



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 28, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Santiam Room, City Hall/VIRTUAL

Approved: September 22, 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, Alex Rice, Daniel Koenig, Chuck Kratch, and Will de la Rocha

Members absent: Nichole Case (excused)

Staff present: Civil Engineer I Andrew Monaco, Public Works Director Paul Trombino III, Civil Engineer I Saqib Muhammad, and Administrative Assistant Anita Dodd

Others present: Billy McGregor

Approval of June 23, 2026, Minutes

5:30 p.m.

Chuck Kratch moved to approve the June 23, 2026, minutes as presented, Alex Rice seconded the motion, and the motion passed 6-0.

Public Comment

5:31 p.m.

The chair of the North Albany Neighborhood Association requested safety improvements on Gibson Hill Road near Laura Vista, where new townhomes are being built. He noted the sidewalk on the north side ends, forcing pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road, and suggested adding a marked crosswalk and possibly a flashing beacon. He emphasized increasing pedestrian activity in the area, limited existing crosswalks, and growing development that will further increase foot traffic. He asked the commission to consider these improvements or explore options for future development to address pedestrian safety.

Scheduled Business

5:55 p.m.

The commission appointed Commissioner Rice as its representative to the Transportation System Plan (TSP) Project Advisory Committee, which will meet about eight times over the next year and a half. Members discussed the committee's role in reviewing project deliverables and providing guidance throughout the TSP process.

The commission then reviewed the Ferry Street speed zone recommendation from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). ODOT proposed retaining the 35-mph limit on the southern section and lowering the northern, more residential section to 25 mph. After discussion, the commission voted to support ODOT's recommendation.

Finally, the commission discussed planning a future tour, considering whether it should occur during a meeting or at another time. Members showed interest in a walking tour of the Spring Hill/bridge area and tentatively planned to begin next month's meeting early to accommodate the tour before returning for a brief meeting.

Business from the Commission

6:11 p.m.

A commissioner raised concerns from residents in a senior community regarding newly installed stop signs near the hospital. Long-time neighbors questioned the need for the changes, but staff explained the signs were added to address safety issues, reduce confusion at the intersection, and prevent unsafe turning movements.

Commission members also discussed ongoing and upcoming safety improvements, including interest in bollards to improve lane separation and reduce conflicts, updates on ODOT signage work, and observations of temporary speed monitoring equipment on Hickory. Additional conversation addressed potential future traffic-calming options on Gibson Hill due to persistent speeding concerns.

Business from the Staff

6:18 p.m.

Staff reported on ongoing evaluation of bollard placement and intersection geometry near the Expo Center, noting tight turning movements and outdated design elements that complicate potential improvements. They explained that installing a safe pedestrian crossing in the area would require a full overhead flashing beacon system with ADA upgrades, involving significant cost and multi-year timelines. Staff also announced that the street maintenance fee proposal will be presented to City Council on August 12, 2026. Additionally, they shared that slurry seal street maintenance work is scheduled to begin August 10, 2026, and will continue for about a week, with maps available for review.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair McCullough adjourned the meeting at 6:27 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.*