

**PROVO TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 MINUTES**

Item 1 - Welcome and introductions of those in attending the meeting by Mr. Clancy Black, TMAC Chair.

TMAC Members:

Clancy Black
Geoff McLaughlin
Gregory McFarlane
Joy McMurray
Lisa Davis (Attending by Zoom)

Others:

Gordon Haight (Provo PW Engineering)
Javin Weaver (Provo Development Services)
Rob Hunter (Provo PW Engineering)
Kaehan Shour (Provo City Engineering)
Judy Johnson (Provo PW Engineering)
Joseph Gandy (Provo Public Works)
Dave Decker (Provo Public Works)
Officer K Huntsman (Provo Police)
Officer W Dudley (Provo Police)
Sandy Bussio (Provo Development Services)
Van Linford (Citizen)
David Day (Zoom – Provo PW Engineering)

Item 2 – Approval of August 18, 2022 Minutes - A motion to approve minutes was made by Geoff McLaughlin and the minutes were approved by all TMAC members.

Item 3 – Select new TMAC Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. Black opened the floor for nominations and nominated Ms. Joy McMurray as TMAC Chair. Mr. McFarlane seconded the nomination, and the voting was unanimous. Mr. McFarlane then nominated Mr. Geoff McLaughlin as Vice-Chair. Mr. Black seconded the nomination, and the vote was unanimous. Ms. McMurray will serve as TMAC Chair and Mr. McLaughlin will serve as Vice-Chair. Ms. McMurray then took over conducting the meeting as the new TMAC Chair.

Item 4 – Safe Streets for All Follow-Up, presented by Mr. Rob Hunter. Mr. Hunter said this plan was approved by the City Council on September 6, 2022. The Plan can be found online at Provo.org on the PW Engineering web page. A story board included in the link gives additional information about the Safety Action Plan.

The project selected to submit for the grant funding in conjunction with this plan is a pedestrian bridge at the intersection of University Avenue and Canyon Road. A PowerPoint titled, “University Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and Intersection Improvement

Project” was shown by Mr. Hunter that explains project details to this point. The project involves reconstructing the intersection at University Avenue and Canyon Road and placing a pedestrian bridge over University Avenue to carry the volume of pedestrians crossing there. *The PowerPoint is included with these minutes.*

Mr. Black asked if the intersection would be reconstructed if we don’t get the federal grant money. Mr. Hunter explained that the intersection will be reconstructed whether or not the Safe Streets for All grant is awarded to Provo City. The bridge would be publicly owned and maintained by Provo City. The bridge will include elevators that will accommodate pedestrians and others using non-motorized transportation. Mr. Gordon Haight emphasized that the Safety Action Plan targets fatalities and severe injury accidents with a goal of zero fatalities. The deadline for the federal grant project submission is today; it was submitted yesterday.

Discussion items regarding coordination of the bridge portion of the project included:

- In addition to federal grant funds for the bridge, project funding will also come from UDOT, BYU and Provo City
- Canyon Road is the location of the highest number of pedestrian crossings
- If there is no bridge, ped crossing buttons would cause motor vehicle jams
- In this area, the University Avenue vehicle count is around 40,000 cars per day
- Concern was raised about the specifics of bridge plan:
 - students may not walk to bridge location to cross, so we still may have pedestrians crossing at other locations close to the bridge
 - confirmation that BYU will have input into ped bridge details
 - ped bridges are great for vehicle traffic, not as convenient for pedestrians
 - design details of the pedestrian bridge are very critical
 - while the bridge is a good idea, more studies need to be done

Mr. Hunter explained that this is a concept plan and that we will look at more data in the coming weeks and months before anything is finalized on the bridge design. Ms. McMurray concurred the need for more planning, discussion and finalization of details which will take place on this project; TMAC will discuss this item in the future. She then suggested that we move to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM 5 – Station Area Plans

A presentation on Station Area Plans was given through Zoom by groups in a BYU English class taught by Mr. Jamin Rowan. The invitation to give this presentation was coordinated by Mr. Javin Weaver of Provo Development Services.

It was explained that the Utah Legislature passed House Bill 462 requiring Utah cities to create Station Area Plans around certain fixed rail stations including Frontrunner, Lightrail, BRT, UVX and Trax. These Station Area Plans will be an appendix to Provo’s General Plan. Class members and presenters from Mr. Rowan’s, class included:

Laura Andersen, Caden Baines, Calvin Belknap, Wisteria Marie Bowman, Natalie Brown, Madison Castleberry, Jared Cummings, Holden d'Evegne, Mariah Fry, Addison Graham, Jane Huish, Jeanie Jones, McCord Lethco, Andreana Robinson, Jakob Rogers, Jennifer Saldana, Rachael Smith, Spencer Smith, Andrea St. Pierre and Georgia Elizabeth Theobald.

A PowerPoint on this plan showed four objectives of the Station Area Plan:

- Increase the availability and affordability of housing
- Promote sustainable environmental conditions
- Enhance access to opportunities
- Increase transportation choices and connections

Four Station Area Plans were created, including seven stations – six UVX and one Frontrunner station. The Plans were presented by four class groups. Discussion, including questions and answers, was held on each Plan that was presented. The four locations are:

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- SAP 1) – 2230 North
- SAP 2) – Joaquin (700 N 400 E)
- SAP 3) – 600 N (Academy), 300 N and Center Street
- SAP 4) – 400 S and Provo Central Station

The PowerPoint providing information on the objectives and details for the sites chosen for the Station Area Plans is included with these minutes. The YouTube recording of this meeting includes details of the discussion.

The students were thanked for their presentation and their interest in this subject.

Ms. McMurray thanked Mr. Black for serving as TMAC Chair. More discussion was held on the Safety Action Plan, including the University Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and Intersection Improvement Project. It was agreed that future discussion will take place on this topic.

Ms. McMurray thanked everyone for attending; the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

The next Provo City TMAC Meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022.

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