
Project:	Transit Center Study
Meeting:	Downtown Community Council
Date/Time:	Sept 6, 2023, 5:30 pm
Location:	City Hall, Rm 155, Anchorage
Attendees:	Jeanne Bowie with Kinney Engineering Approximately 15 people were in attendance at the time of the presentation.*

Jeanne Bowie gave an update on the project and a handout was provided.

- The Operational Requirements Memo has been completed. This memo describes the general needs of the transit center. It should:
 - Serve an area with many people and jobs
 - Be easily accessed by buses and by pedestrians (including those in wheelchairs)
- The consultant team developed criteria for evaluating sites that considered if the site can function as a transit center (ease of acquisition, ease of development, etc), does its location make sense for a transit center (close to people and jobs, impacts to existing transit system, etc), and does the site offer additional advantages (large enough for future needs or enhanced services and amenities).
- The Project Advisory Committee (PAC) identified 41 potential sites for consideration (27 downtown, 10 in midtown, 4 in UMED area).
- The project team is narrowing the list down to 5 sites. These five sites will be presented to the public in September.
 - Stakeholders Workshop on Sept 20. Your community council will be represented at the Stakeholders Workshop.
 - Online Open House from Sept 20 to Oct 20
 - The public will be able to comment and vote on the five sites through the Open House
- After the public comment period, the list of potential sites will be narrowed down to three. These three sites will be further developed, and another round of public outreach will occur in February/March.

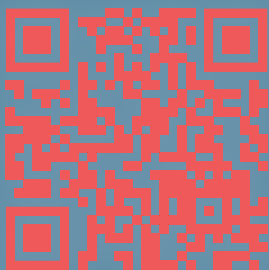
** Note we were at the end of a very full agenda so many people had left the meeting by the time they got to us.*

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How to Get Involved

- Sign up to receive emails on the project website



Explore our website

- Participate in Online Open House (September 20 through October 20)
- Submit your thoughts and comments through the Online Open House or through the project website

In addition, a representative from your community council will attend the stakeholder meetings.

Purpose of Study

The existing transit center is located in downtown Anchorage on 6th Avenue between H Street and G Street. The site is slated for a redevelopment project and the transit center will be temporarily relocated during construction. The Public Transportation Department (PTD), which manages People Mover, is taking this opportunity to consider whether the current site is in fact the best location for the transit center or if there is a better location? This study will answer that question through an in-depth evaluation coupled with dynamic public engagement, considering the benefits and trade-offs of moving the transit center to a different site either downtown or in midtown.



Activity to Date

- **July 2023** – Operational Requirements Memo describes the general needs of the transit center. It should:
 - Serve an area with many people and jobs
 - Be visible and active most times of day & night
 - Be easily accessed by buses
 - Be easily accessed on foot (including by wheelchair)
- **July 2023** – Initial meeting of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to discuss potential sites and the criteria for evaluating them. 41 sites were identified for initial evaluation (27 downtown, 10 midtown, 4 UMED).
- **August 2023** – Second PAC meeting to review evaluation of 41 sites and identify 5 sites to present to the public.

