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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

May 19, 2026 (5:30pm)

Place: City Hall Council Conference Room, City of Orem

At **5:30 PM**, Chair Radford called the Transportation Advisory Commission meeting to order and invited all present to introduce themselves.

Those Present:

TAC Members

Todd Covington (online)
Tonia Doussett
CJ Mecham
Jay Przybyla
Laura Redford - Chair
Kathleen Turner
Carol Walker

City Council Members

LaNae Millett, City Council Liaison

Staff

Gary McGinn, Community Development Executive Director
Jared Hall, Planning Director
Matt Taylor, Senior Planner
Taggart Bowen, City Engineer

Those Excused: *Staff* - John Dorny

1. Administrative & Scheduling

- **Approval of Minutes from February 3rd:** February minutes were deferred to the next meeting, due to not having been sent out for review in time.

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- **Schedule Change:** Approved moving from quarterly to monthly meetings for June, July, and August (held on the third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.).

2. Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Strategy

- **Timeline:** The goal is to complete a comprehensive ATP update within 3–4 months using the 2021 Master Plan as a foundation.
- **User-Centric Design:** Planning will focus on demographic safety needs rather than just connecting map lines, utilizing multiple maps for different comfort levels.
- **Connectivity Concepts:** * Introduced the "String of Pearls" concept to link parks, transit hubs, and regional trails.
 - To bypass expensive overpasses, the city will use low-volume roads as "shared spaces" with sharrows.
 - Branded wayfinding signage will be prioritized as a cost-effective navigation aid.
- **Engagement:** The community is invited to the "connect core ride" on the fourth Saturday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

3. Canal Projects & Studies

- **North Union Canal Study:** Supported by a \$150,000 Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) grant to explore a walking, biking, and utility corridor. An RFP was issued for a consultant to navigate complex property ownership, liability issues, and public outreach.
- **Union Bench Canal Trail ("Bonnedock Link"):** Secured a \$135,000 MAG grant to bridge a half-mile gap between the Murdock Canal and Bonneville Shoreline trails. Construction features trailhead amenities (pavilion, lighting, cameras) and is slated for completion next September.

4. Regional Updates & Infrastructure Projects

- **MAG & Funding Alignment:** Projects must be explicitly documented in the city's master plan and MAG's 2055 Regional Transportation Plan to qualify for competitive Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding.
- **Project Status Updates:**
 - *800 South & Orem Boulevard:* Lane realignment and widening proposed for safety; currently has a low funding probability due to high costs.
 - *Center Street Widening:* Currently at 30% design; the city is exploring EPA brownfield grants to convert a Union Pacific rail spur.
 - *1600 North & Whitney:* Utility construction has commenced; a resident sound wall will be included.
 - *Lake View Parkway:* Progressing slowly through final right-of-way acquisitions.
- **Trail Maintenance:** Confirmed that Murdock Canal Trail maintenance is the responsibility of Utah County, not the city.

5. Adjournment

- At approximately **7:00PM**, Chair Radford adjourned the meeting, reaffirming the upcoming summer meeting schedule.

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Reviewed and Approved: June 16, 2026