

# Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason — as of May 2, 2017

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## MAY 2017 NOTICES:

- **May 3 & 4 — Airport Firefighting Training Exercises.** Large plumes of dark smoke coming from the Airport's self-contained burn pit facility may be visible during these exercises.  
*Questions? Contact:* Chief Jesse Davis, 266-2407
- **May 4 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lake Hood Elementary Library, 3601 W. 40<sup>th</sup> 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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- **May 5 — Annual Airport Clean-up Day, 10:00 a.m.** Meet at the Old Field Maintenance Facility on Aircraft Dr. for work assignments and a barbeque lunch afterwards.
- **May 6 — TCC Clean Up at Earthquake Park, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Earthquake Park Parking Lot** Due to construction at Turnagain Elementary School, TCC will be meeting in the Lake Hood Elementary library until further notice.  
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- **May 6-7 — Great Alaska Aviation Gathering, FedEx Hanger on Postmark Dr.**  
*Info:* [www.greatalaskaaviationgathering.org/](http://www.greatalaskaaviationgathering.org/)
- **May 8 — Continued Deliberations — Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Public Hearing Draft, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2016-0127. Once the P&ZC votes on its recommendations, the LUP will go to the Assembly for final approval. *The TCC Land Use Committee has submitted input on the latest proposed changes provided by the Planning Dept. staff on land use designations in and around the Airport and will continue following development of the LUP.*  
*Info on the Plan:* [landuseplanmap@muni.org](mailto:landuseplanmap@muni.org), 343-7921  
*TCC LUPM Committee Co-chairs:*  
Anna Brawley, [annab.brawley@gmail.com](mailto:annab.brawley@gmail.com), or Cathy Gleason, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- **May 9 — From Here to the Future: Transforming Anchorage/Mat-Su Transportation.** Alaska Common Ground is presenting a series of events featuring speakers from Calgary and City of Madison, WI, who will share their experience and ideas, followed by a series of panels of local experts and citizens.  
*Info:* [akcommonground.org](http://akcommonground.org), [info@akcommonground.org](mailto:info@akcommonground.org)
- **May 11-15 — Anchorage Waterways Council's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Creek Cleanup.** Choose a day and location and sign up a team in advance. Bags, gloves, first-aid kits, hand wipes, directions, maps, etc. will be ready for pick up a week prior to May 11th — or show up on **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Westchester Lagoon** for supplies. If you see large collections of trash and debris in or near a creek or wetland, please call 27-CREEK.  
*To sign up for a creek cleaning location, go to:* [http://anchoragecreeks.org/pages/creekcleanup\\_teamsignup.php](http://anchoragecreeks.org/pages/creekcleanup_teamsignup.php)
- **May 12 — COUNCIL COMMENT DEADLINE — Fish Creek Trail Rehabilitation Project.** The latest version of the trail rehab. design has been released for TCC review.  
*If you are interested in reviewing the Fish Creek Trail design, contact:* TCC Acting President Cathy Gleason, [tccpresent@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com), [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442

- **May 18th — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**  
*Info:* TCC VP & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **May 20 — 2017 Anchorage Fire Department Open House, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., AFD Fire Training Center, 1150 Airport Heights Dr.** Events will include AFD static equipment displays and demonstrations, junior firefighter activities for kids, home exit drills and free lunch. Live fire burn demos will be at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. The Elliott Taylor Memorial Blood Drive and Safe Kids Alaska car seat inspections will run throughout the event. *Free parking available behind Alaska Regional Hospital adjacent to the southeast end of Merrill Field.*
- **May 23 — AEDC Community Roundtable, 5:30-7:00 p.m., BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Blvd.**  
The Anchorage Economic Development Corporation is hosting a series of community and business roundtables, with the goal of aligning business priorities with public priorities in developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (closest one to Turnagain is at the BP Energy Center). Free and open to the public.  
*Info:* AEDC Business & Economic Development Coordinator Samantha Luban, sluban@aedcweb.com
- **May 25 — AMATS Policy Committee Meeting — Approval of Draft Anchorage Freight Mobility Study, 1:30-3:30 p.m., City Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Mayor's Conference Rm.** At their April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, the AMATS Policy Committee postponed taking action on the Freight Mobility Study until May 25<sup>th</sup>. *TCC Acting President Cathy Gleason testified at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, expressing TCC's position opposing Pt. Woronzof Dr./WNL project upgrades included in the draft FMS to accommodate freight traffic, as well as proposing freight traffic using Lake Hood Dr. as an alternate access to WNL.*  
*To view the draft FMS Plan, go to:*  
[http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/Freight\\_Mobility/Study\\_2016/Draft\\_FMS.pdf](http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/Freight_Mobility/Study_2016/Draft_FMS.pdf)
- **May 31st — COUNCIL COMMENT DEADLINE — Municipality Capital Improvement Program Community Council Project Ranking.** *TCC will rank our top project priorities for Municipal Roads and Drainage projects as well as Muni Parks & Recreation projects at our May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.*  
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## JUNE 2017 NOTICES:

- **June 1 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., — PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION — Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lunney Center, 3900 Wisconsin St. MANY THANKS TO LAKE HOOD ELEMENTARY FOR ALLOWING TCC TO MEET AT THEIR SCHOOL THIS PAST YEAR!**  
*Info:* TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
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## PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Draft Heritage Land Bank 2017 Work Program & Five-Year Management Plan**  
On April 13, the HLB Advisory Committee passed a resolution in support of the draft plans, which will now go before the Assembly for final approval. *TCC provided testimony at the hearing, including a request for the HLB parcels west of the Airport to be transferred to the Parks & Recreation Department for parkland dedication. The Coastal Trail and portions of the Sisson Loop Trail are located in these parcels.*  
*To view Draft Plans:*  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/hlb/2014%20Docs/2017%20DRAFT%20HLB%20Work%20Plan%20with%20Appendices.pdf>  
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- **2017 SPEED HUMPS CONSTRUCTION IN TURNAGAIN**

The Municipality and HLD Engineering propose speed hump installation this summer for the following Turnagain locations:

- 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between Wisconsin St. and Turnagain St. — 2 Speed Humps
- McKenzie Dr. between Sagan Cir. and Milky Way Dr. — 2 Speed Humps

*For more info., contact:* Nick Oliveira, P.E., Project Manager, HDL Engineering Consultants, [nolveira@hdlalaska.com](mailto:nolveira@hdlalaska.com), 564-2136 OR Tim Myland, P.E., Traffic Calming Coordinator, MOA, [mylandtd@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:mylandtd@ci.anchorage.ak.us), 343-8470

- **[BIG NEWS! LEGAL BATTLE OVER LYN ARY PARK MEMORIAL GARDEN IS FINALLY OVER!](#)**

On February 16, 2017, the Alaska Supreme Court issued two orders that DENIED the private property owners' request for reconsideration and hearing of their previous ruling in favor of the Municipality of Anchorage. On September 26, 2016, the Appellants filed for a Petition for Rehearing; and on October 17, 2016, Reconsideration for Relief from Judgment was filed. According to Assistant Municipal Robert Owens, "The Lyn Ary Community Garden case is finally over!" *At our April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, TCC presented Certificates of Appreciation to Robert Owens & Chris Heberg as well as Jim Gorski, who was unable to attend. Many, many thanks to Bob and others from the MOA Legal Dept. for diligently working on this legal battle for 10+ years! A number of items related to the Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden will be discussed at our May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

- **[Mile 2.2 Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Bench Project](#)**

This new bench, *which TCC passed a resolution in support of the project*, will be installed sometime in May! It will feature lots more seating space as well as provide bike racks at this scenic location along the Coastal Trail.

- **Turnagain Blvd. Upgrade**

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION FUNDING WAS INCLUDED IN THE MOA ROADS & DRAINAGE BOND, WHICH PASSED APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> AND CONSTRUCTION IS SLATED TO BEGIN THIS SUMMER! *Upgrades to Turnagain Blvd. has been TCC's highest priority CIP Roads & Drainage project for several years.*

*Info. and to review project materials. Open House graphics and comments:* CRW Engineering Group, LLC, [www.turnagainstreet.com](http://www.turnagainstreet.com), [comments@crweng.com](mailto:comments@crweng.com), 562-3252

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2040**

The MTP 2040 Update for Anchorage and Chugiaki-Eagle River, which will identify and prioritize transportation improvements for the next 20 years, is now being developed.

**To sign up to receive news and information about the MTP 2040 process, go to:**

[http://www.mtp2040.com/?utm\\_source=Public+Involvement&utm\\_campaign=e751a7eab0-](http://www.mtp2040.com/?utm_source=Public+Involvement&utm_campaign=e751a7eab0-)

[EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2017\\_04\\_28&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6e079a03c1-e751a7eab0-140985441](mailto:EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_04_28&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6e079a03c1-e751a7eab0-140985441)

- **TED STEVENS ANCHORAGE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 2017 SUMMER CONSTRUCTIONS PROJECTS**

The Airport has released information on construction projects slated for development this summer.

**To view the 2017 Construction Projects Map and associated descriptions, go to:** [anchorageairport.com](http://www.anchorageairport.com) or

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/anc/about/2017-ANC-Summer-Construction-Projects.pdf>

- **ALASKA AIRPORTS AND AVIATION 2016 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE**

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities has released the above report. It includes: Message from Deputy Commissioner Binder, Major Airport Projects, Alaska Aviations System Plan Accomplishments and the Alaska International Airport System Business Report. *In 2016, passenger enplanements were up about 1.1% and cargo enplanements down about 3.1%.*

**To view the report, go to:** [http://dot.alaska.gov/documents/aviation/2016Annual\\_Report.pdf](http://dot.alaska.gov/documents/aviation/2016Annual_Report.pdf)

- **PETE NO. 1 CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS/BEVERAGE CUPS NOW ACCEPTED IN BOTH MOA SOLID WASTE SERVICES & ALASKA WASTE CURBSIDE RECYCLE BINS!!**

Look for the recycle symbol "PETE 1" on the clear plastic. Included in this category are 'clamshell' style food containers or other clear plastic containers, and clear plastic beverage cups. *PLEASE NOTE: Drop-off recycling locations still won't accept these types of containers/cups.* Another reason to sign up for curbside recycling!

- **CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PLAN**

Chugach Electric has released its 2017-2021 electrical line undergrounding project list. Wisconsin St., from W. Northern Lights Blvd. to W. 44<sup>th</sup> Ave., undergrounding on the west side is scheduled for 2021 — at a projected cost of \$2M.

**To view the Plan, go to:**

[http://www.chugachelectric.com/system/files/regulatory\\_affairs/2017-2021\\_undergrounding\\_plan\\_small.pdf](http://www.chugachelectric.com/system/files/regulatory_affairs/2017-2021_undergrounding_plan_small.pdf)

- **#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](http://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.peoplemover.org](http://www.peoplemover.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 “ANCHORAGE 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](http://www.muni.org) and on the Mayor’s page at:**

[www.muni.org/departments/mayor/pages/default.aspx](http://www.muni.org/departments/mayor/pages/default.aspx).

**Comments, questions and concerns can also be submitted through emailing:** [mayor@muni.org](mailto: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](http://www.anchorageairport.com), News and Highlights section