

Provo City Transportation Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting

March 21, 2024 Minutes

Approved – April 18, 2024

Item 1 – Introductions

- The meeting was called to order and attendees were welcomed at 12:32 PM by Ms. Joy McMurray, TMAC Chair. Those in attendance:

Committee Members

Joy McMurray – District 2, Committee Chair
Geoff McLaughlin – Alternate, Committee Vice-Chair
Beth (Alligood) Provence – District 3
Noah Gordon – District 4
Lisa Jensen – Planning Commission Member (At Large) – Attended by Zoom
Greg McFarlane – Academia (At Large)

City Staff

Vern Keeslar – Public Works, Traffic Manager
Kaehan Shour – Public Works, Engineer
Joseph Gandy – Public Works, Management Analyst/Public Information
Judy Johnson – Public Works Engineering Office Assistant
Boden Golding – Development Services, Parking Enforcement Supervisor
Sandra Bussio – Parking Manager
Aaron Ardmore – Planning Supervisor (attended by Zoom)

Item 2 – Action Item - Approval of February 15, 2024 TMAC Meeting Minutes

- Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting; Ms. McMurray seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the TMAC members.

Item 3 – TMAC Training – Kaehan Shour, Provo City Traffic Engineer

- Mr. Shour presented the required annual TMAC training, using information contained in the Provo City Code sections 2.20.010 and 14.04B *The power point used for this presentation will be attached with these minutes.* The information includes:
 - What TMAC is and what TMAC is not.
 - Powers and Duties.
 - Conflicts of Interest/Municipal Officers and Employees Ethics Acts.
 - Meetings/Parliamentary Procedure/Motions/Ex Parte Communications.
 - Government Records Access and Management Act requests (GRAMAs).
 - Fairness.
- Discussion on this information included:
 - How Committee members and meeting attendees are selected.
 - By-Laws - Mr. Keeslar will contact Development Services for information on TMAC By-Laws since TMAC was organized under that department.

Item 4 – East-West Connectivity - Vern Keeslar, Provo City Traffic Manager

- Mr. Keeslar explained that in relation to east-west connectivity, he would discuss 1) what has been completed, 2) what is currently in the City Plan, and 3) what should be considered in the future Provo City Plan. Areas were viewed on the Google Earth map as they were discussed.
 - 1) - Completed
 - The Foothill Drive connection was completed in June of 2007.
 - 1860 South was completed in July 1998.
 - Lakeview Parkway opened in October of 2016.
 - 2) - Currently under consideration
 - 200 North would go from 900 E to Independence Avenue.
 - 500 North would also be connected from Independence Avenue to 900 East. When The Colony apartment complex is redeveloped, it could facilitate an opportunity to move forward on this connection.
 - 3) - Future Considerations
 - 900 South should be considered; it's the shortest distance relating to the massive rail yard and could connect southeast Provo with the East Bay area. A franchise agreement with the railroad was discussed; negotiations would need to take place before moving forward with this connection. Grant funding and/or state funds could be available.
- More discussion was held on related topics:
 - A traffic signal has been approved at 900 South and State Street; it's currently under design.
 - The effect of I-15 on Provo transportation; Mr. Keeslar pointed out that a 500 West underpass was constructed. All agreed that the Center Street/I-15 Interchange is problematic. Other options for overpasses, underpasses and location of a future interstate interchange were discussed.
 - Possibility of a future Utah Lake crossing.
 - Other areas were discussed as they relate to challenges with connectivity and realistic solutions, including the lack of westside businesses in Provo and the Provo Towne Centre Mall.
 - The Regional Sports Park and its potential impact on future westside growth.
 - Ms. Jensen asked what effect TMAC could have on future road plans. Mr. Keeslar responded that he appreciated the positive response from this group on the 200 North and 500 North connections; he added that we need to acquire property. He suggested that recommendations from TMAC in support of these connections would be valuable.

Item 5 – Engineering Project Updates – Vern Keeslar, Provo City Traffic Manager

- Mr. Keeslar gave a presentation on Provo Engineering project updates:
 - 820 North from University Avenue to 700 East has recently been improved for pedestrians and bicyclists. This stretch of road has been signed as a bike-ped corridor. New signage was installed, trees were trimmed, flashing yellow lights have been placed at every crosswalk and flashing red lights are now on every stop sign.
 - 300 North and 1020 E was a three-way stop. Due to residents' complaints and land use changes, we did a study and determined that a three-way stop was no longer needed. Neighborhood outreach was done, signs and temporary flashing lights are in place and the change has been made. This is an example of responding to neighborhood outreach and implementing changes.

- Traffic and speed studies have been done on many roads, including Carterville Road, 300 West, 2050 West, Cinnamon Ridge, and 100 North between 500 West and 900 West; the findings were presented at Neighborhood District Meetings.
- The danger of crossing 900 East at 560 North was discussed. Pictures were shown as the intersection looks right now, and renderings were shown of what it would look like with modifications, including raised islands with flashing lights. The project cost will be around \$80,000; it is hoped that this project can be completed before the end of the summer. Mr. Keeslar would appreciate TMAC's support on recommending this change. It may be listed as an Action Item on next month's TMAC meeting agenda. Outreach to businesses and neighborhoods would need to take place. Pictures shown of this area featured both current views and future renderings of the project. These pictures can be accessed at the following link: [900 E Crosswalk](#)

Item 6 – This meeting was adjourned at 1:42 by Ms. McMurray, TMAC Chair

The next TMAC Meeting will be held on April 18, 2024. A full video and audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3kFegFrB1w>