
TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | February 2, 2017 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Lake Hood Elementary School, 3601 West 40th Avenue

Chaired by Cathy Gleason, TCC Vice President & Acting President

WELCOME & APPROVE AGENDA, MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. About 28 people (members and guests) attended.
- The agenda was reviewed:
 - **Motion by Pat Redmond to approve the agenda, as adjusted: allow the Legislative report to be first and removing reference to the Kiwanis Fish Creek Park bench project, which is not moving forward (only the Coastal Trail Mile 2.2). Second by Gloria Manni.**
 - **Vote on motion: all yes, 0 no. Agenda approved.**
- The January 12, 2016 meeting minutes were available for review and approval.
 - **Motion by a member to approve the January minutes. Second by another member.**
 - **Vote on motion: all yes, 0 no. Minutes approved.**
- Announcements: *See Attachments flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.*
 - Cathy Gleason shared that the community council now has a large-format map showing the council boundaries.
 - Anchorage Police Department is conducting another neighborhood safety survey: surveys can be completed online or on paper and returned to APD. Based on the feedback, APD will present to councils who express the most concerns.
 - One correction to the printed announcements: the AMATS Freight Mobility Study is not on the February 9 AMATS meeting agenda.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT | REP. MATT CLAMAN

- **Rep. Matt Claman**
 - The House is actively working on budget related bills, understanding the importance of this issue.
 - Rep. Grenn (Sand Lake) introduced a House bill requiring legislators to report conflicts of interest.
 - There will be a constituent survey for people to share their views on certain issues: it will be available online and on paper, please fill it out when you receive it and share your thoughts!
 - Rep. Claman will be available for constituent meetings in Anchorage on Saturday, February 4th, noon to 2 p.m.
- **Sen. Mia Costello**
 - It is early in the session, but there is a new proactive attitude in Juneau to solve this problem.
 - The Labor and Commerce Committee had multiple presentations on the economy: there have been several job losses in the last several months, and economics agree we are in a recession. It is not the same as the 1980s, when there were fewer options and a stronger dip in the housing market, and there is now more long-term commitment to staying in Alaska among residents.
 - The Senate has found that there need to be changes to SB 91, including requiring that first-time Class C Felony convictions must go to prison. She has heard many residents in Anchorage and Juneau express opposition to some parts of the law and need for public safety.
 - Her committee also heard a bill allowing Uber and Lyft (ride sharing companies) to legally operate in Alaska, with a lot of strong testimony.
 - There is a similar budget bill to last year, treating the Permanent Fund like an endowment and drawing down on some of the earnings each year as part of the budget. The legislature continues to look for more efficiencies in government, as well as revenue-generating options.

- She encouraged everyone to follow the Senate Labor and Commerce Facebook page, there is a lot of great information about presentations given and other information about the state budget and its impact on the economy.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Pat Redmond stated that she feels strongly that revenue needs to be the focus for the state budget, cuts can be destructive especially if they involve deferred or never-completed maintenance that costs in the long run. She supports an income tax over a sales tax, but is willing to pay taxes to help address this problem. She encouraged Rep. Claman to share this information in Juneau.* Rep. Claman shared that he has heard the same sentiments from multiple constituents, including preference for an income tax. Rep. Meyer had shared his belief that Anchorage prefers a sales tax.
 - *Tim Steele shared that he has been hearing several complaints about snow plowing, directed at the Municipality but also for roads that are state responsibility. He is concerned about the state's reduced capacity to plow, and also still have not resolved the issue of the Muni using the state airport's land for a snow dump. He noted that even if the Muni purchased the land, there are FAA regulations preventing this use. He reiterated that state budget cuts will continue to hurt the state, including Anchorage and other communities. Look at other revenue sources!* Rep. Claman shared that he is still tracking the snow dump issue, and wrote a letter to the FAA communicating concerns about grant assurances.
 - *Cathy Gleason requested a copy of the letter from Rep. Claman to the FAA on this issue.*
 - *Sandy Rabinowitch shared that he agrees with the other comments regarding the state budget and revenue, he has lived in the state long enough to have paid state income tax and it did not significantly detract from his life. He is especially concerned about cuts to education, and the long term implications of lower-quality education. He would like to educate all other children, even though his own children are grown.* Rep. Claman thanked him for his comments.
 - *Dan Gleason asked about the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation project with a 24" line (ASAP)—what is the status of this project, have there been hearings set up to discuss it? He commented that the proposed cost (\$10 million) and a smaller pipeline seems preferable as a future revenue source.* No, no hearings have been set at this point. Rep. Claman has seen general skepticism in Juneau about the viability of this project in current market conditions, and the cost.
 - *Pat Redmond reiterated her comments that she supports an income tax, and that the state needs to find more revenues—cuts alone will continue to damage the economy and quality of life. She would support other options such as a school tax if they would be effective.* Sen. Costello shared that the legislature is seriously considering revenue options. In her committee legislators asked economists what the most effective forms of revenue would be in terms of solving the budget gap: a Permanent Fund endowment would be the most impactful, but other solutions will be needed as well. She is hopeful that there will be more cooperation and more action in session this year.
 - *Jonathan Galin shared that he had spoken with the senator in the past about a tax on sugar-sweetened drinks such as soda, he would like to see the legislature consider such a tax, and he speculated that it may generate much more revenue than the current marijuana tax, for example.* She appreciated the follow-up, and pointed out that the legislature only has 90 days to look at the various options on the table, and try to prioritize solutions that will have the most impact. She agrees that sugary drinks do have health impacts and take a large toll on the economy in terms of health care costs and lost productivity.
 - *Dan Gleason shared that a local woman got an 18-month sentence with a 15-month suspension for having a gun in the house and accessible, and her young (3 year old) child shot themselves accidentally. He feels that was too short of a sentence and that there should be changes to SB 91.* Sen. Costello reiterated that the legislature is looking closely at criminal justice and changes to SB 91, including first time Felony C convictions. There definitely needs

to be a balance between stiff penalties and effective justice. She believes this is one of the biggest improvements the legislature can make this year to the law passed last year.

- *Dan Gleason also asked Sen. Costello the same question noted above re: Alaska Gasline ASAP project. He encourages the senator to study this further and to support the project, he communicated his support.* Sen. Costello shared that she introduced a bill for Alaskans to have equity ownership in a pipeline (not specifying which one at this point) and has gotten broad support so far.
- *Tim Steele commented that he has heard that there is significant disagreement between the Senate and House about the relative importance of taxes, Permanent Fund management, and further cuts.* Sen. Costello commented that the disparity appears to be primarily in how much to reduce the budget, not so much on how much revenue to raise. There needs to be broad buy-in on the concept of having a sustainable budget, and that compromise is needed. There are philosophical differences among Alaskans that make the task difficult but not impossible.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

- Check Turnagain CC's presence on Facebook and NextDoor! Join the Facebook group "Turnagain Community Forum" or watch for posts to Turnagain North and South neighborhoods on NextDoor.
- If you have not already done so, sign up for e-mail updates from TCC and other community councils. There was a flyer available at the meeting providing instructions on how to sign up.
- **TCC still needs a President for 2017!** The election was held in November and a new slate of officers elected for 2017 (with the current Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a new Member at Large). However, there were no nominations or candidates for President—we need someone to serve for next year! Please contact the board if you are interested (tccpresident@yahoo.com). **We will hold a special election as soon as we receive one or more candidate nominations.**
- **Approval of TCC Letter re: Draft Lake Hood Master Plan:** TCC submitted a letter of comments on January 16 regarding the draft Lake Hood Master Plan, reiterating positions taken in the past on airport issues. The council has taken positions on proposals including additional development around Lake Hood, impacts on wetlands, and other issues.
 - **Jonathan Galin asked for clarification on the master plan, and when it would be approved?** Cathy Gleason shared more information about the plan, as well as commenting that John Johansen may share more information about timeline in the Airport report.
 - **Motion by Pat Redmond to approve the letter from TCC dated January 16, 2017 regarding the Lake Hood Master Plan draft. Second by Dan Gleason.**
 - **Vote on motion: 10 yes, 0 no. Letter approved.**
- **West Anchorage Candidates Forum, Spring 2017:** TCC and other councils have for several years have held Candidates Forums for West Anchorage residents to meet candidates for state and local offices (Legislature, Mayor, Assembly, School Board) as well as sharing information about ballot issues when possible. Cathy Gleason asked on behalf of the TCC board, would the membership like to participate and help organize this event?
 - *A member asked if the event is on a weekend, and what location?* Cathy shared that the event is typically held on a weeknight, and has been at the Spenard Recreation Center in the past.
 - *Tim Steele asked if a date has been set yet?* No, nothing has been planned yet.
 - *Gloria Manni pointed out that there have been costs for hosting the meetings, and that volunteers have contributed to these costs for food and publicity. Should TCC contribute any money to this event?* The group can discuss this if the membership supports hosting the event. Cathy added that each council receives \$75 each year for outreach, which can be spent on meeting supplies among other things.
 - **Motion by Dan Gleason to support TCC initiating planning and hosting of the West Anchorage Candidates Forum, in cooperation with the other West Anchorage community councils. Second by Kathleen Bielawski.**

- **Vote on motion: all yes, 0 no. Organizing and hosting of the West Anchorage Candidates Forum approved.**
- **Federation of Community Councils:** Cathy Gleason summarized the January 18 meeting:
 - FCC is updating their website to make it more user friendly. Send your suggestions and feedback to the Federation of Community Councils!
 - Mark Butler has expressed interest in running for the West Anchorage Assembly seat on the ballot this April. (Other candidates include Tim Steele and David Nees, who were in attendance at the meeting and expressed their interest to run).
 - Jared James is the Community Council liaison from the mayor's office, and attends FCC meetings. Sharon Lane lives in this neighborhood and is also available, but Jared James
 - There will be community town hall meetings held by the Muni, potentially later this month – details to follow.
 - Please do not park on the street during plowing season! Police are tagging cars left in the right of way, if the car is not moved within 24 hours it will be towed. It is important to make room for the plows when the snow builds up!
 - Two community councils merged recently, and two others (North Star and Midtown) will be merging soon. The Muni assembly will
 - There is an Anchorage School District data dashboard available online, including key information about each school.
 - The Assembly is reviewing the ballot measures to be included in April. One item that will likely be included is expanding the Park District to some areas of Hillside, which would be an additional assessment on the residents in that area, no change to those outside. The ballot measure will be voted on by all residents, both in and outside the district, since it requires a vote of the public overall.
 - Anchorage Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) is conducting a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which is a regional plan for economic development. There is a survey online about Anchorage's current and future economic climate, please add your feedback! <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANCHCEDS>
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- **President's Report | We are seeking a new President for the 2017 term!**
- **Treasurer's Report | Gloria Manni**
 - None.
- **Vice President's Report | Cathy Gleason**
 - No updates.
- **Secretary's Report | Anna Brawley**
 - No updates.
- **Member at Large's Report | Sandy Rabinowitch**
 - No updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use Committee: Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Map

- The draft land use plan is currently at P&ZC, meeting on Monday, February 6 to discuss the Land Use Plan Map. They have been reviewing the draft since November, and asked for specific feedback from TCC about proposed land use designations at and around the Airport.
 - **Motion by Joan McKinnon to support for TCC to approve the comment letter submitted by the Land Use Committee. Second by Pat Redmond.**
 - **Discussion:**
 - Anna pointed out that TCC did also support the objections of residents and the property owner of the mobile home park along Hillcrest Drive last month, but this is not reflected in the specific letter presented for approval. It was submitted as a separate comment supporting the comments of those individuals.

- The comments provided in the letter are specific to the map and language in the plan regarding portions of the Airport.
- **Vote on motion: 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passes. The letter has already been shared with the Planning Department, so approval will be communicated.**
- **Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean** (from Northern Lights to the estuary along the Coastal Trail): a broad group of interested people have advocated for creation of a trail connection from Northern Lights along the AK Railroad right of way. The Muni Parks & Recreation Department has taken on the project, and the residents who supported it are now participating as an advisory group. There is no agreed-on route yet, but some possibilities have been suggested; the Railroad has stated that they would not like the trail in the easement, but it would either be along this route or would be built into the Fish Creek Estuary.
The group has proposed including the trail, broadly, on the new land use plan map, and is suggesting this idea to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Anna Brawley shared that earlier in the day, the Marijuana Control Board voted to close the regulation project with guidelines for onsite consumption of marijuana at retail stores, deciding to not take up the issue until a later time.

Turnagain St./Turnagain Blvd. Upgrades:

- This project is moving forward, and just completed the 95% design. Funding for this project will be on the April ballot as a bond measure. TCC formed a committee to track this project and have been following this project, including meeting periodically with the consultant team to provide input. Cathy Gleason was the only committee member available, and worked with the consultant team to determine which tree species to recommend for planting. Species include: a type of spruce, white bark birch trees, lodgepole pines, and mountain ash. Contact Cathy with questions about the tree selections.

AIRPORT REPORT | JOHN JOHANSEN

- See airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: www.anchorageairport.com
- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan:** The public review draft of the Lake Hood Seaplane Base master plan is available at the website: www.lhdmasterplan.com, and the team is preparing a comment-response document for the comments submitted. They are anticipating the plan to be finalized by March 31.
- **Snow Removal:** Snow removal is a big job on the runways, and often requires closing a runway in order to complete the task—this means there are occasional re-routing of flights over Midtown. Residents of Spenard and possibly south Turnagain may hear additional noise during these times.
- **Airport Job Fair:** There will be a hiring fair on April 8, 10 to 3 p.m. at the Airport, with a variety of employers participating.
- **Transportation Fair:** Wednesday, February 15 at the Alaska Airlines Center. The Airport is participating, will include information about a variety of transportation projects in Anchorage. It is a good chance to learn about several different projects happening in the region.
- **Hiring Opportunity:** The Airport is actively seeking heavy equipment operators, as well as facility maintenance personnel. Visit www.workplacealaska.com for more information.
- **Terminal Update:** The Airport will have a recycling program in the Anchorage terminal anymore, they have found that travelers are not using the bins properly and separating items.
- On request from the TCC Board, John provided current passenger and cargo information for 2016 (see the graph provided on the handout). There are approximately 5 million passengers per year, with the highest traffic in the summer.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - Anna Brawley asked about any public safety issues related to alcohol at the airport: related to liquor licenses, or growler sales, or other issues? John isn't aware of growler issues, these may arise on airplanes but not in the terminal. The alcohol related issues at the airport are

primarily people arriving intoxicated and being unruly, or occasionally an unruly passenger on a flight that has been diverted to Anchorage for an unscheduled stop.

- *Tim Steele asked whether APD responds to these incidents, and whether the Airport detains people onsite to sober up?* Airport security handles incidents, local law enforcement and fire do respond to some incidents but generally the airport personnel remove the person from the
- *Gloria Manni asked how the cargo and passenger numbers compare with the 2007 peak numbers reported in the Airport Master Plan?* John shared that the peak operations were approximately 212,000 annually, and currently are below 200,000. The number of passengers have increased, but the number of planes flying has decreased. Cargo has been increasing, but planes are also larger and can carry more cargo. The anticipated growth requiring a new runway was projected at 260,000 operations annually.
- *Tim Steele commented that the Port of Anchorage appreciates the delivery pipeline of fuel! This cuts down on the number of trucks and trains needed to transport fuel.*

ASSEMBLY REPORT | MEMBERS TIM STEELE, ERIC CROFT

- **April 4 Ballot:** The Assembly decided not to put the following issues on the ballot: red light cameras, sales tax, bed tax increase of 2%, and the advisory vote to remove fluoride from city water. The bond package proposed is a total of \$46 million, including funding for the Turnagain Blvd. upgrade project.
- **Spenard Road:** The project is approved! The Assembly has approved use of eminent domain to settle the remaining 4 to 6 parcels who had not yet agreed to purchase from these properties. The final decision for these purchases will be determined by a court, who will set the appropriate value.
- **Alternating Street Parking:** Eric Croft received a suggestion to require alternating sides of the street parking restrictions: he is seeking resident feedback on this idea. During the snowy months, parking on-street can inhibit snow plowing and create problems – requiring cars to park only on one side of the street following odd and even days.
 - *Anna Brawley shared that she has lived in other cities with similar policies but in West Anchorage, many streets are narrow with many driveways, narrow lots, and therefore limited on-street parking is available between driveways or other obstructions. She supports the idea in theory but is concerned about how it would actually work for our part of town.*
- **Midtown Community Council:** Spenard Community Council passed a resolution of support for this change, they will receive the southern portion of Midtown from 36th to International, to Seward Hwy. North Star Community Council will receive the northern portion.
- **School Bonds:** ASD has proposed a school bond totaling \$58 million. The school bonds include a variety of physical upgrades, roof replacements, and other work. ASD has paid off an equivalent or higher amount of the bond amount in recent years, so this bond package would replace that debt.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Jonathan Galin asked about the status of the SAP software project?* The project is scheduled to end in June 2017, and the Muni is actively overseeing the consultant, which has helped. The project is on track to be done later this year, fall 2017 if not sooner. The official deadline is June 30, but they may need a short extension.

MAYOR'S REPORT | SHARON LANE

- **APD Town Hall:** The first Town Hall meeting will be on Thursday, March 2nd, 7pm at Spenard Recreation Center. The second meeting will be later in March, details pending.
- **Bond Package:** Sharon shared highlights from the Parks and Recreation bond package, it is available from the Municipality.
- **Snow Plowing Map:** There is a new map available showing which streets are city and which are state responsibility, and when they are scheduled to be plowed. Check it out on the Muni website!
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Dan Gleason commented that the March 2 APD Town Hall is the same night as the next TCC meeting, he encourages attending both if possible!*

KIWANIS FISH CREEK PARK & MILE 2.2 COASTAL TRAIL BENCH PROJECTS | CHAD TAYLOR

- Chad shared that since the last meeting, his team have decided to consolidate their efforts of multiple benches into a single bench design at Mile 2.2 Coastal Trail. The Fish Creek Park bench will not move forward at this time, so they are just presenting the Coastal Trail bench. This project will be brought to the Parks and Recreation Commission on Thursday, February 9.
- The bench design is approximately 50' by 6' footprint, larger than the original design but other feedback included request for more seating and more bike parking. The bench would accommodate approximately 13 to 14 people, and 5 or 6 bikes. The team constructed a full-size prototype, using galvanized steel including reclaimed light poles in the Muni that have been damaged and were removed. The actual bench will likely be constructed of galvanized steel, without a paint coating since it would chip over time. The wood will use reclaimed Muni signs, without any lettering showing and re-stained and sealed.
- **Motion by Pat Redmond to approve the draft resolution supporting the final design of the Mile 2.2 Coastal Trail Bench Project as presented during the meeting. Second by Jonathan Galin.**
 - **Discussion:**
 - Sandy Rabinowitch thanked Chad for coming back to the Council multiple times and incorporating input into the project! He looks forward to seeing it on the trail.
 - **Vote on motion: 11 yes, 0 no. Resolution passes. The board will transmit the signed resolution to Intrinsic Landscapes for support during their presentation at the Parks and Recreation Department.**
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Tim Steele commented that Spenard Community Council shared concerns about dog waste along Fish Creek Trail, and the need for "pooper scooper" stations along the trails, and this may be of interest as well as trail amenities.* Chad thanked him for these ideas.
 - *Gloria Manni asked about the level of comfort on the benches, and whether they have been tested?* Chad shared that they brought both prototypes to events around town to test them, and have gotten a lot of positive feedback on both designs. Generally people have reported that the

ANCHORAGE WEST LITTLE LEAGUE (AWLL) LYN ARY FIELD EXPANSION

- This item was presented last month as a preliminary project, led by the Little League, who encourage community participation by interested neighbors. Contact TCC (tccpresident@yahoo.com) if you would like to be included on a list of interested individuals if a new committee forms for this project.

MINNESOTA DRIVE REPAVEMENT PROJECT | KRISTIN KEIFER

- There are two segments of the project to repave the road, mitigate ruts, and address drainage issues.
 - The first phase is the southern portion, Tudor to the Seward Highway, planned to be completed in 2018
 - The second phase is scheduled to happen late 2018 to early 2019, there are some additional drainage system improvements needed.
- Additionally, there is a highway safety improvement project on Minnesota with a "weaving" lane between International Blvd. and Raspberry Rd. The design is similar to the one at 92nd and O'Malley.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Pat Redmond asked if any significant changes to the lanes will be made?* No, it will require some drainage infrastructure fixes but will not add or subtract lanes.
 - *Dan Gleason asked about the repavement project on a portion of Minnesota, will that be redone?* No, this section would not be repaved, it is a high-friction pavement that would be retained. There are studies to consider other high-crash areas and
 - *Sandy asked about whether the project would make aesthetic improvements to the medians, such as landscaping?* This is not scheduled to be part of the project, which is just repaving and

specific improvements. However, some landscaping work may be done on the berms as needed, including trimming of overgrown foliage.

- *Cathy Gleason asked about whether any trees would be removed?* Generally no, but it will depend on what is needed to accomplish the drainage system replacements, as well as curb ramps which have some obstruction currently with shrubs. There may be other clearing and overgrowth which would be cleared, but primarily shrubs not trees.

AMATS ANCHORAGE FREIGHT MOBILITY STUDY | TERESA BREWER, STEPHEN DECKER

- AMATS, the regional transportation organization for Anchorage who manages projects at the local level, is working with HDR to conduct a freight mobility study.
- The study proposes potential increased traffic on West Northern Lights for companies such as FedEx and UPS who send trucks through to the rest of the city. West Northern Lights is a secondary freight route, not a primary freight route, but this recommendation has been held by the AMATS Advisory Committee. The draft is out for review and comment; the team will prepare a comment-response.
- Some of the recommendations included in this study were included in the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan, a planning document which is also in the process of being updated.
- There is a work session on Friday, February 10 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss this portion of the study.
- As the population and economy grows over time, more freight and cargo is projected to be transported on local roads. This means that a long-term plan is needed to address future freight movement needs. The study has included a forecasting component, reviewing proposals for handling this growth and evaluating the pros and cons of each option, as well as reviewing best practices.
- There were several evaluation criteria used to determine the best recommendations, including readiness; need for the project; is it in line with existing policies and plans; regional significance; number of modes affected; safety; neighborhood impacts; and consistency with the region's goals.
- The study ultimately makes recommendations as low, medium, high need as well as short, medium and long term needs. Most large-scale projects were rated as long term, such as grade separation of rail and road routes which require significant construction.
- This study is part of the larger set of transportation planning documents from large scale to specific modes: bike, trail, pedestrian, and freight plans. Each is a component with more detail to supplement the overall Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- The specific recommendations for West Northern Lights include improvements to the intersection of WNL and Postmark Drive, especially tight left and right turns, and improvements along WNL between Postmark Drive and Nathaniel Court, including pavement rehabilitation and drainage improvements. This area would still not be a primary freight route, and the projections currently do not anticipate an increase of truck traffic through this area, but would make the route safer and more efficient.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Dan Gleason suggested removing the light at Postmark Drive and International and including a raised intersection to make International a better route than West Northern Lights.*
 - *Cathy shared that Turnagain Community Council has been opposed to the proposal Dan presented, a raised intersection would increase the noise from traffic elevated above the ground.* Steve thanked Cathy for the background.
 - *Gloria Manni shared that she is opposed to use of West Northern Lights as a freight route, the neighborhood has traffic issues at certain times of day.*
 - *Jonathan Galin asked why AMATS would not require freight to use primary routes along International and Minnesota?*
 - *David Nees asked whether the study refers back to the previous 2001 study? He also noted that there was a study in 1987 studying freight, and wondered if the team had looked at these previous studies.* The team has looked back at previous plans, but Steve could not comment specifically on which items have been incorporated from previous plans.

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- *Anna Brawley commented that she encourages the future design to include safety features for bikers at the intersection of Postmark and Northern Lights, currently the road is not aligned with the access to the Coastal Trail to the north. This study would not directly address that, but that would certainly be good feedback for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.*
- *Cathy Gleason commented that she saw in other related documents that this is listed as a high priority project, and is planned to accommodate a projected increase in freight traffic in the future—but the presentation suggested that this is only for the current level of traffic. Steve commented that the project is feasible in terms of cost and timing, and is a needed upgrade for mobility. This depends in part on the projected traffic from individual carriers.*
- *Jonathan Galin noted his concern about the noise and traffic impacts on the neighborhood would increase with an increase in traffic, and he suggested that other policies could be used such as limits on time of day, weight limits, and other limits that would minimize or mitigate impacts. Avoiding neighborhood impacts is one criteria, but these ideas would certainly be taken into account. Other facilities such as ports and airports operate under these restrictions, so this is a possibility.*
- *Cathy Gleason commented that neighbors have tolerated the traffic and noise impacts to date, but are certainly concerned about* shared that the next Technical Advisory Committee is Thursday, March 9.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

CLOSING

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, March 2, 2017** at this same location: Lake Hood Elementary Library.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Anna Brawley on 2/7/2017

Minutes approved by Turnagain Community Council at its regular meeting on 3/2/2017