



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 26, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Santiam Room, City Hall/VIRTUAL

Approved: June 23, 2026

Call to Order

Chair Frankie McCullough called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Chair Frankie McCullough, Vice-Chair Nolan Streitberger, Nichole Case, Alex Rice, Daniel Koenig, Chuck Kratch, and Will de la Rocha

Members absent: None

Staff present: Civil Engineer I Andrew Monaco, Public Works Director Paul Trombino III, Engineering Manager/Assistant City Engineer Robert Emmons, and Engineering Clerk III Anita Dodd

Others present: Laurel Byer, James Feldmann, and Dan Canavan

Approval of April 28, 2026, Minutes

5:30 p.m.

Nolan Streitberger moved to approve the April 28, 2026, minutes as presented, Alex Rice seconded the motion, and the motion passed 6-0. Chuck Kratch arrived after the vote.

Public Comment

5:31 p.m.

The speaker raised concerns that drivers descending North Albany Road from the roundabout enter the school zone too quickly, especially during dark winter mornings, and suggested adding rumble strips or other alerts to encourage slowing down. Director Trombino responded that new flashing lights, synced with school-zone hours and the speed camera, were activated recently and now provide a clear warning to drivers as they approach the bottom of the hill.

A citizen emailed concerns about pedestrian and cyclist safety at the Springhill and South Nebergall Loop intersection and asked for improvements such as a crosswalk, signage, or flashing lights. Monaco noted the location is under Benton County jurisdiction, though the City can support upgrades. Benton County Engineering & Survey Program Manager Laurel Byer acknowledged the safety concerns and discussed possible treatments and related planning efforts.

Commission members expressed support for pursuing safety upgrades at Springhill and Nebergall Loop and voted to support safety improvement in this location. Rice made the motion, and all members voted in favor.

Scheduled Business

5:45 p.m.

Byer gave an update on the Corvallis–Albany Path Project, explaining that the team has narrowed several route concepts to a short list of feasible alternatives and is now gathering public and property-owner input. Key considerations include right-of-way limits, avoiding the railroad, minimizing property impacts, safety, maintenance, and environmental and agricultural constraints.

The County is currently focusing on a south-side alignment between Merloy and Scenic as the most practical option, with further work underway to determine the best route east of Scenic.

Sr. Transportation Planner James Feldmann from ODOT Region 2, Area 4 explained that an overcrossing at the Bonneville Power Administration alignment appears to be the most feasible option, while an at-grade crossing at Rainwater Lane would require significant traffic-calming measures. He noted that other crossing locations are largely impractical due to cost, property impacts, or railroad constraints and said outreach and evaluation are ongoing.

Business from the Commission

6:18 p.m.

None.

Business from the Staff

6:19 p.m.

Public Works Director Paul Trombino III reported on recent field observations of the flexible-bollard installation and on upcoming discussions with the Postmaster about mail delivery issues on Knox Butte Road. He also addressed recent funding conversations with City Council, including the need for project lists and timelines. He also summarized the ongoing Transportation System Plan and Vision Zero work, shared initial findings from the 34th and Pacific safety review, and recapped coordination with ODOT on topics such as I-5 planning, potential speed-setting authority, and support for quick-build safety treatments.

Monaco suggested providing binders stored on-site for Commission members so they can easily access key documents, such as the Transportation System Plan and maps, without needing to take materials home. Commissioners expressed support for the idea.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair McCullough adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

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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 cityrecorder@albanyoregon.gov.*