



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

June 16, 2026 (5:30pm)

Place: City Hall Council Conference Room, City of Orem

Commissioners and staff had an informal discussion while waiting for a full quorum. Approval of the minutes from previous meetings was postponed, and the Commission began with item 2 from the agenda.

Item 2: Updates to Staff Coordination for TAC

Staff members Matt Taylor and Emma Tenney introduced themselves, noting that John Dorny, the previous staff coordinator for the Transportation Advisory Commission, has moved to a different department.

Matt Taylor presented a video on “Cycling Happiness.”

A recording of this meeting can be found at

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GBtado8foilyXYta6Oq-Nu0esw0UHR0K?usp=sharing>.

At **5:47 PM**, the Transportation Advisory Commission meeting was officially called to order.

Those Present:

TAC Members: Todd Covington (online), Tonia Doussett, Jay Przybyla, Kathleen Turner, Carol Walker

City Council Members: LaNae Millett, City Council Liaison

Staff: Jared Hall, Planning Director; Matthew Taylor, Senior Planner; Taggart Bowen, City Engineer; Emma Tenney, Associate Planner

Those Excused:

TAC Members: CJ Mecham, Laura Redford

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2026 and May 19, 2026

Emma Tenney called for a motion. Commissioner Jay Przybyla made a motion to approve the minutes from February 3, 2026 and May 19, 2026. Commissioner Kathy Turner seconded.

YES: Todd Covington, Tonia Doussett, Jay Przybyla, Kathleen Turner, Carol Walker

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed.

Item 4: Project Updates - Center Street Widening Project (Geneva Road to I-15), Utah Lake Shoreline Trail (Walkara Way), MAG TIP Project Updates

Matt Taylor reported that the city is currently vetting RFPs for a study of the North Union Canal. He clarified that this is simply a study intended to support long-term, informed decision-making regarding the area, and does not indicate that any decisions have taken place.

City Engineer Taggart Bowen provided an update on the Center Street Widening Project, which aims to alleviate a significant traffic bottleneck at the railroad crossing at Geneva Road.

- Project Status: Design is approximately 30% complete, and discussions with right-of-way property owners are scheduled to begin in the near future.
- Funding: The project is a Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) funded initiative. While a larger funding allocation (\$10–11 million) is expected in January 2028, sufficient funds are currently available to proceed with the design phase.
- Railroad Crossing: Due to the extended timeline for track realignment by Vineyard, the city has decided to move forward with the widening rather than waiting for potential track removal. The current design is adaptable, allowing the intersection to be converted into a trail or other improvement in the future should the tracks eventually be removed, without impacting structural integrity.

Item 3: A Discussion on Developing an Active Transportation Plan

Matt Taylor provided an update on the preliminary phases of the Active Transportation Plan. The discussion highlighted the foundational work established by previous master plans (Bike, Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space).

He then invited Commissioners and present community members to participate in a mapping and connectivity brainstorming exercise. They divided into groups of 3-5 and looked at large printed maps of the City, with an inventory of existing facilities (bike lanes, buffered paths, and shared-use paths) to facilitate the brainstorming of future network gaps. The purpose of this exercise was to identify "string of pearls" connectivity opportunities—key city destinations that require safer access for walking and biking. During the exercise, Commissioners and staff discussed several key infrastructure and connectivity priorities, such as:

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- State Street Crossings: Need for safer, more prominent pedestrian and bicycle crossings across State Street, particularly at University Avenue and Center Street, to connect major commercial and community nodes
- School Corridor Safety: Participants identified 800 West as a critical corridor for school connectivity, noting the high concentration of schools and the need for improved, safe bike/walk lanes for students
- Route Connectivity: Commissioners discussed potential safety and connectivity improvements for 400 East to better connect Scera Park, University Place Mall, and City Center Park.

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Item 5: Questions and Future Agenda Items

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2026. Matt Taylor noted that the agenda will include the election of a Vice Chair.

Item 6: Adjourn

Emma Tenney called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carol Walker motioned to adjourn the Transportation Advisory Commission meeting, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Przybyla.

YES: Todd Covington, Tonia Doussett, Jay Przybyla, Kathleen Turner, Carol Walker

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

The meeting was adjourned at **6:56 PM**.

Reviewed and Approved: DRAFT