

Transportation Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting May 18, 2023

Item 1 – Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 12:30 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

Bill Fillmore – Provo City Council
Gordon Haight – Public Works City Engineer
Vern Keeslar – Public Works Traffic Manager
Kaehan Shour – Public Works Engineer
David Day – Public Works Development Engineering Coordinator
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
Jansten Teuscher – Development Services Planner
Lizzie Jensen – Citizen

Item 2 – Approval of April 2023 TMAC Meeting Minutes

- Ms. McMurray motioned to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023 TMAC meeting. Ms. Jensen seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Item 3 - Provo Old Bike Master Plan Sub-Committee Discussion – Ms. McMurray

- Last month it was determined to appoint a sub-committee to review the old Bike Master Plan to recommend which sections might be integrated into the next Transportation Master Plan. After conversations with some TMAC members, Ms. McMurray recommended that Mr. Geoff McLaughlin, TMAC Vice-Chair, and Mr. Clancy Black, longest serving TMAC member, work on this review. Ms. Jensen made a motion that Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Black work together to recommend what should be included in the Transportation Master Plan from the old Bike

Master Plan. Ms. McMurray seconded the motion and the TMAC members unanimously approved the motion.

Item 4 - Top Three Future Agenda Items (continued until later in the meeting)

Ms. McMurray opted to save discussion on this item until after Items 5 and 6 had been presented. This item will be discussed later in the meeting.

Item 5 - Gateway Standards by Jantsen Teuscher and Javin Weaver, Planning

- Mr. Teuscher explained that the Provo City Council assigned Development Services to create a Gateway Standards guide for Provo City. The PowerPoint presentation explaining this material is found below. A Gateway Standards handout was given to those present and is also included below.



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Gateway Standards
Handout.pdf

- Twelve gateways are listed in the PowerPoint, and the three questions relating to this topic are included in both the handout and in the PowerPoint presentation.
- Discussion was held on the Council's direction and purpose of this assignment. Councilor Fillmore explained the Council's objectives:
 - The Council is looking primarily at these major gateways into Provo City:
 - 1) Coming out of Provo Canyon onto North University Avenue
 - 2) Coming onto South University Avenue from the freeway
 - 3) Entering Provo City from South State Street
 - 5) Entering Provo City from West Center Street
 - The Council feels that the first major focus should be West Center Street. Councilor Fillmore pointed out that these gateways are not very inviting; the goal is to beautify them and make people feel welcome as they enter Provo City. A safety factor component would also be considered.
 - Finally, the Council would like to exploit the gateways in terms of tax revenues. If these gateways were lined with functional businesses, it would contribute to the City's tax revenues.
- Mr. Teuscher and Mr. Weaver discussed safety issues that became apparent while doing the Gateway Standards study. Discussion included safety measures throughout Provo City. The West Center Street interchange at I-15 was specifically mentioned as a safety issue. Details of this discussion can be reviewed on the video recording of this meeting at the YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHRimtbOBLM&t=2348s> – Provo's Channel 17 records and posts this monthly meeting for viewing.
- Ms. McMurray then addressed the three questions in the handout and in the PowerPoint. They are:
 - 1) Should the City amend the parking lot standards to incorporate safety improvements? Answer: Yes
 - a) If so, should there be a logical pathway between the public right-of-way and the destination? Answer: Yes
 - b) If so, should there be a more visible pathway between ADA stalls and the entrance of a store? Answer: Yes

- 2) Are there additional treatments that could slow vehicles around crosswalks?
Answer: Yes. It was suggested that many treatments are available and there is not time to discuss this issue fully now. Vern Keeslar, Provo Traffic Manager, and others could explore alternatives.
- 3) Would you recommend reassessing priorities of the Bicycle Plan and Transportation Master Plan to enhance the Gateways? Mr. Weaver explained that he is not expecting an answer to this question today.
 - More discussion was held; Ms. McMurray invited those attending the meeting to provide feedback to the TMAC members. She pointed out that gateways will continue to be a part of the conversation for several years to come.

Item 6 – Active Transportation Projects from TMP – Mr. Keeslar, Traffic Manager

- Mr. Keeslar explained that he did a GIS exercise, looking at 50 projects in the Active Transportation Chapter of Provo's Transportation Master Plan; he then assessed how many of those projects had been completed. The map that illustrates this exercise is found below.



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- On the legend, the red color shows projects that haven't been started; the green shows projects that are complete. Some projects needed to be divided because part, but not all, of the project had been completed. This factor increased the number of projects from 50 to 58.
- The current Transportation Master Plan was completed three years ago; to this date, 16 projects that TMP have been completed. Others will be completed shortly.
- Mr. Keeslar pointed out that while we talk about projects, it is really about implementation. The completion of these projects is important, but now they need to be implemented. Next month Mr. Keeslar plans to bring another map that shows how it integrates with the existing system. Another month he plans to show active transportation through the City through Parks and Rec trails; connectivity is the goal.
- Discussion included that while prioritizing projects is important, some Tier 2 projects may be completed before Tier 1 projects as opportunity allows. Funding is a factor in the completion of all projects; when City dollars are diverted to other interests, goals are revised. Also, as roads deteriorate more quickly, and other factors are considered, reprioritization is also necessary.
- Even though the Transportation Master Plan is a 20-year plan, it should be updated every five to seven years, so it is not too early to be planning for the next update.
- Mr. Haight pointed out that we are looking at road maintenance funds, but we are also looking at being creative with developers and are also looking at other funding sources, such as MAG.
- Mr. Shour explained that most road projects are development driven. Other factors include spending money on Road Surface Life (RSL); the worse a road gets, the more expensive it is to maintain. Good roads cost less to maintain.

Item 4 – (Continued) Top Three Agenda Items – Ms. McMurray

- This is a follow-up item from last month’s meeting. The top three future agenda items to be discussed in TMAC Meetings include:
 - 1) 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. (Complete Streets)
 - 2) The generally acknowledged need for an improved east-west connectivity.
 - 3) Residential connectors/collectors traffic calming measures. We need to find a way to make travel safer on Slate Canyon. (Complete Streets).
- Ms. McMurray stated that she would like to focus on the first item, which is a continuing quest to find balance. She asked those present to consider what TMAC can do to make progress on this first agenda item. Possibilities could include putting together a Complete Streets policy and considering other specific goals. She pointed out that we need to determine what our guiding principles are and asked for brief discussion on this topic as the meeting was ending.
 - Ms. Jensen said perhaps this goal should be discussed in every meeting, through every topic.
 - Mr. McFarlane wanted the group to consider what balance means, whether it’s for vehicles or bicycles, etc. Mr. Fillmore explained that from a Council perspective, balance often relates to balancing our funds. ‘
 - Mr. Black discussed the fact that our roads are classified into neighborhood streets, arterial, collector, etc. He suggested looking at classifying roads by the priority user for that street, including bicyclists, pedestrians and others. If we identified what the priorities were on different streets, it could help. While we can’t balance perfectly, we could prioritize correctly on each street.
 - Mr. Fillmore stated that he has had a lot of discussions this past year about hot spots and how we allocate State funds. One of our highest priorities must be our hot spots and high-accident areas. He explained that there is considerable interest from the Council right now regarding a pedestrian mall concept on West Center.
 - Mr. McLaughlin mentioned that there was a Complete Streets document added to the folder where the Transportation Master Plan is located; it is dated 2021 and is signed by Dave Decker and Wayne Parker.
 - Ms. Alligood remembered talking about the Complete Streets Policy when discussing Provo’s west side development several years ago.
- Ms. McMurray asked members to prepare to discuss Item 1 next month and suggested that the meeting be adjourned.

Item 7 – Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm.

Next month’s TMAC Meeting will be held on June 15, 2023.