

Happy New Year!

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President Cathy Gleason — as of January 12, 2017

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JANUARY 2017 NOTICES:

- January 12 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lake Hood Elementary Library, 3601 W. 40th Ave.** Due to construction at Turnagain Elementary School, TCC will be meeting in the Lake Hood Elementary library until further notice.
Info: TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- January 12 — Introductory Presentation of Fish Creek Park and Coastal Trail Bench Projects to Parks & Recreation Commission, 6:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 2020 W. 48th Ave.** This presentation will provide an introduction/scoping of the proposed benches for Kiwanis Fish Creek Park and Mile 2.2 of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. **A final project package will be presented at the P&RC's February 9th meeting.** A project update will also be given at the TCC January 12th meeting — with final bench designs presented at our February 2nd meeting.
Info: Chad Taylor, chad@intrinsiclandscapes.com
- January 16 — COMMENT DEADLINE — Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update.** The final Draft Plan has now been released for review and comment. The primary objective of the plan update is to reassess issues, needs, and priorities, and to prepare a 20-year development plan. **TCC has approved positions and submitted comments on the first draft plan.** TCC will review this latest draft, to see what changes have been made since the first draft TCC provided comments on.
Info. submit comments and join email list and receive meeting notices: www.lhdmasterplan.com.
Questions? Tom Middendorf, lhdmasterplan@dowl.com, 562-2000
- January 17 — Turnagain Blvd. Upgrade Open House, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 2020 W. 48th Ave.** A project overview was given at our November 3rd meeting. The Urban Design Commission approved the 65% design at its December 14th. The TCC project committee reviewed the 65% design and provided input, and an on-site meeting with TCC and project planners was also held December 15th to further discuss landscaping elements. **Upgrades to Turnagain Blvd. is TCC's highest priority CIP Roads & Drainage project, with Turnagain St. ranked third.**
Info: CRW Engineering Group, LLC, www.turnagainstreet.com, comments@crweng.com, 562-3252
- January 19 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA**
Info. and to confirm: TCC VP & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- January 20 — Continued Deliberations — Planning & Zoning Commission Special Meeting on the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Public Hearing Draft, 11:00 a.m. p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2016-0127. **The TCC Land Use Committee will be reviewing the latest proposed changes provided by the Planning Dept. staff on land use designations in and around the Airport — with the goal of providing input to the staff by Jan. 20th.**
Info on the Plan: landuseplanmap@muni.org, 343-7921
- January 30 — Anticipated Final Recommendations — Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Public Hearing Draft, 6:30 p.m. p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2016-0127.
Info on the Plan: landuseplanmap@muni.org, 343-7921

- **January 31 & February 22 — Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant Workshops, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Anchorage Park Foundation will be awarding a total of \$200,000 to community projects, thanks to generous funding from the Rasmuson Foundation. For every \$1 you raise through cash, volunteer time, donations, grants or in-kind services, the APF will match \$1 for your project. **Applications are due March 10th.** To learn more about the program, you can attend one of two workshops:
 - **Jan. 31 — Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W. 48th Ave.**
 - **Feb. 22 — Lidia Selkregg Chalet at Russian Jack Springs Park**

Info: Anchorage Park Foundation, www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/challenge-grants, 274-1003

FEBRUARY 2017 NOTICES:

- **February 2 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lake Hood Elementary Library, 3601 W. 40th Ave.** Due to construction at Turnagain Elementary School, TCC will be meeting in the Lake Hood Elementary library until further notice.
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- **February 9 — AMATS Technical Advisory Committee Meeting — Consideration of Draft Anchorage Freight Mobility Study, 2:30-4:30 p.m., PM&E Building, 4700 Elmore Rd.** The draft Freight Mobility Study includes projects to improve freight truck access from the Airport's North Airpark to Minnesota Dr. along W. Northern Lights. Once the TAC has provided its recommendations, the FMS will go before the AMATS Policy Committee for final approval. **TCC has long been concerned about the impacts of freight truck traffic traveling down WNL and through the Turnagain neighborhood. More information will be provided at our February 2nd meeting agenda.**
To view the draft FMS Plan, go to:
http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/Freight_Mobility/Study_2016/Draft_FMS.pdf
- **February 9 — Finalization by Parks & Recreation Commission on Recommendations to the 2040 Land Use Plan Public Hearing Draft, 6:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 2020 W. 48th Ave.** An initial presentation to the commission is scheduled for January 12th.
To view the draft Plan: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Pages/Anch2040LandUsePlanPHD.aspx>
To join the TCC LUPM Committee, contact Committee Co-chairs:
Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com, or Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **February 15 — Anchorage Transportation Fair, 3:00-7:00 p.m., Alaska Airlines Center Auxiliary, University of Alaska Anchorage, 3550 Providence Dr. (free parking)** This event is a “super open house,” providing information on a number of transportation projects, planning efforts or existing plans concerning walking, biking, and driving within the Municipality of Anchorage.
Info: Anne Brooks, anna.brooksalaska@gmail.com, 272-1877, <http://anchoragetranspofair.blogspot.com/>

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **2017 Traffic Calming Project Update**

The Municipal Traffic Department has released its 2017 updated list of streets that have qualified for traffic calming assistance.

Turnagain QUALIFIED STREETS:

- Loussac Dr. — Lord Baranof Dr. to Iliamna Ave.
- McKenzie Dr. — Aldren Cir. to Milky Way Dr. (*problem to be addressed by 2017 Speed Hump Project*)
- McKenzie Dr. — Andree Dr. to Aldren Cir. (*problem to be addressed by 2017 Speed Hump Project*)
- W. 33rd Ave. — Turnagain St. to Wisconsin St. (*problem to be addressed by 2017 Speed Hump Project*)

Info: Tim Myland, Traffic Calming Coordinator, MylandTD@ci.anchorage.ak.us, 343-8470

- **Assembly Rules Committee-of-the-Whole Public Hearing on Measurement of “Shortest Practicable Pedestrian Route” between Protected Land Uses and Marijuana Establishments**

On December 20th, the Assembly passed AO 2016-144(S), with two amendments; this ordinance defines and establishes the criteria for measurement of the “shortest practicable pedestrian route” between marijuana establishments and protected land uses. **TCC provided input at Assembly committee meetings when this ordinance was being developed.**

Info: TCC Land Use, Permit & License Committee Co-chairs Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com or Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

- **Coastal Trail Fish Creek Bridge & Sisson Bridge Replacements**

The new Fish Creek bridge on the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail was officially opened on Dec. 19, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on Dec. 21st. The Sisson Bridge replacement was completed in December as well. Both bridges will be repaved with asphalt this coming summer.

Info: www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/CoastalTrailBridges.aspx

For comments or concerns about the detour routes: Maeve Nevins, nevinsmv@muni.org, 343-4135.

- **Thank You to the FCC and the Municipality of Anchorage for Council Maps!**

Many thanks to the Federation of Community Councils for coordinating with the Municipality graphics division on providing each community council of a large map of its council area, showing individual streets. Councils can have them mounted and laminated. *TCC hopes to have our map soon!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **INFORMATION ON SB 91, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM BILL THAT PASSED IN 2016**

Thank you to Victims for Justice Executive Director Robin Langlie, who spoke at the December 21st Federation of Community Councils Delegate meeting. As requested by numerous delegates, Robin has provided a site for more information from the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission to better understand SB 91:

http://www.ajc.state.ak.us/sites/default/files/imported/acjc/ak_practitioner_guide_2016-11-21.pdf

- **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE JOINS NEXTDOOR.COM**

Information will be sent to users to keep you up-to-date on all things Anchorage: anything from community meetings, construction zones, safety tips, and fun and interesting happenings around town. And it's another way to answer questions and send comments to the city. Under the rules of engagement to communicate with the MOA, you have to reply to their posts, and they will respond accordingly.

- **#ANCWORKS PROVIDES NEW WAY TO REPORT NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS & ISSUES:**

On June 22, 2016, the Municipality of Anchorage launched #ANCWorks!, an online tool for residents to report neighborhood problems and issues. **Featured with an icon on muni.org**, #ANCWorks! provides an online, mobile friendly platform for residents to report an issue, from potholes to a burnt-out streetlight, and track progress to a resolution.

Users can visit **www.muni.org/ancworks** on their desktop, tablet, or mobile phone to fill out a short form and report a problem or pass on a compliment or concern to the Municipality. With a one extra click, #ANCWorks! also allows users to attach files and photos to their request and every request will receive a case number, allowing users to track the progress of their issue at any time online.

For more information, contact: Myer Hutchinson at 343-7133.

- **PEOPLE MOVER GOOGLE MAPS NOW AVAILABLE:**

Two new tools are available to help plan your next trip with People Mover. Google Maps now show real-time People Mover trip info. — and an innovative application that provides estimated bus arrival times based on your stop via text message.

To find the estimated arrival time of buses at a certain stop go to: bus.codeforanchorage.org (No smart phone or data plan is required to use the texting application.)

Text the bus stop id # to: (907) 312-2060.

To plan a trip, go to: www.peoplesmover.org

Access Google Maps online or through the Google Maps app on a mobile device

For more information, contact: Bart Rudolph at (907) 343-8490

- **MAYOR BERKOWITZ INVITES INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS WITH “ANCHORGE INNOVATES”:**
Mayor Ethan Berkowitz has announced “Anchorage Innovates” — a new place for the Mayor to receive feedback, comments, questions, and concerns.

A link to “Anchorage Innovates” can be found on www.muni.org and on the Mayor’s page at: www.muni.org/departments/mayor/pages/default.aspx.

Comments, questions and concerns can also be submitted through emailing: mayor@muni.org, calling 343-7100, or if you are feeling nostalgic, mailing a letter to: P.O. Box 196650 Anchorage, Alaska 99519.

For more information, contact: Myer Hutchinson at (907) 343-7133.

- **AIRPORT COMMUNITY FLIGHT TRACKER:**

The Airport is now providing an online application that enables the community to track aircraft flight patterns over their residences. This is one of the measures identified and approved by the FAA in the recently completed FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study. It will enable residents of Anchorage to determine, in many cases, what aircraft are flying over them 24 hours a day in ‘near real time,’ including info. on airline, aircraft type, the flight path, the altitude and the origin and destination communities.

For application and User’s Guide, go to: www.anchorageairport.com, News and Highlights section