

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of **January 9, 2020**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY 2020 NOTICES:

- January 9 — Please Note Meeting is the 2nd Thursday in January — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., West High, CTE Wing, Room C152, 1700 Hillcrest Dr.**
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- January 15 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room**
Info: FCC Office, 277-1977, communitycouncils.org
- January 15 — Last Day for Christmas Tree Recycling, All Anchorage Carrs/Safeway stores.** Trees should be dropped off at designated areas and free of all decorations and lights. No wreaths. Trees are turned into wood chips and distributed to local nonprofits and parks to beautify trails and gardens.
Info: www.alparalaska.com, 868-8899
- January 21 — COMMENT DEADLINE — 6A Aviation Inc. Cargo Facilities Lease Application.** This proposal has moved (and expanded) to a different location west of the N/S Runway after the UPS expansion was announced for the area east of the north end of the N/S Runway. The proposal includes develop, construct, operate and maintain an air cargo warehouse facility with an approximate 150,000 sq. ft. footprint to include loading area, four aircraft hardstands, four future hardstands and vehicle parking. **This would necessitate relocation of W. Woronzof Dr. to the west of its current location.** *TCC intends to comment on this proposal as well as others in various locations at North Airpark, stating the cumulative impacts associated with increasing air cargo facility construction and operations to the surrounding residential/parks/natural areas*
Submit comments to: Teresa Ressler, Land Manager, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, P.O. Box 196960, Anchorage, AK 99515-6960
- January 23 — Anchorage Transportation Fair, 3:00-7:00 p.m., Alaska Airlines Center, 3550 Providence Dr.** This event is a “super open house” that provides information on walking, biking, driving, rail and aviation projects and plans within the Municipality of Anchorage and main corridors to the Mat-Su and Kenai Peninsula. Free and open to the public. No cost for parking.
Info: <http://anchoragetransportfair.blogspot.com/>
- January 31 — COMMENT DEADLINE — Transit On the Move Short-Range Transit Plan.**
 This planning process — with goals, objectives and list of priorities — looks to enhance the transit system implemented in October 2017 and, through community input, determine what comes next.
For Draft Plan, go to:
http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Documents/Transit%20on%20the%20Move/TRANSIT_ON_THE_MOVE%28reduced%29.pdf
To Submit Comments: email transitplanning@muni.org; mail to Public Transportation Dept., 3600 Dr. MLK Jr. Ave, Anchorage, AK 99507

FEBRUARY 2020 NOTICES:

- February 6 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., West High, CTE Wing, Room C152, 1700 Hillcrest Dr.**
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- February 5 — PUBLIC MEETING — AMATS 2040 MTP Public Review Draft, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Presentation at 6:00 p.m., Mountain View Library Community Meeting Room, 120 Bragaw St.**
 The AMATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is the long-range planning document that will recommend improvements to the surface transportation system in the Anchorage Bowl and Chugiak-Eagle River areas from today to 2040 — it is updated every four years.
To view document (broken into two sections due to size):
MTP Cover to Chapter 4:
http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/MTP/2040/Public_Review_Document/MTP_2040_Public_Review_Draft_Cover_to_Chapter_4.pdf?utm_source=Public+Involvement&utm_campaign=bd3c46c6ce-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_12_30_07_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6e079a03c1-bd3c46c6ce-140985441
MTP Chapter 5 to Appendices:
http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/MTP/2040/Public_Review_Document/MTP_2040_Public_Review_Draft_Chapter_5_to_End.pdf?utm_source=Public+Involvement&utm_campaign=bd3c46c6ce-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_12_30_07_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6e079a03c1-bd3c46c6ce-140985441
- February 14 — COMMENTS DUE — AMATS 2040 MTP Public Review Draft.** *TCC has provided comments on this Plan in the past and will review and submit input on projects in or near the TCC area based on previous input and discussion at our TCC Feb. 6th meeting.*
To Submit Comments: email to AMATSInfo@ci.anchorage.ak.us; fax to 907-249-7712; mail to Municipality of Anchorage, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519
- February 19 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room**
Info: FCC Office, 277-1977, communitycouncils.org
- February 20 — TCC Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**
Info and confirmation of date: TCC President Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442

PROJECT UPDATES:

- Airport Lease Applications for Multiple Large Cargo Facility Projects:**
At our Sept. 5th meeting, TCC passed a motion authorizing the TCC Board to draft comments that reflect TCC concerns/impacts/mitigation proposals in response to all of the proposed lease applications. Another lease application has since been submitted (see Jan. notices above).
 - Alaska CargoPort LLC Lease Application at North Airpark east of N/S Runway adj. to W. Woronzof Dr.
 - 6A Aviation, Inc. Air Cargo Warehouse Facility has now expanded their area of proposed development west of the N-S Runway — comment deadline is January 21st.**
 - FedEx Expansion in Postmark Bog
 - Alaska Cargo and Cold Storage LLC Cargo Warehouse Facility in Postmark Bag
 - North Park Fuels Expansion southwest corner of W. Woronzof Dr. & Postmark Dr.
- Heritage Land Bank 2020 HLB Annual Work Program and 2021-2025 Five-Year Management Plan,** The HLB Advisory Commission held its public hearing December 12th on the draft Plan. *TCC President*

Cathy Gleason testified on behalf of the council, per approval of key comments presented at the TCC December 5th meeting. HLB Staff agreed to most of our amendment requests, which the Commission voted to include. Next step is Assembly approval of the Plan.

Info: www.hlb@muni.org, 343-7533

To review the Draft Plan: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/hlb/Pages/Plan.aspx>.

- **Turnagain/Spenard CC Spenard Beach Park Committee**

The Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils' joint Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge (matching) Grant application request for \$10,000 to update the Spenard Beach Park site plan and install picnic tables and park benches was **APPROVED** in 2019. *TCC voted to approve a conceptual site improvement plan at our December 5th meeting.* Next step is to meet with the APF and the Parks Dept., to finalize a fundraiser flyer. Each council has already donated \$2,000, and the remaining \$4,000 will need to be raised by the councils. Potential funding outreach could include tourist-related businesses at Spenard Lake, general aviation user groups, Airport businesses, etc. *Please let us know if you would like to help out with this park planning and fundraising effort!*

Info & Meeting Location: Spenard Beach Park Committee Chair Sara Haley, haleyjays@gmail.com

- **Traffic Study Conducted on Hillcrest/Esquire Drs.**

Last May (2019), the Municipality conducted a Traffic Study on Hillcrest Dr. & Esquire Dr., to see if these neighborhood streets would qualify for traffic calming installations at a future date. This study was done at the request of TCC. Speeding and other reckless driving (at times, resulting in property damage) has been an on-going issue for this area. The Traffic Calming Dept. is still sorting through the data, so no findings have been released to the council. The SRTS Committee is scheduling a meeting soon to discuss the pedestrian crossing at Hillcrest and West High.

Info: Co-Chairs Barbara Bundy, bebundy@gmail.com & Dan Gleason, dan.gleason@hotmail.com

- **Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit Granted**

Effective November 1, 2019, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has issued a general discharge permit to the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, which covers storm water discharges to Lakes Hood & Spenard, Knik Arm, and an unnamed creek. Expiration date is October 30, 2024. *TCC President Cathy Gleason provided testimony at the hearing for this permit, stating that the Turnagain Bog wetlands provides important pollution filtration functions at the Airport; DEC officials concurred with this assessment.*

Info: William Ashton, 907-269-6283, William.Ashton@alaska.gov

- **50-Year Lease Application ADA-32171 for TLC Properties General Aviation-Related Development at Lake Hood Seaplane Base in Turnagain Bog.**

Location is in the southwest corner of Lake Hood Dr. and Helio Pl. consisting of up to 850,000 sq. ft. Authorized uses could include: 23 aircraft tie-down spaces, phased-in development of 120 T-hangers for GA aircraft, season float/snow storage areas and vehicle parking. This same area was proposed for an Airport construction storage/maintenance area in 2017. **At this time, TLC is doing soil analysis and other feasibility assessments to determine if this project is viable.** *The TCC Land Use Committee met on December 13th, 2018 to review the application and discuss comments; a comment letter was submitted by the December 20th deadline. Ratification of these comments were approved at the TCC January 10th, 2019, general membership meeting. Among other requests, TCC asked that they be able to meet with Airport officials and the applicants before a decision on the lease application is finalized.*

Info: Tim Coons, Lake Hood Seaplane Base Manager, tim.coons@alaska.gov, 266-2741, or <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=192184>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **LAKE HOOD SEAPLANE BASE REMINDER: STAY OFF THE LAKE ICE!**

Winter operations are in effect at Lake Hood; the Airport is requesting everyone's help to spread the reminder to please stay off the lake ice. The frozen lakes remain restricted active runway surfaces all winter long for ski plane operations.

For more info, call the Lake Hood Office at: 266-2410

- **UPDATE* TO TCC 2020 OFFICER/BOARD ELECTION RESULTS**

At the TCC November 7th meeting, elections were held for the 2020 TCC Officer/Board positions.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

- President — **Cathy Gleason**
- Vice President — vacant
- ***Secretary — Sara Haley has resigned from this position, which is now VACANT**
- Treasurer — **Sandy Rabinowitch**
- At large Board Members — **Jackie Armstrong & Pam Wright**

PLEASE CONTACT CATHY (248-0442) IF YOU ARE INTEREST IN EITHER THE VP OR SECRETARY POSITION! PARTICIPATING AT THE BOARD LEVEL IS AN IMPORTANT WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO TCC AND ITS EFFORTS TO ENHANCE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

● **TSA LAUNCHES NEW CUSTOMER SERVICE PROGRAM**

AskTSA is a new program to better assist you before, during, and after your flight. Anyone can use the service, which is free and easily accessible. Assistance is available from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ET on weekdays, and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

Send: @AskTSA a tweet or direct message on Twitter, or send AskTSA a message on Facebook.

● **SIGN UP FOR GOVDELIVERY**

Sign up to receive emails on Department of Transportation-related items, including lease notice applications for the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and Lake Hood Seaplane Base.

Go to: service.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDOT/subscriber/new

● **ASSEMBLY MODIFIES PLASTIC BAG BAN ORDINANCE**

On November 5, 2019, the Assembly approved some changes to the plastic bag ban regulations that went into effect September 15th for single use plastic bags at retail stores. **Restaurants and vendors at temporary markets no longer have to charge for alternative bags.** The plastic bag ban still applies to restaurants.

Info: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/SWS/Pages/PlasticBagBan.aspx>

● **NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES!**

A new Anchorage Assembly ordinance went into effect June 30, 2019, that makes it unlawful for a driver of any vehicle to talk on a mobile communication device while driving a vehicle within an active school zone or on school grounds, unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

For more info, Assembly members' contact info can be found at: www.Muni.org/Assembly

● **SIGN UP FOR PEOPLE MOVER TEXT ALERTS**

Sign up to receive Public Transportation service alerts, advisories and community event updates through Nixle. If People Mover postpones or cancels service due to inclement weather, notifications are sent via Nixle.

To get People Mover service alerts on your phone, text: "PEOPLEMOVER" to 888777

● **APD PATROLLING BEATS LINING WITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES**

The Anchorage Police Department has announced that the boundaries of the police beats have been changed to more closely align with community council boundaries. Officers will be assigned to the same areas every day, which means neighbors will become more familiar with those answering calls in your area. Officers will also be able to hone in and address the specific needs in your neighborhood. In addition, each officer will be able to access the most current call-for-service data for the area they are working.

√ **REMINDER:** You can look up crimes that have been reported in your community by accessing the **Community Crime Map at:** <http://communitycrimemap.com>

● **CALL 3-1-1 TO REACH ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR NON-EMERGENCIES**

A new telephone directory was launched March 27, 2018, to allow residents to reach often-accessed city services more easily, including the APD non-emergency line. The number prioritizes access to APD's non-emergency line, which will relieve pressure on 911 and is easier to remember than the seven-digit phone number.

In addition, Anchorage 311 will serve as a general directory for frequently contacted departments, such as Street Maintenance, Code Enforcement, the Mayor's Office, Traffic, the Municipal Clerk's Office, Fees and Taxes, Vehicle Impound, and Health and Human Services.

For more info, contact: Kristin DeSmith, Communications Director, desmithk@muni.org, 231-2226.

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

#ANCWorks! Is an online tool sponsored by the Municipality of Anchorage for residents to report neighborhood problems and issues. **Featured with an icon on [muni.org](http://www.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.

Go to: <http://www.muni.org/residents/pages/anchorageworks.aspx>