
Project:	Transit Center Study
Meeting:	Downtown Community Council
Date/Time:	Nov 1, 2023, 5:30 pm
Location:	City Hall, Rm 155, Anchorage
Attendees:	Jeanne Bowie with Kinney Engineering Randy Brown with Public Transportation Department Approximately 22 people were in attendance at the time of the presentation.

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

- This project is taking the opportunity to consider the optimal location for the transit center.
- We recently completed the public review period of 6 potential sites for the transit center. The public review period included a Stakeholder Workshop and an Online Open House. The Open House ran from September 20 to October 20.
- The 6 potential sites were:
 - Existing
 - ConocoPhillips parking lot (across the street from the existing)
 - Chinook parking lot (north of 3rd Avenue and up the hill from the railroad station)
 - 5th Avenue garage
 - Old DMV site (corner of Benson and Spenard)
 - Old Northern Lights Inn (between Benson and Northern Lights, about halfway between Arctic and the A-C couplet)
- We met with the Project Advisory Committee on Friday October 27.
 - We presented the response from the stakeholder workshop and from the open house survey. A short version of the results is on the back of the handout.
 - The Project Advisory Committee recommended 3 sites for our more detailed analysis.
 - The detailed analysis will include concept site design, cost estimates, and operational analysis of the transit center.
- The Public Transportation Advisory Board will meet on November 9 and will also make a recommendation for the 3 sites we should analyze in more detail.
- Those recommendations will go to Mayor's office and PTD director, who will make the final decision of which 3 sites we analyze in more detail over the next few months.
- The 3 sites that were recommended by the Project Advisory Committee are:
 - Existing
 - ConocoPhillips
 - Chinook

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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 one? 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.

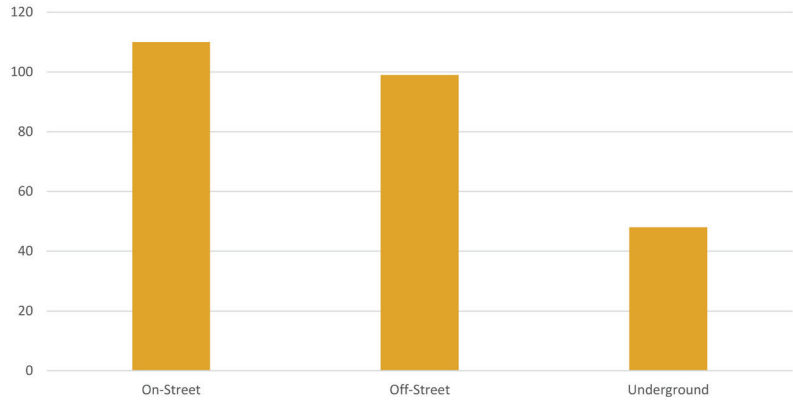
Activity to Date

- **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 evaluation.
- **August 2023** – Second PAC meeting to review evaluation of 41 sites and identify 6 sites to present to the public.
- **September through October 2023** – Stakeholder workshop and Online Open House to present the 6 potential sites to the public.

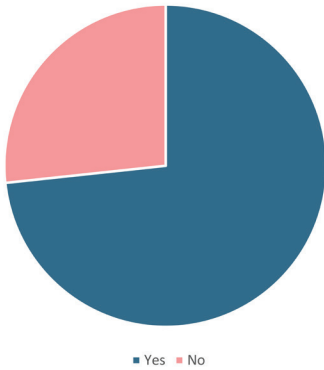


235 people responded to the Open House survey.

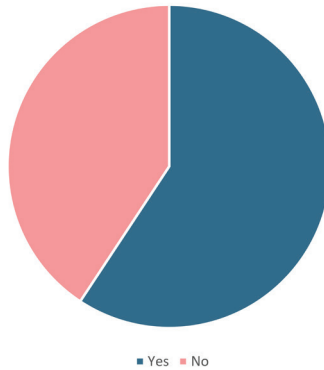
Which of these facility types do you think would be a good choice for Anchorage's main transit center?



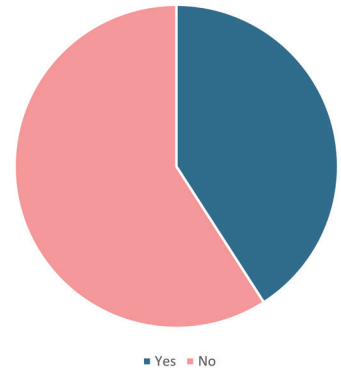
Do you feel the existing site, once redeveloped, could house an effective transit center?



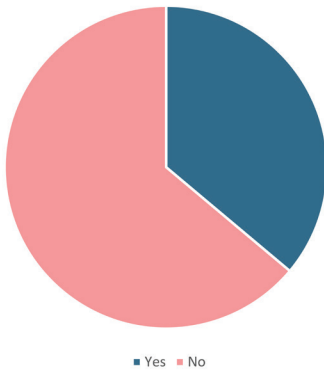
Do you feel the ConocoPhillips parking lot site would make an effective transit center?



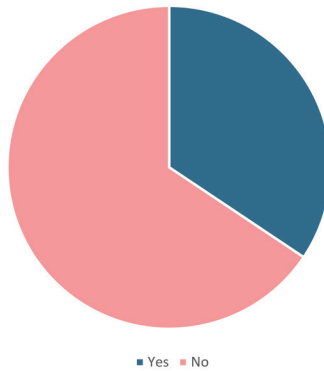
Do you feel the Chinook parking lot site would make an effective transit center?



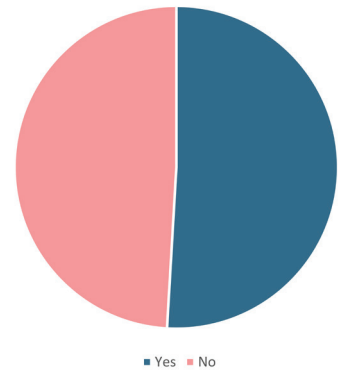
Do you feel the 5th Avenue Garage site would make an effective transit center?



Do you feel the previous Northern Lights Inn site would make an effective transit center?



Do you feel the old DMV building site would make an effective transit center?



Respondents ranked the sites in order of preference from 1 to 6:

Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	Average Score
Existing Transit Center Site	40.5%	24.2%	11.0%	7.0%	8.8%	8.4%	4.56
	92	55	25	16	20	19	
Conoco Phillip Site	17.6%	26.9%	27.8%	15.4%	8.4%	4.0%	4.18
	40	61	62	35	19	9	
Chinook Parking Lot Site	8.4%	15.9%	21.6%	22.9%	13.7%	17.6%	3.30
	19	36	49	52	31	40	
5th Avenue Garage Site	5.3%	10.1%	20.7%	28.6%	20.7%	14.5%	3.07
	12	23	47	65	47	33	
Previous Northern Lights Inn Site	8.4%	9.7%	6.2%	16.7%	33.9%	25.1%	2.67
	19	22	14	38	77	57	
Old DMV Building Site	19.8%	13.2%	12.8%	9.3%	14.5%	30.4%	3.23
	45	30	29	21	33	69	