

Turnagain Community Council

Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of **February 5, 2020**

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FEBRUARY 2020 NOTICES:

- **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. *At our Feb. 6th meeting, TCC will be discussing comments on this Draft Plan, based on previous input on proposed projects, including widening the Coastal Trail beyond Westchester Lagoon to the west; changing lane use directions at the Minnesota Dr./Northern Lights Blvd./Benson Blvd. intersections; modifying Minnesota Dr. from Hillcrest Dr. exit. to Tudor; rehabilitating Turnagain St.; and modifying WNL to restrict turns and eventually eliminating a lane between Seward Hwy. and Minnesota Dr.*

To view document (broken into two sections due to size):

MTP Cover to Chapter 4:
http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPP/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/OCPP/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 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.gleason@tcc.org, 248-0442
- **February 7 — Assembly Worksession on AMATS 2040 MTP Public Review Draft, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., City Hall, Assembly Conference Rm 155. *See details above.***
- **February 11, 18 & 25 — Anchorage School District “Visit Our Schools Month.”** Community members, businesses and parents are invited to visit any ASD school during every Tuesday during the month of February. This coordinated effort provides parents and members of the community an opportunity to learn more about the many educational opportunities available at each school.
Guided tours are scheduled:
 - Feb. 4, 11 & 18 — 9:30 a.m.
 - Feb. 25 — 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.*Info:* Anchorage School District, 742-4000
- **February 11 — PUBLIC HEARING — Assembly Hearing on AMATS 2040 MTP Public Review Draft, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St. *See details above.***
- **February 11 — PUBLIC HEARING — Assembly Hearing on Code Amendments to Encourage Front Porches, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.**
 Ordinance No. AO 2020-10 This proposed amendment to Title 21 would exempt up to 200 square feet of area from lot coverage calculations to encourage the construction of front porches on single-family dwellings.
TCC submitted comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission in support of these Code amendments.
Info: Planning Dept., 343-7931

- **February 14 — Assembly Worksession on Heritage Land Bank 2020 Annual Work Program and Five-Year Management Plan, 1:00-2:00 p.m., City Hall, Assembly Conference Rm 155.** Resolution No. AR 2020-15 *TCC submitted comments approved at our December 5th TCC general membership meeting to the HLB Advisory Commission's December 12th hearing. HLB Staff agreed to most of our amendment requests, which the Commission voted to include in the Plan.*
- **February 18 — TCC Land Use Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room.** The committee will be meeting with Municipal Sr. Planner Tom Davis to discuss a revised Public Hearing Draft of amendments to Title 21 for the R-2 Zoning District, to allow for compact housing, with neighborhood compatibility standards.
Info: Tom Davis, 343-7916, davistg@muni.org
View project website: www.muni.org/Planning/2040actions.aspx
- **February 19 — COMMENT DEADLINE — Lower Yukon School District Student Hostel Landscaping Variance Request.** Case No. 2020-0028 The landscaping plan for the parking lot at the former Long House site on Wisconsin St. includes a planting bed width variance request. The Urban Design Commission will be holding a public hearing on the variance on March 11th. *TCC will be discussing the variance at our February 6, 2020, meeting.*
- **February 19 — TCC Safe Routes To Schools Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room.** The SRTS Committee has invited our Assembly representatives, School Board representative and West High principal to discuss additional ways to increase pedestrian safety along Hillcrest Dr. at the West High crosswalk.
Info: Co-Chair Barbara Bundy, bebundy@gmail.com
- **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
- **February 22 — Anchorage Caucus Meeting, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Come share your feedback with your legislators.
- **February 25 — PUBLIC HEARING — Assembly Hearing on Code Amendments to Landscaping Alternatives, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Ordinance No. AO 2020-11 This proposed amendment to Title 21 would allow for alternative equivalent landscaping design, minimize land disturbance, encourage the retention of landscaping, and extend the allowed planting season. *TCC submitted comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission in support of these Code amendments.*
Info: Planning Dept., 343-7931
- **February 25 — PUBLIC HEARING — Assembly Hearing on Heritage Land Bank 2020 Annual Work Program and Five-Year Management Plan, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Resolution No. AR 2020-15 *TCC submitted comments approved at our December 5th TCC general membership meeting to the HLB Advisory Commission's December 12th hearing; the Commission and HLB staff supported most of our Plan amendment recommendations.*

MARCH 2020 NOTICES:

- **March 5 — 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

- **March 7 — “Coffee with Elvi,” 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Black Cup, 341 Benson Blvd.** Come share your thoughts, opinions and enjoy a cup of coffee with Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson.
- **March 8 — Last Day to Register to Vote — Municipality of Anchorage April 7, 2020 Elections**
Info: <https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx>
- **March 9 — 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 or March 5th general membership 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
- **March 10 — PUBLIC HEARING — Assembly Hearing on Naming the Northwest Ballfield Diamond at Lyn Ary Park the “Marty Smith Diamond,” 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Resolution No. AR 2020-32 This proposal is to honor Martin (Marty) Charles Smith, who passed away in 2018. *TCC passed a resolution supporting this proposal at our December 5, 2019, meeting.*
- **March 11 — PUBLIC HEARING — Urban Design Commission Hearing on Lower Yukon School District Student Hostel Landscaping Variance Request, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2020-0028 The landscaping plan for the parking lot at the former Long House site on Wisconsin St. includes a planting bed width variance request. *TCC will be discussing the variance at our February 6, 2020, meeting.*
- **March 17 — Ballot Packages Mailed to Qualified Voters — Municipality of Anchorage April 7, 2020 Elections**
Election information:
<https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx>
- **March 18 — COMMENTS DUE— Airport Community Outreach Plan Update.** The Airport is seeking public comments and modification recommendations for the Plan. This document establishes guidelines for effective two-way communication between the Airport and the community. *TCC has provided comments on this Plan in the past and will review and submit input based on previous input and discussion at our TCC Feb. 6th or March 5th general membership meeting.*
Plan Update: dot.state.ak.us/anc/about/community.shtml
- **March 18 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room**
Info: FCC Office, 277-1977, communitycouncils.org

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **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

- **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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE 2020 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS SENT JAN. 13th**

The Municipality mailed out its yearly tax assessment green card notices to Muni property owners on January 13th. Please note that the opportunity to discuss, correct errors or appeal your real property assessment to the Property Appraisal Division runs for 30 days from the mailing date.

For more info, go to: http://www.muni.org/Departments/finance/property_appraisal/Pages/default.aspx

- **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!

- **GET YOUR REAL ID AT ANC**

The Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will now process REAL ID applications at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC). Beginning October 1, 2020, all Alaskans will need a form of federally acceptable ID to board a federally regulated commercial aircraft, access Federal Facilities, and enter nuclear power plants. The AMC-DMV is located at 4600 Postmark Dr. in the North Terminal. You must make an appointment prior to arrival; only credit card payments will be accepted. The first 30 minutes of parking at the ANC North Terminal are free, and \$3.00 per hour after that.

To Schedule an Appointment & Verify Requirement Documents Needed, go to: <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/>

- **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.

- **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

- **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**, #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>