as a whole will be determined.
- This information will be brought to the stakeholders and the public for their feedback in February/March. We recognize that all sites are going to have pros and cons. From that, a recommendation will be made.
- Sites to be considered will be in downtown or midtown. The existing location is still a possibility.
- The final report will be completed by May of next year.
- When a new transit center will be operational in a new location is dependent on many factors—this is just the very first step to answer the question if there should be a new location.
- We do not have a list of potential sites at this time.
- We acknowledge that taking away on-street parking impacts businesses.
- The project team will be back to visit the Community Council at various stages of the study and we ask the Community Council to appoint a representative to participate in the Stakeholder Workshops.