

Transportation and Mobility Advisory Committee (TMAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2026

Location: Provo City Public Works/Zoom

Chair: Beth Provence

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

Ryan Koller – District 4 (Alternate)

David Keller – District 5

Kendall Thurston – District 2

Greg Macfarlane – Transportation Academia

- *Provo City Staff and Guests Present:*

Vern Keeslar – Public Works, Traffic Manager

Kaehan Shour – Public Works, Engineer

Ashley Suyak – Public Works, Executive Office Assistant

David Michelsen – Public Works, Engineer

Joseph Gandy – Public Works, Management Analyst/Public Information

Hannah Salzl – Development Services, Planner/Planning and Sustainability

Sandy Bussio – Development Services, Parking and Zoning Manager

Boden Goulding – Development Services, Assistant Parking and Zoning Manager

Katrice MacKay – City Council

Rachel Whipple – City Council

Emma (prospective committee member)

Joel Temple (Planning Commission liaison; expected to join TMAC pending appointment process)

2. Action Item – Approve Minutes from April 16, 2026

The committee reviewed the April meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. East-West Connectivity Presentation and Discussion – Vern Keelsar and TMAC

Vern presented an extensive review of east-west transportation connectivity, including references from the General Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Conservancy and Resiliency Plan, and the MAG Draft 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Key Findings from City Plans:

- Improve east-west traffic flow and signal timing.
- Center Street identified as a primary east-west corridor.
- 600 South corridor improvements support east-west mobility.
- Future connection of 500 North from 700 East to 900 East remains planned.
- I-15, railroad tracks, and transit infrastructure are identified as barriers to east-west movement.
- Need for improved bicycle, pedestrian, and transit connections across those barriers.

Transportation Master Plan:

- Identifies future east-west collectors and arterials, including 1680/1730 North, 500 North, 200 North, 560 South, 1150 South, and 1560 South.
- Recognizes long-term connectivity projects and development-driven street extensions.

MAG Draft 2055 RTP:

- Continues to include the 1680/1730 North connection.
- Includes the 500 North connection and a proposed 900 South grade separation.
- Includes a conceptual Utah Lake crossing study (between approximately 2000 North and Center Street).
- Retains widening projects for 2200 North and the 820 North corridor.

Discussion of Major Completed East-West Connections:

Vern summarized major projects completed over the past two decades, including:

- Foothill Drive to 4800 North
Completed in 2007.
- 500 West crossing of I-15
Completed in 2012.
- Lakeview Parkway connection to 500 West
Completed in 2016.
- 2000 North connection to Geneva Road
Completed in 2025.

These projects significantly increased access between west Provo and the rest of the city.

Level of Service (LOS) Review:

Vern explained that the presentation focused on corridor-level LOS based on daily traffic volumes, not intersection-level LOS. Utah generally designs urban roadways to LOS D, which balances efficiency and cost.

Major observations included:

Corridor	Key Observation
Foothill Drive / 4800 North	Substantial remaining capacity.
3700 North	Segments operating around 83–89% of LOS D capacity; safety concerns at Edgewood Drive.
University Parkway	Several segments operating near or above LOS D capacity; western portions are most congested.
2230 North / 900 East area	Heavy congestion approaching and exceeding LOS D capacity in places.
820 North	Varies by segment; congestion influenced by school traffic and railroad crossings.

Corridor	Key Observation
500 North	Important corridor with remaining capacity, though currently affected by detour traffic from the 820 North bridge closure.
Center Street	West of I-15, volumes are significantly above LOS D capacity; east of downtown, volumes decline substantially.
Lakeview Parkway	Currently underutilized relative to its long-term design capacity but experiencing steady growth.

Committee Discussion:

Members discussed several issues and concepts:

- Center Street / Geneva Road Congestion

Concern was expressed regarding severe congestion west of I-15. Vern noted that Geneva Road and Center Street improvements remain in regional and city plans, and the city has been advocating for funding and implementation.

- Interchange Design

Members debated the operational challenges of the Center Street interchange and the potential value of future interchange studies. Vern noted that a future 820 North interchange remains in regional plans and may warrant further evaluation.

- Downtown Traffic Distribution

The committee discussed whether additional traffic could be encouraged onto 100 North rather than Center Street. Members noted tradeoffs between traffic efficiency, pedestrian environment, and neighborhood impacts.

- Future Growth in Southwest Provo

Concerns were raised about how future development west of I-15 will access northbound I-15 and whether existing interchanges will adequately accommodate growth.

Members asked to review the East-West Connectivity slides before the June meeting.

Members were encouraged to identify key issues for additional discussion at the next meeting.

Follow-Up Topic: Pedestrian & Bicycle Near-Miss Reporting:

A committee member requested a future agenda item on pedestrian and bicycle near-miss reporting. Vern reported that the Police Department has improved reporting for non-vehicular incidents, but there is currently no formal system for reporting near misses. Camera-based analytics systems exist but have not been implemented.

4. Engineering Project Update – Engineering Staff

820 North Bridge Replacement Update – David Michelsen:

- The project remains on schedule with the road reopening: July 4, 2026.
- Trail reopening will occur later due to mural installation and finishing work.
- Substantial visible progress has been made during the past month.
- Lighting will be included on the bridge.

University Avenue Bridge Replacement Update – Vern Keeslar:

- Boring operations encountered unexpected obstruction.
- Railroad review required revisions to submitted plans.
- Lakeview Parkway / State Street restriping is underway to improve lane clarity.
- In June, the southbound University Avenue ramp to southbound I-15 will be closed for approximately one month while concrete work is completed on the slip ramp. Drivers will be detoured through the signalized intersection.

Upcoming Meeting Information:

- June meeting: Moved to June 11, 2026.
- July: No TMAC meeting.
- August: Regular meetings resume; BYU student project presentations are anticipated.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.