

Transportation Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting April 20, 2023

Item 1 – Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 12:31 PM by Ms. Joy McMurray, TMAC Chair. Ms. McMurray welcomed those present and asked them to introduce themselves; no one joined through Zoom. Those attending the meeting:

Committee Members

Joy McMurray – District 2, Committee Chair
Geoff McLaughlin – District 3, Committee Vice-Chair
Beth Alligood – District 4
Clancy Black – District 5
Lisa Jensen – Planning Commission Member (At Large)
David Hurtado – Alternate TMAC Member (At Large)
Greg McFarlane - Academia (At Large)

Other Attendees

Gordon Haight – Public Works City Engineer
Vern Keeslar – Public Works Traffic Manager
Kaehan Shour – Public Works Engineer
Joseph Gandy – Public Works Management Analyst/Public Information
Judy Johnson – Public Works Office Assistant
Sandra Bussio – Development Services Parking Program Manager
Boden Goulding – Development Services Parking Enforcement Supervisor
Javin Weaver – Development Services Planner
McCoard Lethco – Development Services Intern
Aaron Skabelund, Bikewalk Provo

Item 2 – Welcome New Public Works Engineering Traffic Manager – Mr. Vern Keeslar

- Ms. McMurray asked Mr. Keeslar to introduce himself. Mr. Keeslar worked for Provo Community Development (name changed to Development Services) until he transitioned to consulting work about 18 years ago. Because he has been involved with consulting on multiple Provo City projects, he is very familiar with many of the topics that are currently being discussed with TMAC and with other Provo City Departments. His knowledge and experience is valuable moving forward in his new position.

Item 3 – Approval of March 2023 TMAC Meeting Minutes

- Ms. McMurray asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last TMAC meeting. Ms. Jensen motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. McFarlane seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Item 4 - Provo Bike Master Plan Discussion - Mr. Gordon Haight and Mr. Vern Keeslar

- Mr. Haight explained that Provo's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) was revised in 2020 and was adopted by the Council; it will most likely be updated in 2025. As transportation issues were discussed with Mr. Keeslar, Chapter 5 in the 2020 TMP was examined. This chapter is titled Active Transportation and incorporates topics found in the 2013 Bike Master Plan. With this format, there should be more opportunities for elements of the Active Transportation Plan to be implemented instead of updating the 10-year-old Bike Master Plan. The time was turned over to Mr. Keeslar for further discussion on this subject.
- Mr. Keeslar stated that in 2019 the State Legislature passed a new law that required a look at Active Transportation, which is now an element of Provo's TMP. This year UDOT created a Transit and Trails Division and set aside around \$90 to \$100 million for this new focus; Provo City will be active in finding ways to utilize these funds. Provo's Active Transportation Plan is centered around the city's core area, which is University Avenue and Center Street, followed by city-wide and neighborhood bike infrastructure.
- A list of Active Transportation Priority Projects is included in Section 5.4 of Chapter 5 in the TMP. We need to determine how many of these projects have been accomplished and which ones should receive priority consideration moving forward. There are no timelines associated with these projects. It will be beneficial to work on implementing some of the projects as opposed to developing another plan. In the process of completing projects, we need to make sure that we include bikes, walking, active transportation, and all different types of micro-mobility.
- Mr. Keeslar proposed that we come back next month and discuss the Active Transportation Priority Projects, Section 5.4 in Chapter 5 of the TMP. We should highlight which projects have been completed and which ones the group feels are important to focus on going forward.
- As we move towards updating the TMP in 2025, it would be helpful to begin reviewing Chapter 5 for revisions that are in line with TMAC priorities. Discussion included the concept that we may want to include more of the details contained in the 2013 Bike Master Plan. Mr. Keeslar emphasized that as a consultant working on the 2020 TMP update, many elements of the 2013 Bike Master Plan were considered and included in the Plan. He explained that while the 2013 Bike Master Plan is used as a reference, the 2020 TMP has been adopted by the Council. The Council sets policy while TMAC sets goals; it is important that we include goals in our plan.
- Ms. McMurray summarized the points of this discussion including agreement that we will: 1) get the best visibility and funding if we integrate the Bike Master Plan into the TMP, 2) start implementing some of the projects in Chapter 5, 3) determine what details of the Bike Master Plan should be included in the next TMP revision.
- Mr. Keeslar pointed out that transportation guidelines and design standards are ever-changing. Implementing projects should keep moving forward, with flexibility to adjust to factors that affect these projects.
- Ms. McMurray asked what our process would be for integrating the Bike Master Plan into the revised TMP Active Transportation chapter. Mr. Haight's and Ms. Jensen's recommendations were that a smaller working group be established that would read through the Bike Master Plan and study the transportation portion of the TMP. They can then make recommendations on what should be included in the next TMP update.
- Mr. Haight suggested coming back next month with a resolution from the Engineering Division so that this group can select names for a working group in next month's meeting. He emphasized that we want a diversified group for this sub-committee to make sure that multiple perspectives are included.

Item 5 – Review of Future Agenda Items – Kaehan Shour

- As a result of discussion held at the March meeting on future TMAC agenda topics, Mr. Shour emailed a survey to the TMAC members asking them to rate their priority items from 1-10, number 1 being the item given highest priority. The results were compiled and the ranking of future agenda items to be discussed is below (noting that numbers 4 and 5 received the same number of votes):
 - 1) Finding a balance between vehicular, pedestrian and bike traffic, including Complete Streets Design
 - 2) Safety Action Plan
 - 3) Traffic calming measures on residential, connector and collector streets
 - 4) Provo Bike Master Plan
 - 5) Center Street traffic calming between 200 E and 500 W
 - 6) Improved east-west connectivity
 - 7) Making travel safer for women and children as bicyclists and pedestrians
 - 8) Gateways to Provo City improvement/enhancement
 - 9) Center Street improvements should be coordinated with enhancement of 100 North
 - 10) Support area-specific plans for elements of transportation
- After discussion of these agenda items, it was suggested that each TMAC member take a moment to clarify and explain their top two or three choices. This discussion was beneficial and will be helpful in creating future TMAC agendas.

Item 6 – Flood Traffic Control Discussion – Vern Keeslar

- As one of Mr. Keeslar's first assignments in his new Provo City position, he was asked to develop a traffic control plan for flood diversion. This task was completed and presented to the Council last Tuesday. Flood diversions include Little Rock Canyon, Rock Canyon and Slate Canyon areas. These plans are not being released to the public at the current time but will be released in the near future. Some of the factors that are taken into consideration when creating flood routes include mail delivery, driveway access, garbage pick-ups, and school and other bus routes. Mr. Haight added that flood monitoring is happening around the clock and preparatory measures are on-going. Provo City Public works received praise from the group for their flood preparations.
- Mr. Keeslar announced the Move Utah Summit which will be held on May 24, 2023. He invited others to let him know if there is interest in attending; Mr. McFarlane is a presenter at the Summit.

Item 7 – Pedestrian Bridge SS4A Implementation Grant – Vern Keeslar

- The deadline for submitting the implementation grant for the pedestrian bridge over University Avenue and Canyon Road is in July of this year. Vern is working with the consultant on this submission.

Item 8 – Adjournment

- Ms. McMurray thanked the group for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm. The next TMAC Meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2023 at 12:30 PM.