

Transportation Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting August 17, 2023

Item 1 – Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by Ms. Joy McMurray, TMAC Chair. Ms. McMurray welcomed those in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves. Those attending the meeting:

Committee Members

Joy McMurray – District 2, Committee Chair
Geoff McLaughlin – District 3, Committee Vice-Chair
Beth Allgood – District 4
Lisa Jensen – Planning Commission Member (At Large)
Greg McFarlane – Academia (At Large)

Other Attendees

Bill Fillmore – City Councilor
Gordon Haight – 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
James Cornaby – Parks & Recreation
Jansten Teuscher – Development Services Planning
Boden Golding – Development Services Parking
Sandra Bussio – Development Services Parking Manager
TJ Birkel – Bird Scooter & Bikes
Dallin Pope – Development Services Parking Assistant

Item 2 – Approval of July 20, 2023 TMAC Meeting Minutes

- Mr. McFarlane made a motion to approve the July 20, 2023 TMAC minutes. Ms. Allgood seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Item 3 – Update on Letter to Mayor/City Council regarding sections within the BMP to be integrated into the TMP – Geoff McLaughlin

- **Mr. McLaughlin** displayed the letter for review as it was revised at last month's meeting; further revisions were added as comments were shared by email after July's meeting. Discussion continued regarding what may still need to be included, deleted, or changed. Councilor Fillmore was brought into the discussion and gave valuable input from the City Council's viewpoint. Revisions to the letter clarified the message and highlighted TMAC's main focus points as the content of the letter was refined. TMAC gave unanimous consent to these revisions and Mr. McLaughlin was thanked for his work on this letter draft and update. Mr. Haight and others in Engineering will now send this letter to the Provo Mayor and Council.

Item 4 – Micromobility Discussion – James Cornaby, Provo Parks and Grounds Superintendent

- Mr. Cornaby presented a PowerPoint (*included at the end of these minutes*) titled *E-Assist Micromobility, subtitled - Current trends, policies and what is our strategy*. This presentation primarily focuses on the recreational aspect of micromobility in Provo as it pertains to Parks and Recreation guidelines. Mr. Cornaby pointed out that while e-assist vehicles provide new and exciting opportunities, many challenges are associated with the advances in recent years. Current standards need to be updated and clarified to include these advances. Bike classifications were explained, and other e-assist vehicles were discussed as they pertain to trail use, speed, “jumps,” and other issues. Discussion was held on the best way to manage this increased use of micro-mobility.
- Discussion included:
 - Current standards that were clear years ago do not cover the increase in newer e-assist vehicles that are now being used.
 - Bike classifications – Class I, Class II and Class III; and whether or not people know what classification their bike falls under.
 - Safety of pedestrians and other riders on trails as they pertain to speed, hills, and berms that are turned into “jumps.”
 - The fact that almost every community is facing these challenges and many different courses of action are being discussed.
 - Authorization for different types of e-assist vehicles to be ridden on trails, paved surfaces, etc.
 - Best course of action for ensuring safety: signage, social media, activity guide, radio, utility bill insert, etc.
 - The fact that Parks does not have the authority to enforce rules that are not followed.
 - Allowance of micromobility on trails; assuring safety of multiple users
 - Improvements of trails by Parks - widening, etc.
 - Agreement that this issue needs much more discussion and attention, including input from the City Council and Administration as enforcement and regulations on micro-mobility are put into place.

Item 5 – Electric Bike/Scooter Discussion – Sandra Bussio, Provo Parking Manager

- Ms. Bussio showed a PowerPoint (*included at the end of these meeting notes*) titled *Provo City Micromobility* focusing on stand-up electric scooters and electric-assist bikes. She explained that in October 2022 Provo City signed a two-year partnership with Bird Scooter and Bikes (Bird Global, Inc). She then introduced TJ Birkel, Bird’s representative, who was in attendance. The PowerPoint includes information on:
 - The financial benefit to Provo City.
 - Low-income credits for those who need financial assistance to use the vehicles.
 - Usage of scooters and bikes including data on total rides, total distance traveled, average distance traveled, average ride duration, and CO2 metric tons saved.
 - Regulations including an age limit for ridership, use of helmets, speed limits, and geofencing so that the devices cannot be used in areas such as churches, temples, Provo School District properties and BYU.
 - Handling of complaints; Sandra indicated Bird gives excellent customer service
 - Encouragement of more bike lanes and active transportation structure to facilitate safe places for use of electronic scooters and bikes.
 - New City Ordinance passed by the Provo Council in May: 9.32.170 *Micromobility Devices*.

Item 6 – Road Maintenance Budget – Gordon Haight

- Mr. Haight presented a page showing Provo’s Transportation Capital Budget funding as it pertains to funding sources and what it is used for. (*The pdf of that page is included at the end of these meeting notes.*) Projects that are associated with mass transit, trails and sidewalks are multi-modal and are shown in red; anything that has to do with roads is shown in black. There is an effort to balance multi-modal and road projects. Mr. Haight did note that an additional cost of \$20,000,000 spent for two Provo River bridges was not shown on the 2022 Lake View Parkway Phase 7 Road. This budget presentation does not include Provo City Road Maintenance Projects. Comments on this funding information are detailed in the YouTube transcript of this meeting.

Item 7 – Transportation & Mobility Improvements in Provo – Vern Keeslar

- This item was postponed to next month in the interest of time.

Item 8 – Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Ms. McMurray at 2:02 pm. Next month’s meeting will be held on September 21, 2023 at 12:30 pm.

Attachments:



A full video transcript of this meeting is available on YouTube:

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