
Project:	Transit Center Study
Meeting:	Spenard Community Council
Date/Time:	Oct 4, 2023, 7:00 pm
Location:	The Nave, Anchorage
Attendees:	Jeanne Bowie with Kinney Engineering Randy Brown with MOA Public Transportation Department Approximately 20 people were in attendance

Jeanne Bowie gave an update on the project and a handout was provided. Randy Brown provided additional comments.

- 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.
- The Online Open House is available now through October 20 to present the five sites to the public.
 - The public will be able to comment on the five sites through the Open House.
 - One of the five sites is within the Spenard CC area (the previous DMV sites).
 - Information on the five sites is included with the handout.
- 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.

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(Public Transportation Department)

How to Get Involved

- Participate in Online Open House (September 20 through October 20)



Scan for online Open House on the website

- Submit your thoughts and comments through the Online Open House or through the project website
- Sign up to receive emails on the project website

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.

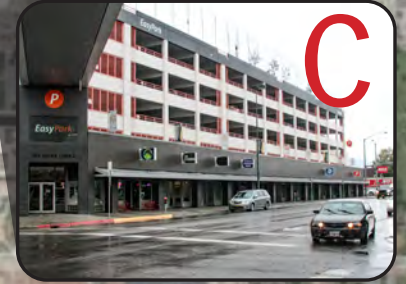
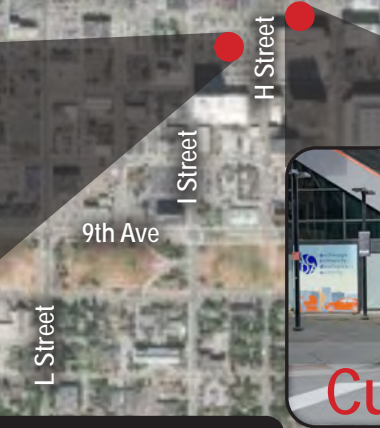


Activity to Date

- **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.



Visit the Online Open House before October 20th to tell us what you think!



Sites being considered for the main Transit Center

	Current Site West 6th Ave Between H and G Streets	ConocoPhillips Parking Lot A Between 6th & 7th and H & I St	Chinook Parking Lot B 225 E Street	5th Avenue Garage C West 5th Ave between B & C Streets	Previous Northern Lights Inn D 598 W Northern Lights Blvd	Previous DMV Site E 1300 W Benson Blvd
Plenty of space	++	++	+++	++	++	+++
	More bus stops could be added on adjacent streets	Site is over 2 acres. Room for more buses. Modest opportunities for joint use development.	Site is over 4 acres. Room for a lot more buses. Ample opportunities for joint use development.	More bus stops could be added on adjacent streets	Site is about 2 acres. Room for more buses. Modest opportunities for joint use development.	Site is over 2 acres. Room for more buses. Modest opportunities for joint use development.
Located near people and jobs	+++	+++	++	+++	++	++
	High density employment area.	High density employment area.	Medium density employment area.	High density employment area.	Medium density employment area.	Medium density employment area.
Safe and accessible	+++	+++	+++	++	+	+++
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly visible Walkable Easy access for buses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off street, and so less visible Walkable Easy access for buses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off street, and so less visible Walkable Easy access for buses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly visible Walkable One-way streets make access challenging for buses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off street, and so less visible Poor pedestrian infrastructure Easy access for buses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off street, and so less visible Walkable; near recently improved Spenard Rd Comfortable access for buses

