

Help Shape the Future of Transit in Anchorage

Transit Center Study (Public Transportation Department)



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.
- November 2023** – Three sites were selected for further study: the existing site, ConocoPhillips parking lot (southeast corner of 6th Ave and I St), and the Chinook Parking Lot (3rd Ave and E St).
- December 2023 through March 2023** – Study team develops conceptual site plans for each site, estimates rough construction costs, and evaluates impacts to the People Mover system. See other side for summary of benefits and drawbacks of each site.

- Attend an In-Person Open House: City Hall, Room 155: April 3, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, or April 4, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Online Open House will be April 3 through May 3
- Submit your thoughts and comments at an Online Open House or through the project website


























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Benefits and Drawbacks Summary

	Existing Site	ConocoPhillips Site	Chinook Site
Plenty of Space			
Site Design	On-Street Some riders must cross H St to transfer between buses 	Mostly Off-Street Riders transfer within the site 	Fully Off-Street Riders transfer within the site 
Bus Capacity	Lowest (up to 12 bus stops) 	Medium (up to 19 bus stops) 	Highest (up to 23 bus stops) 
Indoor Space	Lowest (limited by redevelopment agreement to 2,900 sf) 	Medium (about 10,000) 	Highest (about 10,000 sf with room for more, if desired) 
Complementary Development Opportunities	Controlled by ACDA plan for 6th Avenue garage 	Limited by need to address parking for ConocoPhillips employees 	Significant (up to 1/2-acre developable) 
Efficient Service			
Degree of Change	Little to no change 	Little to no change 	Significant 
Job Access Impacts	Little to no change 	Little to no change 	Moderate negative impacts near Route 25-Tudor and Route 30-Debarr 
Costs and Risks			
Cost to Build	\$ about \$0.8M 	\$\$\$\$\$ estimated at \$91M 	\$\$\$ estimated at \$25M 
Risk of Project Delay	Low risk (semi-public owner with existing agreements) 	High risk (private owner with no existing agreement) 	Low risk (city owned) 