**Transportation Mobility Advisory Committee (TMAC) Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** September 17, 2026

**Location:** Provo City Public Works/Virtual

**Chair:** Beth Provence

## 1. Introductions – TMAC Chair Beth Provence

The meeting of the Transportation and Mobility Advisory Committee (TMAC) was called to order by Chair Beth Provence at approximately 12:31 PM. Committee members and attendees introduced themselves and disclosed any conflicts of interest related to the agenda items. No conflicts of interest were reported.

- **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 (Virtual)
  - Kendall Thurston – District 2
  - David Hurtado – District 1, Business Community Representative
- **Provo City Staff and Guests Present:**
  - Ashley Suyak – Public Works, Executive Office Assistant
  - Joseph Gandy – Public Works, Management Analyst/Public Information
  - Kaehan Shour - Public Works, Engineer
  - Danielle Nixon – Public Works, Engineer
  - Hannah Salzl – Development Services, Planner/Planning and Sustainability
  - Katrice MacKay – City Council
  - Rachel Whipple – City Council (Virtual)

## 2. Action Item – Approve Minutes from August 20, 2026

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the August 20, 2026, meeting.

**Motion:** To approve August 20, 2026, meeting minutes by Kendall Thurston.
**Second:** The motion was seconded by David Hurtado.
**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

## 3. Discussion Item – TMAC Schedule – Beth Provence

The Committee discussed the TMAC meeting schedule due to a committee member's appointment to another special committee, which will create a recurring conflict with the current third-Thursday meeting schedule for approximately nine months.

The Committee discussed alternative meeting dates and determined that Thursdays generally work best for members. The second Thursday of the month was identified as the preferred alternative.

The Committee also discussed the upcoming October meeting. Because additional information regarding the East-West Connectivity discussion is expected to be presented by Vern, and he will not be available on the third Thursday in October, the Committee agreed to move the October meeting to **Thursday, October 8, 2026.**

The Committee will formally vote on the ongoing meeting schedule at the October 8 meeting.

**Action Item:** Staff will schedule the October 8, 2026, TMAC meeting and place the proposed meeting schedule on the agenda for formal consideration.

**4. East-West Mobility Discussion – Beth Provence**

Chair Beth Provence led a discussion regarding East-West mobility and connectivity within Provo. She reminded the Committee that TMAC serves as a recommendation body rather than a policy-making body. The Committee's role is to review available information, consider the potential impacts and benefits of transportation options, and provide recommendations to the City Council.

The Committee discussed several corridors and transportation concepts that may warrant additional study.

**2200 N Corridor**

The Committee discussed the importance of 2200 North as an East-West connection, particularly given its role as a major commuter route for residents in South Provo and surrounding areas.

Members recognized that improvements to this corridor could have significant impacts on existing homes and neighborhoods. However, the Committee also noted the importance of considering the corridor's broader role in improving mobility throughout the City.

**Center Street and 100 North**

The Committee discussed traffic along Center Street and the potential for improving East-West connectivity through 100 North.

Members expressed concern about increasing traffic volumes along Center Street as development continues in the area. The discussion included a conceptual idea of potentially diverting some east-west vehicular traffic toward 100 North while preserving Center Street as a more vibrant downtown corridor.

The Committee recognized that any changes in this area would have significant impacts on existing businesses, properties, homes, and other community assets, including Pioneer Park. Members emphasized that further study would be necessary before considering any recommendation.

**820 North / Potential I-15 Interchange**

The Committee held an extensive discussion regarding 820 North and the potential for a future interchange or improved connection to I-15.

Members noted several factors supporting additional study, including:

- Potential growth and expansion of the hospital and surrounding area.
- Emergency access and ambulance travel times.
- The potential for improved access to western Provo.
- Reducing traffic pressure on existing interchanges, particularly University Parkway.
- Improving East-West connectivity across Provo.
- Providing additional transportation options for major events and other traffic generators.
- Reducing traffic in residential neighborhoods.

The Committee also discussed the significant challenges associated with a potential interchange, including railroad crossings, topography, property impacts, construction costs, and environmental considerations.

A potential **frontage-road and slip-ramp system** was discussed as an alternative to a traditional interchange configuration. This concept could potentially provide access to multiple locations while reducing the need for all interchange ramps to terminate at a single cross street.

Members discussed the importance of evaluating the number of people who could benefit from improved connectivity compared with the number of property owners and residents who could experience negative impacts. The Committee emphasized the need to balance transportation benefits with neighborhood and property impacts.

The Committee also discussed the environmental review process associated with potential state transportation projects and the importance of ensuring that Provo has an opportunity to provide input before decisions are made.

Chair Beth Provence emphasized that proactive planning could allow the City to have greater influence over future transportation decisions rather than responding after major decisions have already been made.

The Committee also discussed the relationship between transportation connectivity, economic development, access to businesses, quality of life, and future growth.

No formal recommendation was made during this meeting. The Committee anticipates receiving additional modeling information before beginning a more formal recommendation process.

**Action Item:** Vern is expected to provide an additional modeling presentation at a future meeting on October 8th. The Committee will continue its discussion after reviewing the additional information.

5. **Engineering Project Update – Engineering Staff**
    - **South State Street Trail**

Staff provided an update on the South State Street Trail project.

The project has experienced delays associated with the redesign of storm drain improvements. Crews have returned to the site to remove and replace portions of the storm drain system.

A temporary closure near **90 South and State Street** is anticipated in early October to allow crews to complete the storm drain crossing through the intersection. The closure is expected to last approximately one week.

Following completion of the storm drain work, crews anticipate paving the roadway and reopening it to regular traffic before continuing with sidewalk improvements.

Additional sidewalk work is underway near 600 South. Staff also discussed coordination with the bridge project and anticipated work on the opposite side of the bridge later in the year, weather permitting.

- **University Avenue Bridge Replacement**

Jenny Snyder, Public Information Manager for the University Avenue Bridge Project, provided an update on the project.

The project has completed girder installation and is preparing for bridge deck pours. Work is also continuing the mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) walls on the west side of the bridge.

Paving work near the **920 South intersection** is expected to begin the following week, progressing through the roadway as work advances toward completion of the west side.

Major utility work beneath the railroad tracks has been completed. Remaining utility cleanup and additional utility work on the east side of the bridge will continue.

The project team is working toward transitioning traffic to the west side of the bridge later in the year. Once the west side is completed, the east side will be demolished and reconstructed.

The project was originally anticipated to require approximately one year per side. The project team indicated that the project is approaching the halfway point.

- **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee discussed the meeting agenda structure and suggested placing engineering/project updates earlier in future meetings so that project representatives who attend specifically to provide updates do not have to wait through the full meeting.

The Committee agreed that future agendas may place engineering project updates earlier in the meeting when appropriate.

- **Action Item:** Staff will schedule the October 8, 2026, TMAC meeting and place the proposed meeting schedule on the agenda for formal consideration.

6. **Adjourn**

   There being no further business, Chair Beth Provence called for adjournment.

   The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 PM.