
Project:	Transit Center Study
Meeting:	Spenard Community Council
Date/Time:	Sept 6, 2023, 7:00 pm
Location:	Spenard Rec Center, Anchorage
Attendees:	Joann Mitchell with Kinney Engineering Randy Brown with MOA Public Transportation Department Approximately 20 people were in attendance

The project wasn't on the meeting agenda so Joann Mitchell gave a very quick overview of the project at the end of meeting during the Community Announcements. Handouts with project information were distributed.

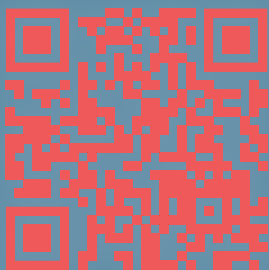
- The purpose of the project is to determine the best location for the transit center. Sites being considered include downtown, Spenard, Midtown, and UMed, in addition to the existing site.
- The reason why this is being done now is because the current transit site is being temporarily relocated while that site is being redeveloped. The transit center could go back to its current location but now is a good time to ask if there isn't a better site.
- The project team started out with 41 sites in downtown, Spenard, Midtown, and UMed and we are now narrowing it down to 5; one of the possible sites is in the Spenard CC area.
- These five sites will be presented to the public in September.
 - Stakeholders Workshop on Sept 20. We need a representative from the Spenard community to participate.
 - 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.
- We'll be back with a full presentation at the October community council meeting.

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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.

