

DRAFT - TMAC MEETING – June 12, 2025

Item 1 – Introductions

- The meeting began at 12:31 PM with TMAC Chair, Beth Provence, conducting. Those present introduced themselves and are listed below.

Committee Members

Beth Provence - District 3 Committee Chair
Noah Gordon - District 4, Committee Vice Chair
David Keller - District 5 (Attended by Zoom)
Greg Macfarlane - Academia (At Large)
Lisa Jensen - Planning Commission Member (At Large)
David Hurtado - Alternate

Provo City Staff

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

Council

Katrice MacKay – Council Member

Action Item 2 - Approval of May 15, 2025 TMAC Meeting Minutes

- Mr. Macfarlane moved that the minutes of the May 15, 2025 meeting be approved; Mr. Gordon seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Item 3 – Discussion of purpose of scope of the TMAC – TMAC Members

Ms. Provence began this discussion by reviewing Chapter 14.04B.020 in the Provo City Code, *Powers and Duties – Procedure of the Transportation and Mobility Advisory Committee*. Discussion included these items:

- The Committee's role, effectiveness and influence on city transportation policies and projects. Concerns were raised about the implementation of TMAC's recommendations.
- Information discussed in TMAC meetings includes recommendations; the Mayor and the Council make final decisions.
- There is frustration that despite the TMAC's reviews and suggestions, many don't seem to make a difference.
- The need for better feedback from city staff; Mr. Keeslar agreed this is a valid point, then gave examples of how TMAC ideas had influenced decisions.
 - Mr. Keeslar noted that discussion in TMAC meetings led to a 14% increase in the Transportation Utility Fee for each of the next three years. Council Member MacKay said the discussion on raised crosswalks was instrumental in the decision to install them on Center Street.

- Ms. Salzl stated that because of BYU's recent presentation on near-misses with micro-mobility vehicles, Bird Scooters was asked to add a near-miss question to their information.

- Mr. Macfarlane asked whether we could expect feedback and follow-up on certain things, such as UDOT's design of the University Avenue Bridge. It would be helpful to know why suggestions offered in TMAC meetings weren't implemented.
- Mr. Keeslar pointed out that UDOT did include bike lanes and wider roads in the design, but they do have constraints.
- Mr. Keeslar assured the TMAC members that we value the time they put in as volunteers. When he is influenced by discussions in TMAC meetings, he can often share those insights with others in the city. The TMAC does make a difference.
- Council Member MacKay observed that when an item is brought to Council, she and Council Member Handley may have heard background information on it from TMAC or other board meetings, thereby giving them a better framework to help in decision making. The TMAC's perspectives are helpful.
- As Mr. Shour is applying for grants, insights from TMAC meetings have been valuable.
- The TMAC meeting has transitioned from city staff setting the meeting agenda to involving the TMAC Chair on determining agenda items.
- Ms. Jensen suggested that items discussed in a meeting could be listed at the bottom of each agenda; follow-up and outcomes could then be discussed.
- An action item could be a report from city staff on what happened with items at last month's meeting.
- Mr. Gordon expressed appreciation for the city staff.

Item 4 – Micromobility Future Impact Discussion – TMAC

Without time to adequately cover this topic in today's meeting, the following points were discussed:

- Mr. MacFarlane suggested that Ms. Provence work with Mr. Keeslar and Mr. Shour to determine what the framework for micromobility will be. This might be done before our next meeting.
- Ms. Provence suggested that micromobility recommendations as they pertain to the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) would be valuable. Discussions could include the vast range of micro-mobility vehicles and how to increase safety.
- Mr. Keeslar explained that the Transportation Master Plan is usually updated every 10 years.
- This Committee could recommend what changes or amendments could be made in terms of micromobility. Even though changes in micromobility are ongoing, we could still begin the process of what needs to change in the TMP.
- Ms. Jensen suggested identifying problems along with potential solutions.
- Mr. Gordon asked if anyone in the United States had tried to tackle micromobility, if work has already been done.
- Mr. Keeslar hasn't heard of anyone implementing micromobility in a TMP, but we are seeing an increased number of enforcement presentations because there are many accidents.
- Mr. Macfarlane mentioned a presentation on safe systems approach, including intelligent system design, could be helpful.
- Mr. Hurtado stated that he feels he should play a more active part in micromobility policies since he has knowledge of the subject.

Item 5 – Notice of Cancellation of July 17, 2025 TMAC Meeting – Vern Keeslar

There will be no TMAC meeting in July; the next meeting will be August 21, 2025.

Additional Information Mentioned:

- The Safety Action Plan was created about three years ago. This coming year is the last one for the Safe Streets for All grant. Provo City will apply for a grant and, if we get it, we can implement a safe systems approach concept.
- On Saturday, June 21st, Provo Public Works is holding *Flush Fest* from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM; this celebrates the grand opening of Provo's Water Reclamation Facility.
- Road closures for work on the Freedom Boulevard and the University Avenue Bridge were discussed.
- Mr. Shour mentioned that there is a link on Provo City's website that features road closure information; this will be helpful navigating around Provo's streets during construction projects.

A full recording of the June 12, 2025 TMAC Meeting is found on YouTube:

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