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PUBLIC NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, January 02, 2020 –6:30 p.m.
300 STATE HIGHWAY – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AGENDA

Members

Madelene Reichard
Chair

Mark Springer
Council Representative

Azara Mohammadi

Dolena Fox

Ex-Officio Members

Amy Davis
Acting Police Chief

Daron Solesbee
Acting Fire Chief

Jesslyn McGowan
Recorder

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF
November 06 & December 04
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Update on Transportation Planning (*City Manager*)
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Commissions Acceptance of Resignation and Declaring Seat Vacant per BMC
Code 2.52.070
 - B. Election of Vice Chair for Commission
 - C. Review and Modify if Needed Recommendation to Council –Real ID Act
(*Azara Mohammadi*)
 - D. Review and Modify if Needed Recommendation to Council –US Census Grant
(*Azara Mohammadi*)
- VIII. CHIEFS' COMMENTS
 - Fire Chief
 - Chief of Police
- IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT
- X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMENTS
- XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

Jesslyn McGowan

Jesslyn McGowan, *Recorder*

POSTED on December 24, 2019

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Next Public Safety and Transportation Commission Meeting will be **February 05, 2020**

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

November 06, 2019

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on November 06, 2019 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Richard Garcia *Chair*
Mark Springer *Council Representative*
Azara Mohammadi
Madelene Reichard

Absent: Amy Davis *Acting Chief of Police*
Daron Solesbee *Acting Fire Chief*

Ex-Officio Present: Jesslyn McGowan *Recorder*

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Mohammadi	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Mohammadi	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meetings from July 2019-October 2019.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on Transportation Planning

Acting City Manager not present.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to table till next meeting.
SECONDED:	Reichard	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. Update on Tracking Cellphone calls to 911

Jesslyn McGowan gave an update on behalf of Acting Chief Amy Davis for tracking cellphone calls to 911. She informed everyone Phase II is complete and police department is now able to trace cellphone locations when they call 911.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Electing New Vice Chair

Azara Mohammadi nominated Madelene Reichard.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to close nominations.
SECONDED:	Mohammadi	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Madelene Reichard is now Vice Chair.

VIII. CHIEF’S COMMENTS

Acting Chief Davis – See Report in Commission Packet

Acting Fire Solsebee – See Report in Commission Packet

IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR’S REPORT

See Report in Commission Packet

X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE’S COMMENTS

Council Member Mark Springer apologized for being late. He spoke about his previous history on being on this commission and looking forward to hopefully the commission members having a say in the hiring for the Police Chief. He also hopes the commission and other commissions will take a more active role in the department budget proposals and recommendations to the council as budget season comes up.

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Azara Mohammadi- No comment

Madelene Reichard- No comment

Richard Garcia –Spoke about how December will be his last meeting before he resigns as he accepted a new position in Aniak.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Mohammadi	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

Jesslyn McGowan, Recorder

Richard Garcia, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

December 04, 2019

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on December 04, 2019 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:46pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Madelene Reichard

Absent: Richard Garcia *Chair*
Mark Springer *Council Representative*
Azara Mohammadi
Daron Solesbee *Acting Fire Chief*
Amy Davis *Acting Police Chief*

Ex-Officio Present: Jesslyn McGowan *Recorder*

A quorum was not established of the Commission.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

Jesslyn McGowan, Recorder

Richard Garcia, Chair



City of Bethel

Committees and Commissions

Recommendation to City Council

Committees and Commissions that wish to make a recommendation to City Council should turn this form in to the City Clerk or to the City Council representative on the committee or commission.

Committee/Commission: Public Safety & Transportation Commission	Chairman: Madelene Reichard
Date Submitted:	Council Rep: Mark Springer
Issue:	
In the event of a crisis, if residence of surrounding communities do not have access to DMV services, after the implementation of the REAL ID Act on October 01, 2020, the inhibited or delayed travel (especially for medical purposes) may pose a strain on Bethel's resources.	
Recommendation: To accept, by Resolution,	
The Public Safety and Transportation Commission recommends that the council hosts a donation drive for the Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) On the Go program travel funding to Alaska communities that do not have access to DMV services, in light of the implementation of the REAL ID Act on October 01, 2020. The State of Alaska DMV is asking for \$60,000 in donations to travel to rural Alaska, as this program's travel funding was eliminated last year.	

Other: Passed unanimously by the PSTC Commission on

Received by: _____
Date: _____

Alaska House of Representatives

120 4th St., Juneau, AK 99801



December 5, 2019

Kelly Tshibaka, Commissioner
Dept. of Administration
PO Box 110200
Juneau, AK 99811

Commissioner Tshibaka:

We write to express our concerns with the obstacles many rural Alaskans are facing on their path to attain a REAL ID. Our individual offices and, to our knowledge, several Alaska Native nonprofit consortiums, have been reaching out to U.S. Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) and also our state's Dept. of Administration (DOA) and Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for solutions. Unfortunately, problems have been slow to resolve. With so many Alaskans living off the road system, we are concerned that further delay in overcoming these hurdles could place our constituents at risk should they be unable to access health, business, and education services once the REAL ID requirement goes into effect October 1, 2020.

The following unresolved obstacles have been faced by our constituents in their efforts to apply for a REAL ID in Alaska.

- No reasonable access to existing state DMV facilities: Because a photo is required, applications for REAL IDs must be done in person at a DMV. Over 80% of Alaska municipalities, including Alaska Native communities, are not connected to the road system and air travel cost is prohibitively high to access the nearest DMV.
- Implementation costs shifted to rural communities: It has been suggested by DOA/DMV (letter dated 6/14/19) that a community, native corporation or other business could cover the travel costs for DMV staff to provide REAL ID services to a community. We reached out to DOA (September and October 2019) to find out what those total costs would be (i.e. airfare, lodging, per diem?) but have

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not received a reply to date. Considering it is the state's responsibility for implementation of the REAL ID requirements for state issued drivers licenses and ID cards, we find this cost shifting concerning.

- Additional costs for documentation: Many Alaska Natives, especially elders, are missing required documentation needed to apply for a REAL ID. In addition to the \$20-40 REAL ID application fee, many will incur further costs for documentation such as a marriage, name change, birth, or delayed birth certificate (\$30-60 each), and census bureau information to validate residency (\$65). For elders who went through traditional adoptions prior to or just after statehood and were never issued adoption certification, they would need to file a petition for name change with the superior court (\$200+ if not waived). It is realistic to predict that it could cost some rural residents more than \$150 to obtain their REAL ID. These additional costs will prove burdensome to many of our constituents on fixed incomes in low employment areas.
- DMV not accepting certificates: It has come to our attention that state DMVs in at least two locations have denied the use of a Delayed Birth Certificate for proof of identity when the certificate was approved by the Division of Vital Statistics with only 1 – 2 forms of documentation evidence. We have verified that the Division of Vital Statistics may make exceptions to the number of evidence documents required for delayed filing by Alaska Natives, per statute 18.50.180(e). Constituents in these situations had to go to court to resolve the matter, incurring additional costs and time delays.
- Tribal-Issued Photo IDs – unclear if they are acceptable: TSA's website notes that a "Federally recognized, tribal-issued photo ID" is an acceptable form of identification for travel. The website also states that after October 1, 2020, "if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S. make sure it is REAL ID compliant." Since many Federally recognized tribes in Alaska issue their own tribal IDs, not the state, it is assumed that a tribal-issued ID with a photo should still be accepted by TSA after October 1, 2020. Unfortunately, several nonprofit consortiums have been unable to confirm this with either U.S. Homeland Security, TSA, or our state's DOA/DMV. Despite lacking this confirmation, some of these consortiums are moving forward, working with tribal and community councils to upgrade their tribal ID computer software so that it is REAL ID compatible.

Additional issues are shared in the attached Alaska Federation of Native's Resolution 19-63 passed unanimously this last October.

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The state's DMV is responsible for implementing the federal REAL ID requirements for state-issued drivers licenses and ID cards. Without assistance from the DMV, many rural Alaskans will be unable to obtain a REAL ID compliant state-issued license or ID card without undue burden. We respectfully request the Department address these obstacles in a timely and fair manner to reduce the risk our constituents may experience accessing health, business and education services should they be unable to acquire a REAL ID by the deadline or are unable to use their Tribal-issued Photo ID to travel. Secondly, please provide a list of funding spent to date on complying with and implementing REAL ID in Alaska.

Thank you for consideration and timely response to our request.

Sincerely,



Rep. Neal Foster
District 39



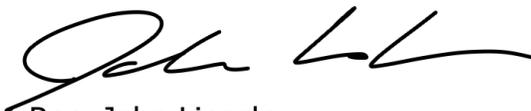
Rep. Bryce Edgmon
District 37



Rep. Sara Hannan
District 33



Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
District 36



Rep. John Lincoln
District 40



Rep. Dan Ortiz
District 35



Rep. Louise Stutes
District 32



Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky
District 38

CC:

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski
U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan
U.S. Congressman Don Young

Attachments:

Alaska Federation of Native's Resolution 19-63
DOA letter 6/14/19

TSA, Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles encourage state residents to get REAL ID-compliant driver license, identification card

Local Press Release

Monday, December 16, 2019



ANCHORAGE, Alaska– Officials with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today reminded Alaska residents that starting Oct. 1, 2020, all travelers will need a REAL ID-compliant driver license, identification card or another acceptable form of identification to board a commercial flight.

To determine if an Alaska driver license or identification card is REAL ID-compliant, look for a star within a black circle in the upper right-hand corner. The presence of this icon will indicate that the credential is REAL ID-compliant.

Congress passed The REAL ID Act in 2005, enacting a recommendation from the 9/11 Commission that established minimum security standards for state-issued driver licenses and identification cards. The Act further prohibited federal agencies, including the TSA, from accepting state-issued driver licenses or identification cards that do not meet the minimum standards.

"Starting Oct. 1, 2020, TSA will no longer be permitted to accept state-issued driver licenses or identification cards from travelers if the credential does not meet the REAL ID standards," said TSA Federal Security Director for Alaska, Peter S. Duffy. "Most travelers use their driver license as their picture ID, so we are encouraging Alaskans to act now and make sure their license meets REAL ID standards."

"It's important that Alaskan residents consider that although they may not intend to travel, there's the possibility that they may need to travel for unanticipated reasons such as family matters or being medevacked to a city where a federally-compliant ID is required to board an aircraft home," said Department of Administration Commissioner Kelly Tshibaka.

The Alaska DMV has been working with rural community leaders to overcome challenges related to DMV access in rural Alaska. It recently developed a mobile solution that allows DMV and its partners to travel to remote communities and issue REAL ID-compliant identification.

Currently, state DMV representatives are available at ANC and FAI to answer questions from travelers about REAL ID. In the coming months, they will continue to periodically be on-site at airports and other locations throughout the state as the federal enforcement deadline approaches.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, all travelers will need a REAL ID-compliant state-issued ID or another acceptable form of identification to board a commercial flight or gain access to secure federal facilities, including military bases, nuclear facilities and some federal offices. Now is the time for residents to plan ahead to ensure compliance with identification requirements.

The Alaska DMV began issuing REAL ID-compliant licenses and identification cards in January 2019. Eligibility requirements include providing proof of identity, legal status in the United States, and Social Security Number as well as two forms of documentation to confirm primary residency in Alaska. More information on applying for a driver license or identification card in Alaska that meets REAL ID standards is available at Alaska.gov/DMV.

On the TSA website, there is a full list of acceptable forms of identification beyond a state-issued driver license or identification card that TSA accepts at the security checkpoint. Some examples of alternate forms of acceptable identification are a U.S. passport, U.S. passport card; active duty and retired military ID including IDs issued to dependents; federally-recognized tribal-issued photo ID; Department of Homeland Security Trusted Traveler card including a Global Entry or NEXUS card; and the Transportation Worker Identification Credential.

Signs are currently posted at airports nationwide reminding the public that REAL ID-compliant licenses or other acceptable forms of identification will be mandatory for commercial air travel beginning on October 1, 2020. More information and Frequently Asked Questions on REAL ID can be found at <https://www.tsa.gov/real-id>.

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Date Submitted:	Council Rep: Mark Springer
Issue:	
Participation in the U.S. Census	
Recommendation: To accept, by Resolution,	
The Public Safety and Transportation Commission recommends that the council to participate in the Alaska Counts education campaign by applying for the \$250 mini-grant, and using the funds to host an outreach event in Bethel to ensure (1) residents understand how to complete the census, (2) that the census is confidential, and (3) how critical the census is to ensuring that Bethel receives its full share of funding for public services, such as transportation and public safety funding.	

Other: Passed unanimously by the PSTC Commission on

Received by: _____
Date: _____

Below you will find the link to the application for mini-grant funding. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and you can expect to hear back within two weeks of submission. Note: We can only grant funds to nonprofits, government entities, schools, and tribes; individuals are not eligible to apply for mini-grant funding on their own.

Alaska Counts Mini-Grant Application

What is Alaska Counts?

Alaska Counts is an education campaign organized by the Alaska Census Working Group (ACWG) to ensure that every person in Alaska understands that completing the census is confidential, easy to complete, and critical to ensuring that every community gets its full share of funding for local public services. We are working to reach Alaskans across the state ahead of the 2020 count through census communications and outreach.

What is the Alaska Counts mini-grant program?

The mini-grant program is an opportunity for organizations across the state to apply for up to \$250 to conduct local census outreach in their own community. The Foraker Group, as fiscal agent for Alaska Counts, will disburse funds to organizations that apply for mini-grant funding.

What is the timeline to apply?

Mini-grants will be disbursed on a rolling basis. Groups are encouraged to apply early, as funding is limited. Applicants can expect to hear back about their mini-grant application within two weeks.

Who is eligible to apply?

Any nonprofit, government organization, regional housing authority, school, tribal organization, or tribe in the state of Alaska is eligible to apply for a mini-grant. Unfortunately we cannot disburse mini-grants to individuals; Preference will be given to entities that have not already been granted to; entities that apply for multiple mini-grants will need to demonstrate that they are serving different hard-to-count groups with each event/activity.

What are examples of eligible activities?

Eligible activities range from hosting a local census lunch & learn event to sponsoring a poster making contest or developing a student-led census art project. Be creative—you know your community best! We won't fund partisan political activities/events, alcohol, or other impairing substances.

What are the reporting requirements?

Reporting requirements for the mini-grant program are simple: All we ask is that you A) send a photo of the event/outreach activity you engage in along with an estimate of the number of people impacted by the project, and B) share a post on your group's social media within one week of the use of the mini-grant and tag Alaska Counts.

What do we do if we get media attention for our project?

If you receive local media coverage of your project or event, please reach out! We'd love to share the story with our Alaska Counts audiences. You can email info@alaskacounts.org with information or questions about media coverage.

Can I download Alaska Counts materials myself rather than waiting for resources to be shipped?

Yes! Please visit alaskacounts.org/resources to view and download available Alaska Counts materials. Please also reach out to info@alaskacounts.org if you have an idea for a resource that's not currently available, and we'll see what we can do to create it.

Can I get materials in languages other than English?

We're working with partners to translate materials into non-English languages, including many Alaska Native languages. Hold tight! We'll have more information up soon, and we'll make sure to make translated materials available on our website as soon as we have them.

What if I don't use all the money? What do I do?

Please reach out to us directly—by phone or by email—if you do not use all of the mini-grant funds awarded. We will work to help you redirect funds to census outreach efforts in your community or ask that you return the remaining funds. Please be mindful that funds are limited—only ask for what you think you truly need to activate your idea.

CITY OF BETHEL
POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: **December 2019**

2019	December
New Chauffeurs	0
Chauffeur Renewals	7
Chauffeur Transfers	0
Vehicle Permit Renewals	0
Vehicle Transfers	3
Inspections	3
Revocations	0
Temporary Permits	0

- There was no semi-annual inspection this month.
- Alaska Taxi will have their semi-annual inspections next month.
- There were five complaints made in the month of December. Four of them were driving complaints and one was regarding a driver. All were followed up by an officer or I when available.