

TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL Recommended Amendments to AIRPORT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN — PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT

Approved 12-0 at the March 7, 2016, Turnagain Community Council general membership meeting
Rationale in Red

- **FORMAT — *Applies to entire document:***

Change the font style and size, and left-hand margin, used in the January 2016 Public Review Draft to make the document is more reader-friendly.

- The relatively small, italicized font used for the main text is difficult to read (font is fine for headings and subheadings, but should be increased in point size).
- Reducing the left-hand margin by an inch would allow for more text to fit on each page and reduce the overall size of the document — but still provide a lot of visual white space.

- **PAGE 2:**

Not sure purpose of deleting the title and source of the Anchorage Land Use map — this information should be retained.

- *Note: Once the Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map is updated, consider inserting the updated version in the Plan.*

- **PAGE 4 — SECTION 1 — AIRPORT CONTACT INFORMATION — Monthly Airport Update:**

Add a second line item: "Sent monthly to surrounding Community Councils via email."

- *This is already being done, and when received early enough, can be sent out with the monthly Community Council meeting notice. This provides another way to communicate with those on the council email list, but don't attend meetings.*

- **PAGE 6 — SECTION 2.3.1 — REQUIRED COMMUNICATION**

Delete 1st sentence: "The Airport will use these guidelines to communicate with the following offices, or for the following required processes." This beginning statement is awkwardly worded and not needed. Just start out with the following text of the current Plan:

"The Airport will respond to requests for meetings and/or information by:"

- **PAGE 7 — SECTION 2.3.2 — PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Amend the 3rd graph in this section with the following:

"With regard to leases and permits for Airport land, terminal Space, and concessions, Alaska Administrative Code, Title 17 Chapter 42, regulates public notice. In order to notify Community Councils and the public when the Airport receives land lease and permit applications (to reviewed and provide comments), the Airport will provide notice of lease applications and public comment deadlines as well as notice of approved Airport land lease and permit applications through:

- Publication on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice System
- Posting in a public place on or near the Airport
- Emailing the three surrounding Community Councils
- Emailing via GovDelivery a notice of application receipt, comment deadline, and link to the application"
- *The above request was one of the top items community council representatives serving on the Anchorage Airport Communications Committee (AACC) made for inclusion in the Communication Plan; unfortunately, it was not included in the current Plan. The Airport should proactively provide notice when the Airport receives land lease applications, so that community councils and the public is aware of what development is being proposed before applications are approved. This would provide an opportunity to review and provide comments on proposals that may impact the area before the Airport makes a decision on the application proposal. It would also be helpful for community councils and the public to receive notice when the Airport approves land lease and permits. Fortunately, the GovDelivery system already in place can be used for these application notices.*

Amend the fourth graph, last sentence with the following:

"The Airport will also require applicants with Airport-approved land leases to inform the three Airport-adjacent Community Councils of their anticipated development, before final approval is given to the applicant, to ensure proper notification has taken place."

- Unfortunately, if the Airport has been "requesting" that land-lease applicants inform Community Councils of anticipated development, the leasees very rarely comply with this request. By making approval of the lease application contingent upon the applicant to provide this information, it will ensure councils are properly notified by the applicant, as intended.

- PAGE 8-9 — SECTION 2.3.3 REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS — Sand Lake, Spenard and Turnagain Community Councils

On page 8, add ":" to end of 1st graph, last sentence:

"Airport responsibilities include:"

On page 9, amend last bullet of "The Community Councils are responsible" subsection as follows:

"Communicate the Community Council's mission statement, as stated in the council bylaws."

- Turnagain CC's bylaws include a mission statement; it does not outline visions, goals, and underlying philosophies.

- PAGE 10 — SECTION 2.3.4 COMMUNICATION REGARDING AIRPORT SPECIAL PROJECTS, MANAGED BY CONTRACTORS

Amend last graph, end of sentence, as follows:

"Information regarding the Annual Airport Construction Plan will be published as it is available in the Airport's monthly *Airport Update*, and presented at the appropriate time each spring at Community Council meetings."

- This is already routinely done at TCC meetings each spring, as part of the Airport Report, and provides an opportunity to explain/answer project questions at the meeting.

- PAGE 10 — SECTION 2.3.5 AIRPORT RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Retain 1st sentence in Plan regarding maintenance of a 24-hour line of communication:

"The Airport will maintain a 24-hour line of communication. The Airport Communication Center can be reached by dialing (907) 266-2411."

- This was another communication item of high priority to the Community Council representatives at the AACC meetings. Because the Airport operates — and associated impacts can occur — 24 hours a day, the Airport should provide an immediate means of communication for residents to report/ask questions regarding any issues or problems (especially noise-related).