

Transportation and Mobility Advisory Committee (TMAC) Meeting Minutes

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Date: April 16, 2026

Location: Provo City Public Works/Zoom

Time: 12:30 PM

1. Introductions – TMAC Chair Beth Provence

Chair Beth Provence called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members, staff, and attendees. Opening remarks were provided by the Chair.

Attendance:

- *TMAC Members Present:*

Beth Provence - District 3, Committee Chair

Noah Gordon – District 4, Committee Vice Chair

David Keller – District 5

Kendall Thurston – District 2

- *Provo City Staff and Guests Present:*

Hannah Salzl – Development Services, Planner/Planning and Sustainability

Vern Keeslar – Public Works, Traffic Manager

Kaehan Shour – Public Works, Engineer

David Michelsen – Public Works, Engineer

Ashley Suyak – Public Works

Steven Brough - Provo City Police Department

Rachel Whipple – City Council

Katrice MacKay – City Council

2. Action Item - Approve Minutes from March 19, 2026

March 19, 2026, meeting minutes were reviewed by the committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Bicycle-Friendly Community Survey Results – Vern Keeslar

Overview

- Survey conducted in partnership with the League of American Bicyclists
- Provo submitted a 90+ page application (June 2025)
- Achieved Gold Bicycle-Friendly Community status (January 2026)
- One of only two Gold-level communities in Utah (alongside Park City)

Participation & Demographics

- 1,326 survey responses (2nd highest nationally out of 92 communities)
- Largest age group: 31–45
- Gender split relatively even
- ~11% of respondents reported a disability

Key Findings

Bicycling Frequency

- Strong participation: ~700 respondents ride at least weekly

Primary Uses

- Recreation, exercise, and transportation dominate
- Minimal use for work-related travel

Top Barriers to Biking

- Lack of bike access
- Distance to destinations
- Low confidence riding
- Physical limitations
- Infrastructure less frequently cited than expected

Top Desired Improvements

- More off-street trails and paths
- Improved driver behavior (education, enforcement, reduced speeds)

Safety & Perception

- Majority somewhat satisfied with safety, but concerns remain
- Top safety concerns:
 - Distracted driving
 - Fast-moving traffic
 - Inconsistent infrastructure

Education Gap

- ~90% have not received bicycle safety training in the last 5 years
- Identified as a major opportunity for improvement

Strategic Insights & Recommendations

- Expand protected/separated bike infrastructure
- Improve driver education and enforcement
- Develop a connected regional bike network
- Increase community education and outreach programs

Recognition

- Provo's transportation system highlighted as a major strength:
 - Nationally recognized transit and infrastructure
 - Significant investment (~\$21M since 2020; ~\$46M projected)
- Staff invited to national and international transportation forums

4. June Meeting Reschedule

- Original date: June 18, 2026
- New date: June 11, 2026 (consensus agreement)

5. East-West Connectivity Discussion – Beth Provence

- Identified as a major focus area for the year

Planned Analysis Includes:

- Road classifications (local, collector, arterial)

- Capacity vs. volume analysis
- Connectivity gaps across:
 - Provo River
 - Interstate 15
 - Rail corridors

Key Considerations:

- Emergency access (e.g., ambulance routes)
- Regional mobility (University Avenue to freeway access)
- Future infrastructure opportunities (e.g., overpasses, connections)

6. Engineering Project Update – Engineering Staff

- 2026 Capital Projects – Kaehan Shour
 - Crack Seal Program: Ongoing; weather impacting schedule
 - 900 East / 900 South Sidewalk Project: Starting April 20
 - Signal Upgrade (Freedom Blvd & 500 North): Planned for summer (equipment delays)
 - CDBG Project: Begins April 27. Improvements include:
 - ADA ramps
 - Sidewalk upgrades
 - Driveway adjustments for compliance
- 820 North Bridge Replacement Update – David Michelsen
 - Significant progress since November
 - On track for completion before July 4, 2026
- University Avenue Bridge Replacement Update – Vern Keeslar
 - Encountered underground obstruction (likely historic structure)
 - Resulting in ~3-month delay
 - New casing required; coordination with UDOT ongoing

Summary:

- Provo achieved Gold Bicycle-Friendly Community status

- Survey highlights:
 - Strong biking participation
 - Safety concerns centered on driver behavior
 - Major gap in bike safety education
- East-West connectivity identified as top planning priority
- Multiple infrastructure projects underway; one major bridge project delayed
- June meeting rescheduled to June 11, 2026

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM. The next meeting will be held on May 21, 2026, 12:30 PM.

A full video/audio recording of this meeting can be found on YouTube at the link below:

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