

TMAC Meeting Notes

August 11, 2020, 12:30pm

Online Meeting via Zoom

In Attendance

- TMAC Members: Joy McMurray, Mitsuru Saito, Clancy Black, Jim Hamula, David Arnold, and Stephen Mongie
- Staff: David Graves, Robert Mills, Gary McGinn, Shane Winters, David Day, and Dixon Holmes
- Guests: Councilor David Shipley, Vern Keeslar, Christian Kirkam

Prior to discussing the items on the agenda, Chair Black read a statement regarding the continued need for electronic meetings and the justification for holding the meeting via Zoom.

Item One, Grade Separated Study

- Vern Keeslar and Christian Kirkam from Parametrix, presented the findings of an extensive study of the traffic impacts resulting from trains at the Freedom Boulevard and 500 West at-grade crossings. Data was obtained using live aerial photography and observation of the amount of time taken by each train crossing over a period of approximately five days in August of 2019 and then again in September 2019.
- Some of the findings include:
 - UTA FrontRunner accounts for the greatest number of crossing arm activations, followed by freight trains, then Amtrak.
 - The amount of time that the crossing arms are activated is dominated by freight train crossings. The average time for a freight crossing is three to five minutes but can be substantially longer.
 - Pedestrian crossings (including crossing by bike) was counted and there are more walking crossings than by bike. The need for a pedestrian has been evident for a long time. Shane Winters reported that all the funding has been
 - Information was obtained from the Fire Department regarding emergency response routing impacts.
- Vern explained the four alternatives that were considered: no action, a grade-separated crossing at Freedom Boulevard, a grade-separated crossing at 500 West, and the construction of both crossings.
- The next step in this process is to hold another public open house (virtually).

Item Two, Additional Prioritization for Active Transportation Projects

- The committee continued working through prioritizing the active transportation projects from the Transportation Master Plan
 - 1390 N and Geneva has been completed as noted by Shane

- 2230 N from University Avenue to Provo River Parkway Trail was previously funded, but then the funds were transferred to the Cougar Boulevard project. New funding for this project has been approved and the Parks Department is taking the lead to design and construct.
- 3700 N from 50 W to 100 E – The committee worked through the prioritization score for this project.