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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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September 9, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on September 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice Chair Don Poe called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Dickens	Tae Hwa Chung
Jerry Drake	Michael Cho
Don Poe	
Brad Kehoe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Howard H. Morris, Chief of Police and Taxi Inspector  
Nicole Williams, Recorder

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public to be heard.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 5, 2002.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Police Officer's have been issuing citations and warnings to citizens operating ATV's on city roads. As a result, there have been some complaints made to the Police Department by these citizens. They feel that they should be allowed to operate their off-road vehicles on city roads.

The headlight issue seems to be rising up again.

**TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**

Nothing to report at this time.

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT**

In regard to the proposal of changing the chauffeur license testing brought forth at the last meeting, Andrew Steele has drawn up a plan to test alphabetically: A through M to test in April and N through Z to test in October, with the permit process still taking place at the years end.

Discussion ensued regarding the fee that chauffeurs pay weekly to the cab company owners for the privilege of driving the line as was noted in the Taxi Technicians Report.

Mr. Cho discussed the possibility of eliminating the testing for chauffeur license each year and simply renewing the license.

**A. OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items to be discussed under Old Business.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items to be discussed under New Business.

**Commission Members Comments.**

Jerry Drake noted that an ordinance was introduced at the last council meeting to eliminate the requirement that cabs use their headlights while operating and that there will be a public hearing on this at the next council meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the individual opinions of whether cabs should operate with or without their lights on.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	In light of Council's recent ordinance introduction to eliminate the use of headlights by cab company's in town, the Transportation Commission would like clarification on it's role to advise City Council about such issues which it has dealt with in the past.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	

Discussion ensued regarding point of order in general.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	Recommend to Council to delay action on the headlight ordinance for 60 days while the Commission takes up other amendments to the ordinance.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Directed at Chief Morris was the suggestion of an amendment that would prohibit hazardous material vehicles from parking in unsecured public lots.

Recommendation to add Member Comments to agenda between New Business and Adjournment.

John Dickens spoke for Tom Fazzini on the installation of child restraint seats in taxi cabs and helmets to be worn by children on ATV's.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	

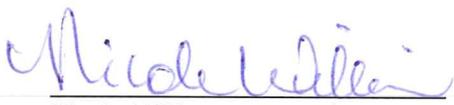
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm, September 9, 2002.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 2002.

  
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John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Nicole Williams, Recorder