

## **Transportation Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting February 16, 2023**

**Item 1** – Everyone was welcomed and the meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by Ms. Joy McMurray, TMAC Chair. Those attending the meeting:

### Committee Members

Joy McMurray – District 2, Committee Chair  
Geoff McLaughlin – District 3, Committee Vice-Chair  
James Hamula – District 1  
Lisa Jensen – Planning Commission Member (At Large)  
David Hurtado – Alternate TMAC Member (At Large)  
Greg McFarlane - Academia (At Large)

### Other Attendees

Kaehan Shour – Public Works Engineer  
Gordon Haight – Public Works City Engineer  
Joseph Gandy – Public Works Management Analyst/Public Information  
Judy Johnson – Public Works Office Assistant  
David Michelsen – Public Works Engineer  
David Day – Public Works Development Engineering Coordinator  
Dave Decker – Public Works Director  
Boden Goulding – Development Services Parking Enforcement Supervisor  
Javin Weaver – Development Services Planner  
McCoard Lethco – Development Services Intern  
Hannah Salzl - Development Services Planner  
Aaron Skabelund – BikeWalk Provo  
Bill Fillmore – Provo City Councilor/TMAC Liaison

### Attending by Zoom

Clancy Black – District 5

### **Action Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2023 TMAC Meeting**

- Mr. Hamula moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting; Ms. Jensen seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Action Item 3 – Approval of 2023 TMAC Meeting Schedule**

- There was a request to consider moving the monthly TMAC meetings to Wednesdays instead of Thursdays. Members discussed the request and expressed their preference to keep the meeting on the third Thursday at 12:30, which works well for the current Committee members. Mr. McFarlane moved to keep meeting on the current schedule going forward; Ms. Jensen seconded the motion and motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Item 4 - Provo Sustainability Presentation by Ms. Hannah Salzl, Planning**

- Ms. Salzl presented the Preserving Provo Campaign. She explained that three key components of a community's sustainability are:
  - 1) Economic health – Provo Advantage
  - 2) Social health of individuals – Provo Kindness
  - 3) Health of the environment - Preserving Provo
- Preserving Provo is part of a systems-wide approach to community health. The February newsletter was displayed. This newsletter will come out monthly and can be found at [preservingprovo.com](http://preservingprovo.com) - it is also available by email. Currently the January introduction to the program and the February newsletter are found at this link. The results of a random sample to determine community interests showed that Utah's air quality was found to be residents' number one concern. Therefore, the February newsletter focuses on air quality and contains beneficial information on that topic, including links to more resources. Discussion was held regarding air pollution sources and efforts that can be taken to improve air quality; other information in the newsletter was also reviewed. In addition, platforms for making people aware of this newsletter were discussed. Ms. Salzl mentioned that this was just a brief overview of the program; she thanked the TMAC members for their time and for the work they do.

#### **Item 5 - Provo Bike Master Plan Discussion – Mr. McLaughlin and Ms. McMurray**

- Ms. McMurray introduced the topic of the Bike Master Plan which was created in 2013.
- Mr. McLaughlin briefly went over various parts of the Bike Master Plan, pointing out that updates are needed in many areas. He stated that one of the most pertinent parts of this Plan is Section 5. He also quickly acquainted the group with other sections of the Plan and mentioned that a focus on concise information can be found in the tables, which are the pages with red headings done by Alta Planning and Design as an Appendix to Provo's Bicycle Master Plan. He pointed out that Provo's current Transportation Master Plan mentions the Bike Plan in Chapter 5.
- Topics discussed by the meeting attendees included:

The Plan's content, the process for updating the Plan, ownership of and responsibility for the Plan, budgeting for various aspects of the Plan (including whether it has a designated funding source), who is responsible for the Plan, whether it is a guiding or a reference document, implementation of the Plan, and whether there should be a Bicycle Coordinator position. Other details were also discussed by the group.
- Aaron Skabelund noted that Bikewalk Provo has constantly referenced the Bike Plan to push Provo City to action, but little implementation has resulted from these efforts. He pointed out that while some progress has been made, the bike network is still disjointed and is dangerous for bicyclists. He stated that we need to prioritize bicycle safety aggressively and suggested that Safe Routes to School be part of this program.
- Mr. Haight explained that a Steering Committee was used to create the document, but that ownership is needed for progress to be made. He pointed out that the Council has adopted a General Plan, and that all other plans, such as the Transportation Master Plan and the Bicycle Master Plan, should support the General Plan. He also suggested that public outreach is needed; the Bike Plan should be presented in Community Councils and stakeholders should be given an opportunity to weigh in.
- Mr. Fillmore stated that while there are good ideas in the Bike Plan, it is not budgeted. He suggested that this group decide what recommendations it wants to make and realize that in the end, it boils down to cost analysis; the City has huge demands on its funding dollars.

- Ms. McMurray suggested that discussion of this item be continued at next month's TMAC Meeting.
- The link: [Biking in Provo | City of Provo, UT](#) contains the entire Provo Bicycle Master Plan.

#### **Item 6 - Review of Future Agenda Items**

- Ms. McMurray turned the time over to Mr. Bill Fillmore for a presentation of transportation issues from a Council perspective; a handout given to attendees contained this list. These topics are worth consideration as future TMAC agenda items.
- Mr. Fillmore pointed out that time would not permit adequate discussion of the items he would present. From his perspective, he reviewed the following transportation-related items that are important to the Council:
  - 1) How to calm traffic on West Center Street between University Avenue and 500 West.
  - 2) Anything that is done on West Center downtown needs to be coordinated with an enhancement of 100 North in order to facilitate traffic flow to the freeway.
  - 3) The generally-acknowledged need for an expanded east-west corridor.
  - 4) The continuing quest to find the right balance between the needs of vehicular traffic, on one hand, and pedestrians and bicycles, on the other hand.
  - 5) Prioritizing the money for the new Safe Streets Initiative.
  - 6) How to enhance and improve the gateways into the City (West Center, South State, South University and North University). Some of the relevant issues go far beyond roadways, of course, and have more to do with economic development.
  - 7) Slate Canyon – a high-speed thoroughfare. We need to find a way to make travel safer on Slate Canyon.
  - 8) Mr. McLaughlin spoke of one additional item, which was mentioned to him by the Council when he was appointed to TMAC several months ago. This item consists of making Provo safer for women and children to travel as bikers and pedestrians.
- Ms. McMurray invited TMAC members to consider what TMAC's role is in helping to facilitate the Council's transportation priorities. She also mentioned a list of TMAC duties could be found on the handout.

#### **Item 7 – Adjourn**

- Ms. McMurray thanked the group for attending and adjourned the meeting at 2:02 pm.

The next TMAC Meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2023 at 12:30 PM.