

TMAC Meeting Notes

December 16, 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, and Laurie Urquiaga (Planning Commission Representative)
- Staff: Rob Hunter, Melissa McNalley, Javin Weaver, Gordon Haight, Dixon Holmes, Bill Peperone, and Brandon Larsen
- Guests from BikeWalk Provo – Clark Pixton, Austin Taylor

Item 1	A presentation on BikeWalk Provo's bicycle and pedestrian counts (Clark Pixton)
Item 2	Center Street Priorities
Item 3	Road Rehab
Item 4	Concrete Projects

Item 1 – Presentation from BikeWalk Provo by Austin Taylor and Clark Pixton. Provo was awarded the Silver Award in bicycle friendly communities earlier this year. Recommendations to improve our rating include:

- Increase staff time on improving biking and walking conditions.
- Continue to expand and improve the bike network. Include selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on motor vehicle speed and volume.
- Adopt a complete streets policy (This is in place and on Engineering webpage now).
- Keep installing more bike racks.
- Keep bicycle education in schools and develop safe routes to schools.
- Adopt a commuter incentive program.
- Establish a dedicated budget to implement the bicycle master plan.
- Collecting data of biking and walking and set goals regarding that.
- Creating a bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee.
- Would like to achieve a gold level rating in 2022.

Mr. Black asked if it would be appropriate for TMAC to serve as the advisory committee and Mr. Taylor replied he does think that's appropriate.

Mr. Pixton presented on bicycle and pedestrian counts. This past September a count was conducted through several volunteers. The counts began in 2019, skipped 2020 and picked back up this year. The goal is to estimate the future use of bicycle and pedestrian mobility. One of the count points was on the 200 E bikeway just south of BYU campus. This count area was exciting as it was incredibly busy for bikes and foot traffic alike.

List of locations:

- Provo River Trail (Paul Ream Park)
- Rec Center Crosswalk (500 N 300 W)
- 800 N (60 E, W of Brick Oven)
- 200 E Bikeway (770 N)
- University Avenue (590 N, Library UVX Crossing)
- Center Street (75 W)
- Center Street (25 E)
- Provo Central Station (590 S Freedom Blvd)
- 700 N (410 E, UVX corridor)
- 900 E (Heritage Halls)
- 900 E (MTC)
- 910 E University Parkway (Wymount) 500 N (50 E)

Some of the results from those counts:

Center street and 75 West estimated annual traffic: 1.2 million pedestrians.

Ms. McMurray asked about getting from raw data to estimates. Mr. Pixton replied it's from a national organization that corrects for different factors to come up with a yearly estimate. Ms. McMurray stated it's interesting to see the numbers around BYU increase.

Mr. Saito asked about factors used in different levels of cities in different regions. Mr. Pixton replied there may be a weather factor and he will investigate it further.

Mr. Hunter suggested things we could do to refine factors is more cameras available that enable counts to be conducted in faster times. Bikepeddocumentation.org

Item 2 – Center Street priorities.

Mr. Clancy and Ms. McMurray presented on December 14 in council work session. The presentation went well. Ms. McMurray relayed the desire of Counselor Shipley to have the dollar signs in the spreadsheet replaced with actual dollar amounts and cluster ideas together.

Mr. Haight expressed that he got the impression that council is anxious to move forward on this plan and pricing. If we can focus quickly and price some things out to include in budgets.

Ms. McMurray – we should start with higher priorities first adding costs and go from there.

Item 3 and 4– Road rehab and concrete projects.

Mr. Hunter addressed some of the upcoming items that will be completed from the Transportation Master Plan.

There is a crack seal project currently out to bid. This is the road rehab that does overlays on existing roads. Micro surfacing will be applied to the upper end of canyon road. Most of the stretch of canyon road does not have curb and gutter. There should be enough room for bike lanes along this stretch of Canyon Road.

Timpview Drive has bike lanes on most of Timpview.

2780 North Bike lanes will go back when road is resurfaced.

There is not enough room on Freedom Boulevard to add bike lanes. The next street over has been turned into a bikeway instead.

Columbia lane – planned in the future to add bike lanes. It is difficult due to commercial businesses and right-angle parking.

Concrete projects – Provost Neighborhood ADA ramps is the focus of half the funding for concrete projects this year.

CDBG funding will be used for repairs and ADA ramps in the Franklin Neighborhood.

Mr. Saito asked about the way the city prioritizes where they will repair and replace. Mr. Hunter replied it is based off ratings from LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program).

Mr. Black Adjourned the meeting.