

TMAC Meeting Notes

November 10, 2020 @ 12:30pm

Online Meeting via Zoom

In Attendance

- TMAC Members: Joy McMurray, Mitsuru Saito, Clancy Black, Jim Hamula, Laurie Urquiaga (Planning Commission Representative), and David Arnold
- Staff: Robert Mills, Gary McGinn, Shane Winters, David Day, Rob Hunter, and Kristal Howarth

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 – Center Street Discussion

- Robert reviewed the committee's prior discussions regarding Center Street and the prior notes TMAC had forwarded to Council reiterating support for Center Street as a pedestrian mall; A letter jointly sent to Council from BikeWalk Provo and Downtown Provo, Inc. regarding desired Center Street improvements, and; The Council's recent Center Street Policy Intent Statement.
- Gary explained that the Council would like feedback from TMAC on this statement and asked the committee members what their thoughts were on the document and if there were any parts they would change.
- Clancy felt the Council's statement is consistent with what TMAC has previously indicated was desired.
- Joy feels the Feb letter from TMAC is still good. She noted that east/west mobility is a very important issue to include in the discussion regarding Center Street and will likely include alternative routes.
- Clancy suggested the first bullet point under "Timing and Implementation" should be expanded to evaluate how any east/west project should include analysis on the impact to supporting the Center Street vision.
- Gary explained that the second bullet point under "Timing and Implementation" suggests that improvements should be done incrementally. It is important to evaluate timing and associated impacts. Any improvements should be done incrementally and phased to help keep businesses stable and be respectful of the downtown users.
- Shane talked about the risk of implementing major changes all at once—especially things that cannot easily be redone.
- Gary explained that utilizing Interim Design Strategies is a way to evaluate a proposed design or idea without expending large costs or permanently changing the built infrastructure. Many cities have success using interim design strategies to introduce new concepts and practices. TMAC members supported the use of these measures, but also noted that sometimes, if residents know the measures are only temporary, they may not be as widely accepted.

- Clancy expressed the desire to reword the second bullet point to include the possibility of larger projects but express the intent of focusing on small incremental things.
- Shane asked for additional input on the phrase “feels safe.” What does that mean?
- James said it was difficult to define, but noted he felt it could be gauged by the number of people enjoying an area.
- David Arnold gave examples of what feels unsafe: Going to a mid-block crosswalk and cars not stopping; Less safe at night, feels dark; Unclear of what one is supposed to do after parking in the middle-island parking stalls, it’s very confusing.
- TMAC agrees with the vision. Timing and implementation need to be changed in some fashion. Staff will work on refining those bullet points and then send it to TAMC members via email to send to Council. At the next meeting we could go through the list of recommendations from Public Works, DPI, and BikeWalk Provo. Any TMAC members could also add to the list and then we would discuss those items next items.
- James Hamula moved to adopt the vision with the provision of modifying the two bullet points, Clancy seconded. Unanimous support.

Item 2: Shane and Rob presented information about 100 E and the possibilities of 200 East to get traffic from Center Street to 100 North. This will be an ongoing discussion.