

Downtown Community Council

A resolution of the Downtown Community Council opposing the relocation of transit stops from the Downtown transit center to 6th Avenue between C Street and E Street and if Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) is unable to locate in another part of downtown, asking for mitigation efforts to offset the impact.

Whereas, the mission and vision of the Downtown Community Council is to serve and advocate for our downtown community and represent downtown for the betterment of the community;

Whereas, the proposed relocation of the Municipality of Anchorage’s Downtown Transit Center to the south side of 6th Avenue between C Street and E Street removes all parking on those two blocks and those spots are currently predominantly used by patrons of at least six (6) locally owned businesses;

Whereas a previous relocation of transit stops to this area in June of 2020 had a variety of negative impacts, including a break-in at one business, fighting among transit riders, vandalism of a port-a-potty outside of one business, transit riders asking to use the restroom facilities of local businesses, and general dangerous/objectionable behavior in the area of the transit stops;

Whereas, the Municipality of Anchorage has proposed no restroom or waiting facilities for transit riders, which could potentially further impact the surrounding businesses;

Whereas, the business owners and community groups have engaged with the MOA about their concerns with the potential impacts since June 2020 and the Transit Department has offered eight (8) location options;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL OPPOSES THE RELOCATION OF TRANSIT STOPS FROM THE DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER TO 6TH AVENUE BETWEEN C STREET AND E STREET.

SECTION 1: The Downtown Community Council requests the MOA relocate the transit stops to an alternate location.

Section 2: In the event the transit stop relocation is not changed, the Downtown Community Council supports not relocating the transit stops until the redevelopment of the Downtown Transit Center breaks ground

Section 3: In the event the transit stop relocation is not changed, the Downtown Community Council supports the Municipality of Anchorage working with area businesses to provide mitigation of negative impacts resulting from the transit stops.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Downtown Community Council this 6th day of April 2022.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:



Board President

Richard W. Irwin

Board Secretary