



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 22, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Santiam Room, City Hall/Virtual

Approved: August 26, 2025

Call to Order

5:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Nolan Streitberger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Vice-Chair Nolan Streitberger, Chuck Kratch, Nichole Case, and Alex Rice

Members absent: Chair Frankie McCullough (excused), Daniel Koenig (excused)

Staff present: Civil Engineer I Andrew Monaco, City Engineer Staci Belcastro, and Public Works Engineering Clerk Anita Dodd

Others present: Billy McGregor and Jeff Hino (online)

Approval of April 22, 2025, minutes

5:30 p.m.

Daniel Koenig was unable to attend the meeting but submitted suggested changes to the minutes via email beforehand. Nichole Case made a motion to approve the minutes as revised by Koenig, Alex Rice seconded the motion, and the motion passed the commission 5-0.

Scheduled Business

5:32 p.m.

Civil Engineer I Andrew Monaco invited Parks and Recreation Director Kim Lyddane to the Transportation Advisory Commission (TrAC) meeting to discuss the Hasso Herring article mentioned at the June 24, 2025, meeting. The article addressed issues related to the Albany Boys and Girls Club and vandalism on a section of the Periwinkle Path adjacent to their property. Although Lyddane was unable to attend the meeting, she provided a statement for Monaco to share with the commission.

In response to the June TrAC meeting, Monaco visited the Oregon Department of Transportation website to gather crash data for Albany. This was to look at overall crash trends for the City as well as in North Albany as was mentioned in the June TrAC meeting.

Crash Data Site Links:

www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Data/Pages/Crash.aspx

geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=df0b3cdb2f1149d3bd43436bc1dd4eac

Business from the Commission

5:51 p.m.

Streitberger inquired whether the commission has the authority to modify school zones, expressing a desire to make it clearer when school is in session. Monaco advised the commissioners to visit the Oregon Department of Transportation website to review the specific policies and guidelines regarding school zone signage.

Public Comment

6:00 p.m.

Albany resident Jeff Hino attended the meeting virtually and introduced himself to the commission.

Business from Staff

6:01 p.m.

City Engineer Staci Belcastro provided an update on the ongoing street maintenance funding discussions and shared the results of the public opinion survey. The survey and focus group revealed that most residents are unaware of how street maintenance is funded, with many mistakenly believing that property taxes cover street repairs and that a local gas tax already exists. The findings showed that after 15 minutes of education on the topic, just over half of the participants were persuaded, but after two hours, a significantly larger number were willing to support a gas tax. Given this information, the Albany City Council decided against adding a gas tax to the November ballot, opting instead to focus on educating the public first. Consequently, the council directed City of Albany staff to develop and implement a public outreach and education program, continue exploring a local gas tax, and establish a framework for a street maintenance fee. The commission discussed various methods to disseminate information, agreeing that advertising at City events and distributing fliers to those unable to attend would be effective strategies.

Monaco provided an update on the 23rd Avenue Corridor Speed Study. At the request of Captain Buck Pearce from the Albany Police, Monaco visited Squire Street in North Albany to observe traffic patterns and road conditions. Based on his initial research, Monaco recommends installing additional speed signs on Squire Street. He also plans to revisit the area once school is back in session to assess any changes in traffic volume.

Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting is August 26, 2025.

Adjournment

6:28 p.m.

Hearing no further business, Chair Streitberger adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Signature on File

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Anita Dodd
Clerk III

Andrew Monaco
Engineering Associate I

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cityclerk@albanyoregon.gov.*