

Provo City Transportation Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting

April 18, 2024 Minutes

Approved – May 16, 2024

Item 1 – Introductions

- The meeting was called to order and attendees were welcomed at 12:30 pm by Ms. Joy McMurray, TMAC Chair. Those in attendance:

Committee Members

James Hamula – District 1

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)

Greg McFarlane – Academia (At Large)

David Hurtado - Alternate

City Staff

Gordon Haight – Public Works Director

Vern Keeslar – Public Works, Traffic Manager

Kaehan Shour – Public Works, Engineer

David Day – Public Works, Engineer

David Michelsen – Public Works, Engineer

Joseph Gandy – Public Works, Management Analyst/Public Information

Judy Johnson – Public Works Engineering Office Assistant

Hana Salzl – Development Services, Planner

Boden Golding – Development Services, Parking Enforcement Supervisor

Others:

Thomas McMurtry – Provo River Bridge Consultant, Avenue Consultants

Item 2 – Action Item - Approval of March 21, 2024 TMAC Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024 meeting; Mr. McFarlane seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the TMAC members.

Item 3 – Action Item – Recommend pedestrian improvements to 900 East and 560 North

Mr. Keeslar showed slides of the renderings that were reviewed last month. Discussion was held on the benefits of completing this project.

Mr. Haight explained that this is an important project and that TMAC's recommendation of this project would be beneficial to acquiring funding. TMAC members voiced support, even though there may be some opposition to the modification.

Mr. McLaughlin moved that TMAC recommend the project to the City Council; Mr. McFarlane seconded the motion. Ms. Jensen asked if the motion should be amended to also recommend that the project receive funding. Mr. McLaughlin restated the amendment to include recommending the project, along with funding. The TMAC members were unanimous in voting to approve the recommendation.

Item 4 – Information Item – Provo River Bridge and Trail Project – Vern Keeslar and David Michelsen

- Mr. Keeslar introduced David Michelsen, Project Manager for the design of the Provo River Bridge Project. Mr. Thomas McMurtry with Avenue Consultants was also introduced and participated in the presentation.
- A *PowerPoint* titled *Provo River Bridge & Trail* was shown; agenda items are listed below:
 - **Project Goals and Background** - Goals: upgrade and improve safety, support connectivity. Background: this bridge was built in 1960 with a 50–70-year life span expectancy; many existing deficiencies need to be addressed.
 - **Planning Context: Provo City, MAG TransPlan50 and UDOT Environmental** - Discussion included: Provo River Trail use, 820 North Roadway details, and Provo's Transportation Master Plan as it pertains to both the Provo River Trail and 820 North Roadway, including funding and livability standards. Traffic growth is inevitable; UDOT is looking at several locations for an interchange between Provo's Center Street and Orem's University Parkway interchanges.
 - **Potential Cross-sections** – Renderings were shown of the existing bridge, a 3-lane minor arterial, a 5-lane minor arterial and a 5-lane arterial. The possibility of designing the bridge so it could be transitional was presented. Complete cost analyses have not yet been determined.
 - **Bridge Location Options** – The goal is to locate the bridge in a manner that allows for all options to be considered for possible future road

widening – north, middle, and south. A few layouts were shown; speed limits and other factors were discussed.

- **Public Involvement** – This agenda item discussed informing stakeholders. Neighborhood District meetings will be held, and citywide information will be provided through several platforms. Mr. McMurtry handed out a page titled, *Provo River Bridge & Trail – Project Overview*. It gives an overview of the project and contains contact information. This page is included as a pdf attachment with these minutes.
- **Questions** – Discussion included how this project information would be presented to the public; it was concluded that different neighborhoods and audiences will be interested in different information. Mr. Keeslar explained again that the bridge needs to be replaced for safety reasons. He also emphasized that this project is not setting precedence for an interchange; UDOT will do an Environmental Impact Study and consider many alternatives before a decision is made. The question was asked, “What does Provo Public Works want from TMAC?” Mr. Keeslar said he would appreciate the TMAC members talking to people, listening to people’s concerns, and showing up at meetings. He stated that this subject will be on a TMAC meeting agenda again after public input has been received; input results and the design will be discussed.

- Finally, Mr. Day, who has worked as an engineer with Provo City for over 27 years, explained that 20 years ago, our deficiency rating on this bridge started to decline; 10 years ago, funding applications were submitted to MAG. This has been a long process, and it is time to move forward on this project.

- The *Provo River Bridge and Trail PowerPoint* is found in a separate attachment with these minutes.

Item 5 – Adjourn

- Ms. McMurray adjourned the meeting at 1:42 pm

The next TMAC Meeting will be held on May 16, 2024. A complete video and audio recording (including closed captions) of this April TMAC Meeting can be accessed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3kFegFrB1w>