



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 26, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Santiam Room, City Hall/Virtual

Approved: September 23, 2025

Call to Order

5:31 p.m.

Chair Frankie McCullough called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Chair Frankie McCullough, Vice-Chair Nolan Streitberger, Chuck Kratch, and Nichole Case

Members absent: Daniel Koenig (excused) and Alex Rice (excused)

Staff present: Civil Engineer I Andrew Monaco, Civil III Engineer Chris Cerklewski, and Public Works Engineering Clerk III Anita Dodd

Others present: Hollie Pitts, Bear Pitts, Brad Dennis, Billy McGregor Online: Chuck Knoll and Colleen (Last name unknown).

Approval of July 22, 2025, minutes

5:31 p.m.

Chuck Kratch made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Nolan Streitberger seconded the motion, and the motion passed the commission 4-0.

Scheduled Business

5:32 p.m.

Civil Engineer I Andrew Monaco invited Civil Engineer III Chris Cerklewski to present on traffic calming mitigation measures, following a request from Commissioner Alex Rice at the July meeting.

Business from the Commission

6:06 p.m.

Streitberger noted ongoing traffic flow issues at the intersection of Elm Street and Fifth Avenue and recommended the installation of an all-way stop. He also suggested that modifying the curb configuration at the corner could help discourage vehicles from parking too close to the intersection. Cerklewski responded that the planned Elm Street Overlay project will incorporate an all-way stop at the intersection, but the plan did not include curb modification but might include painting the curb yellow. Streitberger also raised concerns about the intersection of Queen Avenue and Elm Street, citing traffic congestion during peak hours related to configuration of the Dairy Mart parking lot. Cerklewski noted that improvements to traffic flow may be possible with the cooperation of the store owner.

Kratch asked Monaco if he would contact the Oregon Department of Transportation to determine whether their current financial situation might delay the planned changes in downtown Albany. He also noted that there are projects occurring around the city that he and other Transportation Advisory Commission members were not previously aware of. As a result, Kratch proposed that Monaco provide the commission with an annual update on upcoming projects to help keep members better informed. Cerklewski reassured the commission that it is the City's intent to keep the commission informed, and Monaco agreed to add the project updates to a future agenda. Additionally, Kratch expressed interest in inviting a representative from the Parks and

Recreation Department to a future meeting to share updates on their work and to recognize the department for its positive contributions.

Public Comment

6:23 p.m.

Brad Dennis, representing the North Albany Neighborhood Association (NANA), informed the commission that he had spoken with the Greater Albany Public Schools superintendent about anticipated traffic concerns as the new school year approaches. He noted that increased traffic is expected due to both a rise in the number of parents driving students to school and overall population growth in North Albany. Dennis called for collaboration among the school district, county, and city to develop effective pedestrian safety strategies. He specifically highlighted the importance of widening Quarry Road to enhance student safety, pointing to a crosswalk and pathway that connect to the rear of North Albany Middle School between Laurel Oaks and Cascade Heights Drive. Additionally, he suggested that the school district consider purchasing a parcel of land along North Albany Road from Lepman Properties, if the owner is willing to sell, to relocate the track and create space for a road extension to connect through the school property to Quarry Road.

Business from Staff

6:43 p.m.

Monaco gave a red-light camera update from Captain Buck Pearce as requested by Kratch at the July meeting.

Monaco shared a statement on behalf of City Engineer Staci Belcastro regarding the presentation she will deliver at the upcoming special state legislative session on August 29, 2025. The presentation will address the proposed implementation of a gas tax and an increase in the vehicle registration fee.

Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting is September 23, 2025.

Adjournment

6:49 p.m.

Hearing no further business, Chair McCullough adjourned the meeting at 6:49 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.*