

Provo City Transportation Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting

August 15, 2024 Minutes

Draft

Item 1 – Introductions

The meeting began at 12:30 PM with Ms. McMurray, TMAC Chair, stating this would be an informal meeting as only three TMAC members were in attendance. Four TMAC members constitute a quorum, which is needed to approve Action Items and conduct other formal business. Those in attendance at the meeting:

Committee Members

Joy McMurray – District 2, Committee Chair
Lisa Jensen – Planning Commission Member (At Large)
Noah Gordon – District 4

City Staff

Vern Keeslar – Public Works, Traffic Manager
Kaehan Shour – Public Works, Engineer
Judy Johnson – Public Works, Engineering Office Assistant
Hannah Salzl – Development Services Planner/Planning and Sustainability
Joseph Gandy – Public Works Management Analyst/Public Information

Council Members

Katrice Mackay – Council Chair
George Handley

Others Attending

Geoff McLaughlin – former TMAC member

Item 2 – Action Item - Approval of June 26, 2024 TMAC Meeting Minutes

Because there was not a quorum in attendance, minutes could not be approved. Geoff McLaughlin was thanked for his service that ended in June; district boundaries constituted a change in TMAC representation.

Item 3 – Provo River Bridge & Trail Public Outreach update – Vern Keeslar

Mr. Keeslar showed a list of informational meetings that were held on this project. The team received outstanding public comment, both written and verbal as a result of these meetings. Due to public input, a decision was made to close 850 West sooner than construction begins; this will allow better traffic flow as drivers take 700 West,

750 West and 800 West. He showed the two design options discussed at these meetings: a 71' minor arterial cross section and 99' arterial cross section. Through meeting input and discussion, it was decided to use an alternative design featuring an 83' interim bridge cross section. Mr. Keeslar explained that if and when the road needs to be widened, four lanes will be used, still at 83' by eliminating the amenity zones and narrowing the median. Favorable comments have been received on this decision. Those in attendance discussed details, including safety concerns. The design now is at 30% and changes could be made before it is finalized. *A pdf of the Provo Bridge and Trail at 820 North will accompany these minutes.*

Item 4 – Construction Projects Update – Vern Keeslar

Mr. Keeslar stated that Timpview Drive was overlaid; West Center Street also received an overlay, including extending the third lane so there is a left turn lane that goes to Amelia Earhart school. Both of these projects turned out well.

Two projects that are still under construction are:

- 1) Canyon Road and University Avenue. Project completion was scheduled for September 4th, before school started. However, a change order was necessary because of a previously unknown abandoned utility which conflicted with the installation of the new storm drain. Hedges protruding into the walkway were also removed so that a 6' sidewalk could be completed. Completion is now scheduled for the third week in September.
- 2) The 300 South project is a complete reconstruction project with multiple issues. Beginning on August 19th, the entire road will be closed for 35 days to facilitate concrete work. Businesses affected will be 7-11, State Farm, Japanese Auto Repair, a café, and a hotel. The emissions business has access from 400 West. Residents are parking on side streets and walking to their destinations. Detours include sending people on 500 West to 920 North if they are eastbound; if they are westbound on 300 South, they'll be directed to 100 North then over to 500 West. Bicyclist and pedestrian traffic detours will be 200 South and 400 South. No north/south crossing access is available. This project should be finished in December.

Other projects include:

- 1) The design of a new traffic signal at 900 South and State Street by the Provo Cemetery, which will be very advantageous to active transportation. UDOT is funding this project and Provo will pay for betterments, including powder-coating the signal black.
- 2) The 5600 North University Avenue traffic signal, which will be presented at a public meeting conducted by UDOT. A meeting is necessary because left turns off Canyon Road will be restricted until the signal project is completed; UDOT will hire a Public Information firm to work on this project. Discussion included development around 5600 North.

Item 5 – TMAC Draft Bylaws Review – Vern Keeslar

An internal discussion was held on the TMAC Bylaws draft. A vote on the bylaws is scheduled to be held at the September TMAC meeting by the Committee.

Item 6 – Connected Communities Summit Invitation – Vern Keeslar

Mr. Keeslar presented the Connected Communities Summit information to those in attendance. It will be held in Provo on September 18th and 19th. The registration fee will be covered by Provo City if anyone associated with TMAC would like to attend.

Item 7 – Adjourn

Ms. McMurray thanked those who attended and adjourned the meeting at 1:34 PM.

Currently, the next TMAC Meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2024.*

* Update to the TMAC meeting schedule:

The September meeting will be held on September 26, 2024 due to the Connected Communities Summit which will be held in Provo on September 18th and 19th. The October TMAC Meeting will be held on October 24th to accommodate the Fall Break schedule.

A complete video and audio recording, including closed captions, of the August 15, 2024 TMAC Meeting can be accessed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3kFegFrB1w>