

TMAC Meeting Notes

July 15, 2021 @ 12:00 pm

Online Meeting via Zoom and In-Person at ComDev Conference Room

In Attendance

- TMAC Members: Clancy Black, Joy McMurray, Mitsu Saito, David Arnold, Jim Hamula, Laurie Urquiaga (Planning Commission Representative), and Dave Harding (Council Representative)
- Staff: Shane Winters, Gary McGinn, David Day, Melissa McNalley, Javin Weaver, Kristal Howarth, and Robert Mills

Item One – Scooter Ridership Report

Mr. Weaver presented scooter information on ridership and scooters in the City. Link scooters have been with Provo City for the past year and are expanding into other Utah County cities which will enable riders to continue from one city to another. A heat map shows that ridership is heavily used downtown and through the core of Provo, on the parkway trail, and surrounding BYU campus.

The number of rides on our scooters 84,000 rides since the scooters launched a year ago.

The average length of time on a scooter trip is 14 minutes.

Mr. Winters asked about the top ten locations where scooters are being used and Mr. Weaver responded that he would get that information.

Questions were raised on which roads are being the most used by the scooter riders.

Mr. Winters asked for major ridership routes over a one-year period.

Better data is needed from the vendor regarding accidents and speed regulation in relation to sidewalks.

No major traffic issues or accidents have been reported to City Departments regarding the scooters.

Mr. McGinn pointed out that it would be interesting to learn, but perhaps hard to gather the data on why people ride scooters.

Mr. Black asked if the scooters are costing the City anything. Mr. McGinn pointed out that it does not cost the City monetarily, but it does cost the City time.

Mr. Arnold wondered if the City might be able to find a funding source to make the scooters free for riders for a while. The hope being that we can get more people to different parts of the City.

Mr. McGinn suggested we work with the vendor on different ideas and perhaps have riding on sidewalks in certain areas at lower speeds and a free ridership area.

Mr. Clancy regarding the free fare likes the idea of a destination or origin for free. Like a UTA station and use it in conjunction with the UTA maps. Mr. McGinn voiced that this is a great idea to pursue.

Mr. Winters – the ridership on UVX is paid for with MAG funds.

Item 2-Continue Evaluation of Center Street Project List

Mr. Mills – the plan is that we will have a report ready for the City Council by October.

Mr. McGinn – It's important to have DPI come in to go over scoring. To make sure this process makes sense to businesses.

Mr. Black – go over the items by August and send the list to DPI in September for review before taking it to council.

Maintains and Supports convenient access to business and services:

Create Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) at intersections on Center Street –

This item was voted a 1

Install “Slow” and “15 MPH” paint markings on Street –

This item was voted a 1

Paint bike “sharrows” in the outside lanes –

This item was voted a 0

Install flashing “15 MPH AHEAD” signs at 600 W and 200 E –

This is voted a 0

Install pedestrian mall signage

This item is voted a 1

Install entry arch

This item is voted a 1

High visibility crosswalks

This item was voted a 0

Install 3-D crosswalks (not recommended by FHWA)

This item is voted a 0

Install rumble strips just after 500 W and 200 E

This item is voted a 0

Install protected left turns along the detour route (i.e., 500 W/200 N and 200 E/Center)

Would decreasing commuter traffic be more positive or negative for businesses?
Would especially like to hear what DPI thinks about this.

This item is voted a 1

Improve lighting at mid-block crosswalks –

Voted 0

Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at mid-block crossings -

Voted 0

Install variable message signs to warn drivers of upcoming slow speeds –

Voted 0

Install parklets or interim sidewalks widenings with movable planters in existing parking spots

Voted -1

Install signal at 400 W and 100 W

Voted 0

Create parking-protected bike lane by converting angle parking to parallel.

Voted -2

Install “hawk” pedestrian signal at 400 W

Voted 0

Install Chicanes

Voted -2

Construct median walkway for center-parking access to crosswalks.

Voted 0

Install raised crosswalks at mid-block crossings and 500 W.

Voted 0

Remove median parking to construct median/plaza linear park for dining recreation, etc.

Voted -2

Convert all angle parking to parallel for more dining/pedestrian/recreation space.

Voted -2

Remove all parking for more dining/pedestrian/recreation space

Voted -2

Raise intersections at 100 W, 300 W and 400 W.

Voted 0

Reduce the speed limit on University Ave and 500 W

Voted 0

Change the surface material on Center Street

Voted 0

Block Traffic from entering Center St from 100 W and 400 W extending median along middles
Right In/Right out only.

*Mr. Black would like to see this as two separate ideas with additional parking or a
pedestrian plaza (right in, right out only)

Voted 0

This item =voted a 0 for pedestrian safety as well

Remove one lane of traffic each direction

Voted -2

Realign Center St to 100 N at 500 W and back to Center @ 200 E –

Voted 1

Completely close Center Street to vehicular traffic -

Voted -2

*Block traffic from entering and exiting Center St from 100 W and 400 W Extending median
along middle and create plaza area.

Voted -1

As far as a rating for pedestrian safety this item scores a 2

Meeting Adjourned.