

MINUTES: ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

February 21, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Bruce Roberts at 6:37 pm at Abbott Loop Elementary. 16 people present.

Officers and Board members present: Bruce Roberts, Patti Higgins, Calvin Schrage, Susan Soule, Pat O'Hara, Vicki Gerken.

Minutes were approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report: \$589.87 plus \$20 cash. Patti Higgins is owed \$161.05 for the Abbott Loop Community Park shelter rental for this summer's June Picnic. Report approved w/o change.

Representative Laddie Shaw: Submitted a written report. House is organized and Bryce Edgemon from Dillingham is the Chair. There is a majority of 25 Republicans, Democrats, and Independents and a minority of 15. Rep Shaw will sit in the minority caucus. His priority will be Fiscal Responsibility, Public Safety, and Job Creation. Lance Pruitt is the Minority Leader. There will be a townhall Saturday, Feb 23rd from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at the ASD Headquarters at 5530 E Northern Lights.

Assembly Member Felix Rivera: They are working on the Flame-Retardant Ordinance. Public testimony on the bus barn move to Martin Luther King Drive across from police HQ. There is a rezone on the Lower Hillside. The Assembly had a meeting on the Governor's Budget. Three main cuts to Anchorage. 1) MOA Revenue sharing slashed \$6 million. 2) Oil and Gas Revenue sharing cut \$2.6 million. 3) Medicare cut \$9 million. There is also cut to the Human Services grant of \$826,231 which will displace 2,717 people.

Assembly Member Dick Traini: State is cutting bond payments, even the one formerly promised for reimbursement. The proposed cuts to the Foundation Formula also cause cuts to how much Anchorage can give to the schools. \$44 million dollar cut to our schools. You need to talk to Anchorage caucus about how you feel about the cuts. There is a proposal to increase the age of the sale of tobacco products to 21 years. Right now, alcohol is only taxed at the State level. There is a proposal for Anchorage to tax alcohol and it will raise \$11 to \$13 million. Question from the floor noted that the Foundation Formula is unfair to Anchorage. Cost of homes used to be much more but now other cities have comparable costs so we should be getting more.

Assembly Member John Weddleton: Showed the final printed Public Notice signs that will now be used. They are different depending on what action is being taken such as Alcohol (A), Marijuana (M), etc. He promised to make this process more transparent and succeeded.

Mountain Meadows Update: Steve S says the existing house is still there. March 6 is hearing. Colony is planning to build on 10 lots and sell rest of the lots to other builders.

FCC update: Vote by mail process from the MOA clerk explained: There are more drop off locations. CIP process: We can start on March 1. We have until May 31st to turn in rankings. Challenge Grants are open for Parks. Nancy Burke spoke in favor of alcohol tax and CHARR spoke against. Bonds: Jacques Boutet, P.E. with Anchorage Tomorrow spoke in favor Parks and other bonds. One of the bonds is for Academy Road to Scooter so it will be ready to handle the traffic created when the State completes the underpass in 2021. Tom Davis spoke about the 2024 plan and R-2 development.

Candidates for the Municipal Election April 2, 2019

- John Weddleton

Roads & Projects, Calvin Schrage: Second stage of O'Malley. New Seward – Scooter underpass. Went to Transportation Fair. Academy – Vanguard Abbott will be done by MOA before state projects break ground. We need the pond passed to be prepared for the State part. For the entrance to Campbell Science Center Elmore and 68th is the preferred alternative. Dowling Round-a-bout will start work in 2020. Right now they are acquiring more property. O'Malley phase II will start Spring 2020.

Parks and Rec Committee: Susan Soule: An engineer may come talk to us about Spruce Park – the Superfund site.

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee Long Branch and American Legion are up for renewal. Danish Gardens, the largest marijuana producer in the State (20,000 sq ft,) is applying for a retail license. They started cultivation two years ago. They were also the first in the State and MOA .

P & Z: No news.

Membership and Events: The Summer Picnic will be Thursday, June 20, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Abbott Loop Community Park. We will have door prizes, BBQ Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, potluck sides and desserts, games, and we are trying to get the Fire Department to bring a rig.

Abbott Loop Community Patrol: Patti Higgins Always looking for new members. Things seem to have quieted down in the area.

New Business:

- **Nancy Burke from the Mayor's Office:** Alcohol tax. We see a lot of impact from the Homeless. 5% retail will get \$11 to \$15 million annually and this is above the tax cap. Will tax business and bring alcohol to the same level as marijuana. Motion made by Calvin Schrage seconded by Susan Soule to pass a Resolution of Support for the Alcohol Tax. Move to amend by Susan Soule and seconded by Calvin Schrage as follows: add the word "prevention" at the end of the second Whereas; and add to the end of the fourth Whereas the words "alcohol prevention through education." Amendment passed 8-0. Motion passed 9-0.
- **John Johnanison for the International Airport:** The North-South runway will be shut down from April to October. Prepare for the resulting noise when the planes have to turn east and then turn over Anchorage. See attached handout.

Municipal Election Day is April 2, 2019.

Next ALCC Meetings: March 25th April 25th, May 16th, 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm at Abbott Loop Elementary. Summer picnic Thursday, June 20th 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Abbott Loop Community Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

A Resolution in Support of the Anchorage Municipal Alcohol Tax

Whereas the Anchorage community has seen an increase in crime related to the lack of mental health services and substance abuse treatment and the community has been asking for a solution for years and

Whereas the Municipality of Anchorage proposes to tax alcohol at 5% and dedicate the revenue to public safety, mental health, and substance abuse and misuse treatment and *prevention and*

Whereas a 5% tax could raise between \$11-\$15 million annually and

Whereas the revenue will be dedicated to fund alcohol and substance abuse detox and treatment facilities, expand Anchorage Safety Patrol, team social works with police for mental health evaluations, or fund homeless services like camp abatement and *alcohol prevention thru education and*

Whereas the funds cannot be used to fund general government services and

Whereas the Administration is required to present how the revenue is being spent and the Assembly will have to approve new and continued spending with public input and

Whereas the revenue is greatly needed in the community and will help many Alaskans

Therefore, we ^{Abbott Loop} Community Council with a vote of 9 support and 0 oppose resolve to support the Municipal Alcohol Tax.

Signed,

Bruce Roberts

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President

Abbott Loop Community Council

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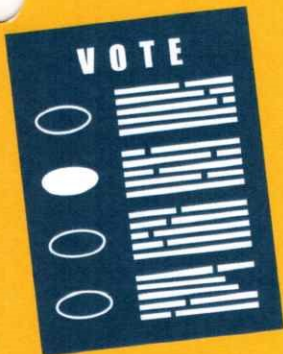
April 2, 2019 is a Vote by Mail Election

Qualified registered voters will receive a ballot package in the mail about three weeks before Election Day



Traditional polling locations will not be open for voting on Election Day

Vote by Mail is as easy as 1-2-3!



1. Vote your ballot, filling in the ovals completely. Place your voted ballot into the enclosed security envelope and place the security envelope into the ballot return envelope.

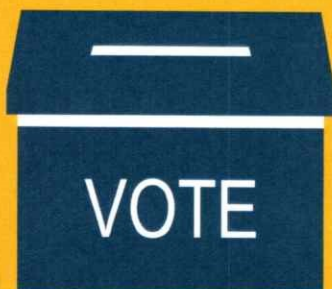
2. Sign the voter declaration on the back of the ballot return envelope.



3. Save postage and place your ballot in a Secure Drop Box or return it to an Accessible Vote Center.

Or return your ballot with first class postage at the United States Postal Service.

View a map of Secure Drop Box and Accessible Vote Center locations at: muni.org/elections/AVC



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Frequently Asked Questions

ANC North/South Runway Renewal

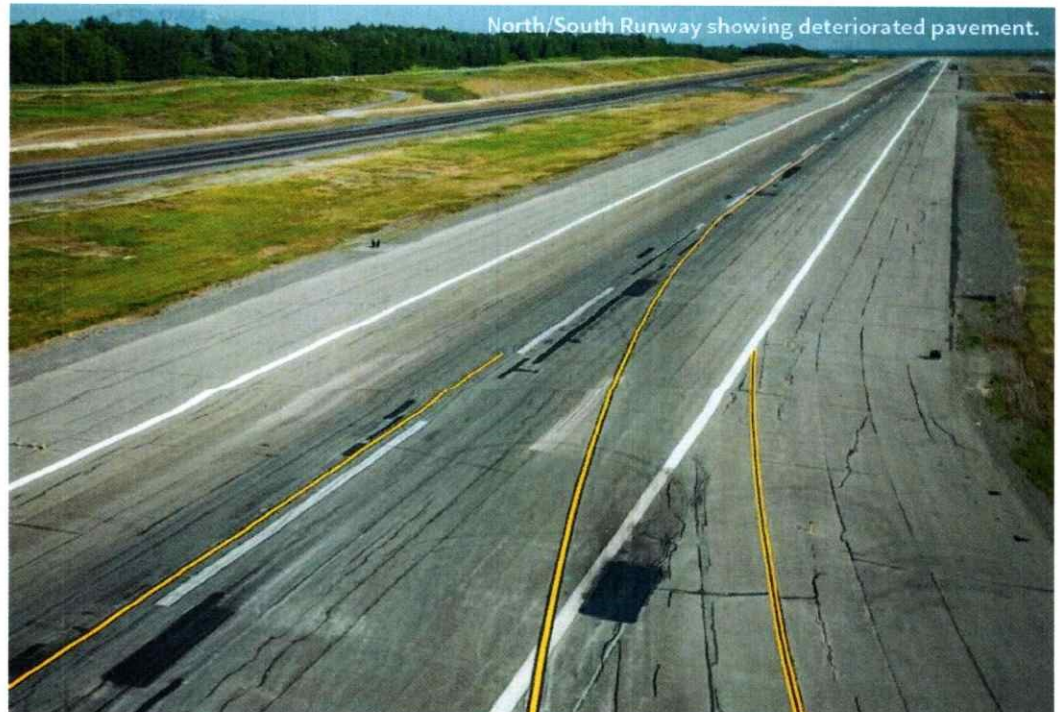
What is the ANC North/South Runway Renewal project?

The Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) North/South Runway Renewal project will rehabilitate the North/South Runway, widen the runway, and update taxiway geometry to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards. The runway was last rehabilitated over fifteen years ago, and the pavement has met the end of its useful life. The project will also separate the North/South Runway from the East/West Runway Safety Areas (RSAs).

Why is the ANC North/South Runway Renewal project needed?

The ANC North/South Runway Renewal project is needed to improve airport efficiency and safety by replacing its aging pavement. Runway pavement deteriorates over time. The runway pavement was last updated in 2004, and inspections indicate that it needs to be replaced. In order to meet FAA standards, the runway must be widened to accommodate large aircraft already serving the airport and the geometry of the intersecting taxiways must be revised to meet current FAA requirements.

The North/South Runway is critical infrastructure for ANC. It supports the world's 5th-busiest cargo airport as well as air travel for millions of travelers. The North/South Runway reduces noise impacts to communities by allowing most departures and landings to occur over water.



North/South Runway showing deteriorated pavement.

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When will construction start and end?

The first phase of construction began and was completed last summer (2018). The second and final phase will begin in April 2019 and finish in October 2019. In the final construction season, the runway will be fully closed 7 days per week, 24 hours per day, April through October.

Will there be more aircraft noise?

A noise study was completed that identified a temporary increase in aircraft noise over the city when the runway is closed during construction. When the project is complete, noise levels will be nearly identical to pre-construction conditions. Visit the website to view the noise maps at www.anc15-33.com.

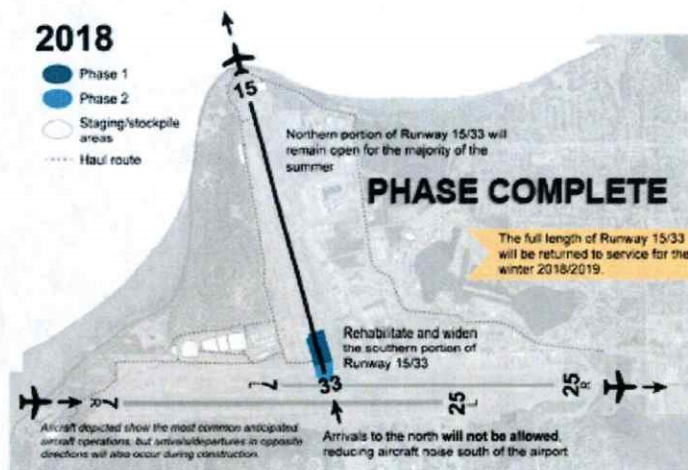
The noise maps on the website do not represent the increase in noise that is being experienced throughout Anchorage, but rather represent the areas that normally experience noise levels of 65 DNL (Day Night Average Sound Level) and higher, which has been identified as an important threshold by FAA for incompatible land uses. The airport recognizes that the Anchorage Bowl, outside of the noise contours shown on the maps, will be experiencing increased aircraft noise during construction.

Why can't aircraft arrive from the east and take off to the west?

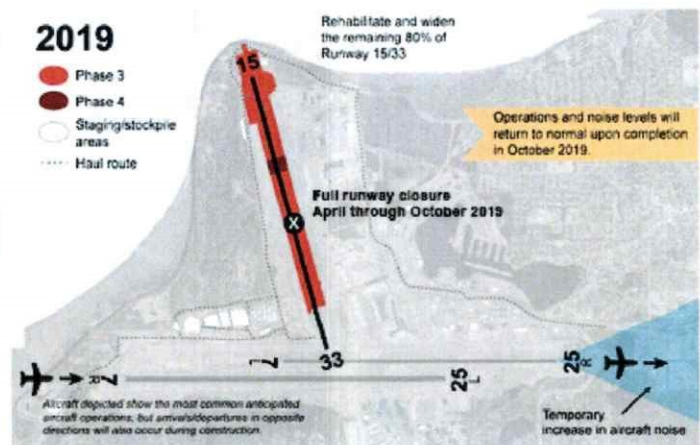
Aircraft cannot arrive from the east because the mountains restrict the ability of aircraft to maintain appropriate decent angles. It is also ideal that aircraft are established on final approach six miles from the airport. Additionally, the East/West runways are not designed for approaches from the east. They lack low-visibility instrument approaches to enable landings in poor weather, and high-speed exits, which allow aircraft to quickly exit the runway. The absence of high-speed exits requires aircraft to make a complete stop on the runway in order to make the 90-degree turn onto the taxiway. This increases the distance required between landing aircraft and reduces the efficiency of the airport.

Why can't aircraft take off to the west and arrive from the west?

When the North/South Runway is closed, aircraft will normally take off to the east rather than the west. This operating procedure is in place because the two East/West runways are closely spaced, which requires safety restrictions on how arriving and departing aircraft can operate on the runways. The minimum spacing requirements between



2018 - 2019 Construction Schedule



aircraft using the runways, in general, prohibit arrivals in one direction and departures in the opposite direction. That stated, you may notice an occasional departure to the west. There will be limited times when aircraft spacing will allow a west departure, but normally this operating configuration will not be possible.

Why can't arrivals switch from 7R to 7L, and departures switch from 7L to 7R?

This mitigation measure was ruled out due to the significant reduction in airport efficiency. The arrival rate would be significantly reduced due to the required separation between 7L arrivals and 7R departures to avoid wake turbulence impacts from the departing aircraft. This operational configuration also reduces arrival rate due to the increased time for aircraft arriving at 7L to slow down and make 90-degree turns off the runway, resulting in larger gaps for approaching aircraft. This measure would also result in longer taxi time/distance to access Runway 7R for departures, and results in the loss of the 7R Category (CAT) III approach.

In the past the runway reopened at night. Why not now?

Typically, when the North/South Runway is closed for annual maintenance, it is reopened during the evening and night hours to help mitigate noise. This type of maintenance is minor, and the runway can be returned to service each evening. This year's runway renewal project's construction, however, is much more substantial, and the runway cannot be reopened at night during reconstruction.

Window replacements under the Residential Sound Insulation Program

Window replacements were conducted in the past by the airport's Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP). The RSIP, funded by FAA, was completed in 2014 and is no longer active. Homes within a certain average annual noise level were eligible under that program, and owners were contacted and either signed on to the program or did not. Based on our recently completed Part 150 Noise Study, average noise levels around the airport have decreased, primarily due to newer, quieter aircraft. The Noise Study is available at <http://anc150study.com/documents>. At this time, additional sound insulation around the Anchorage airport does not meet the minimum federal threshold.

With regard to the current North/South Runway Renewal project happening this summer, FAA considers the increase in noise to be temporary. Unfortunately, FAA does not fund sound abatement measures for temporary noise increases.

Why are airplanes flying so low? Can't they fly higher?

During the North/South Runway closure, when airplanes are departing to the east of the airport, they are not flying lower than usual. They are flying over areas to the east where residents are not used to seeing them, so they may feel closer. However, they are following FAA air space regulations and are flying at a safe height.

Will the project create more jobs?

Yes. This project is anticipated to provide hundreds of jobs over the life of the project.

Is the ANC North/South Runway going to be extended?

No, the runway will not be extended. However, the project will shift the runway to the north within the current pavement limits. The runway will be widened from 150 feet to 200 feet to meet FAA standards. All improvements will be made on existing airport property and will not physically impact the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail (Coastal Trail), Point Woronzof Road, or Point Woronzof Overlook.

Will the project affect Point Woronzof or the Coastal Trail?

There will be no physical changes to the Coastal Trail or Point Woronzof Road. Additionally, the noise modeling research indicated that, between construction seasons and once construction is complete, the noise is expected to be similar to the current level.

Will land need to be cleared north and south of the runway?

Replacing the approach lighting system will require some clearing to install the new lighting tower between the Coastal Trail and Point Woronzof Road.

Will there be travel delays during construction?

Airline passengers are not expected to experience any construction-related delays as a result of the planned, temporary runway closures. However, there may be impacts due to reduced operational capacity or certain weather conditions. Every effort is being made to minimize and address potential project impacts.

Will the changes affect aircraft operations?

There will be minor amendments to the existing Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) for the North/South Runway at the completion of the project. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is coordinating with FAA to ensure that amended IFP are in place when the North/South Runway is reopened and construction is complete in 2019.

Will there be any change to the location of the perimeter fencing?

There are changes to the perimeter fencing north of Taxiway R and Taxiway Q. This work was included in the Taxiway R Group VI project, which was constructed in 2018.

What is the status of the Environmental Assessment document?

The Final Environmental Assessment is posted on the project website at www.anc15-33.com.

Will there be additional trucks on the road near Point Woronzof?

Construction traffic will access the airport via Point Woronzof Road and Postmark Drive.

Proposed retail sales tax on alcoholic beverages for dedicated use in support of public health and safety: 2019 ballot proposition

Why a retail tax on alcohol?

- Will address the social and economic costs caused by alcohol in the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA). Annually, within Alaska, \$1.84 billion dollars* in costs are attributable to alcohol and alcohol misuse.
- The ballot language requires that the revenues be dedicated to develop or fund programs and initiatives that improve the safety and welfare of people in Anchorage.
- The State of Alaska has an excise tax on alcohol, but little or no funds are reinvested in Anchorage to improve the health and welfare of our community.
- Like marijuana, alcohol should be taxed and contribute to funding public health and safety issues in the MOA. Unlike marijuana, alcohol is currently not taxed in Anchorage.
- The Municipality can and does dedicate funds as approved by voters. The State of Alaska cannot dedicate funds under state statute.

How will the tax impact the consumer?

If passed by voters, the Assembly will be authorized to assess a 5 percent tax on all retail sales of alcoholic beverages and may be implemented on January 1, 2020. The result of this tax would look something like:

- \$0.40 for an \$8.00 six-pack of beer
- \$0.50 for a \$10.00 mixed drink
- \$1.75 for a \$35.00 bottle of wine
- \$2.50 for a \$50.00 bottle of liquor

What will the MOA do with this tax revenue?

The average annual projected revenue is \$13 million dollars. Revenues from the retail sales tax on alcohol will be directed in the following ways:

- Funding of citywide alcohol and substance misuse programs and facilities. Though there is an increase in demand for facilities, Anchorage currently has fewer treatment beds than it did 20 years ago.
- Funding of public safety programs that deal with alcohol and substance misuse issues, such as an expansion in the Anchorage Safety Patrol (currently limited to Downtown, Midtown, and Mountain View and Fairview areas) and the Anchorage Safety Center.

- Funding of homelessness services, such as additional illegal camp abatement staff and resources (currently not enough staff to have robust program year-round); storage for personal property seized in camp abatements (currently not established); housing and support services; cold-weather sheltering or other emergency system needs (currently not enough space for demand/need).
- Funding for increased co-responder models for mental health support, such as the Mobile Intervention Team (currently limited to 5 days/week).

Revenue may be used to pay financing obligations for capital improvements, construction of treatment centers, or secure private investment by providing outcome payment funds in the Pay for Success initiative.

How will the tax expenditures be tracked?

Expenses will be tracked through a specific budget code and a report will be given to the Assembly each year. The use of the funds will be determined and approved annually by the Mayor and the Assembly with public input.

What are other Alaska cities doing?

Other local governments throughout Alaska, from Utqiagvik to Juneau have approved a sales tax on alcohol, ranging from 3 percent to 12 percent.

Where can I learn more about this?

The approved Assembly Ordinance, AO No. 2018-104, and the accompanying Assembly Memorandum, AM 721-2018, are available for download at www.muni.org.

You may also request a presentation for your organization or community council by contacting the Office of the Mayor at 343-7100.