



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 25, 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, Nichole Case (Online), 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, Civil Engineer I Saqib Muhammad, and Administrative Assistant Anita Dodd

Others present: Floyd Collins, Billy McGregor, Erin Thomson, and Michael Thomson

Public Comment

None

5:31 p.m.

Scheduled Business

5:31 p.m.

The commission discussed observations from the walking tour held just before the meeting, noting several pedestrian safety concerns in the Spring Hill/Highway 20 corridor. Members highlighted difficult and unsafe crossings at Lyon Street, Springhill Drive, and the bridge approach, including long wait times, limited sight distance, lack of pedestrian signals, poor illumination, and vehicle speeds that make crossings feel hazardous. Near-miss incidents witnessed during the tour reinforced the need for improvements. The commission agreed these issues should be brought to Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Benton County for consideration. Additional ideas included adjusting stop lines for better visibility, exploring long-term options such as separated facilities, and adding shade to improve walkability. Members concluded that a formal communication outlining the observed safety issues should be drafted and sent to ODOT, potentially followed by inviting them to a future meeting for further discussion.

Public Works Director Paul Trombino III reported that Council responded positively to the proposed street maintenance fee and requested a refined plan. He emphasized that Albany's streets are in poor condition, with 42% rated poor, and that a stable funding source is essential. The recommended approach is a phased fee increase that funds a

“worst-first” repair strategy, allowing the city to address about 200 of the poorest street segments by resurfacing driving lanes rather than fully reconstructing streets. He noted that the fee is legally restricted for street maintenance, transparency will be provided through a (Geographic Information System) GIS tracking dashboard, and staff has already expanded maintenance work and begun using new pavement-preservation methods. Council will make final decisions on fee levels when the refined proposal returns.

Business from the Commission

6:36 p.m.

None

Business from the Staff

6:37 p.m.

Civil Engineer I Andrew Monaco provided an update on follow-up work at Gibson Hill near Laura Vista, including field visits to review lane widths and feasibility of installing tubular markers to better protect the shoulder and calm traffic. They noted potential narrowing effects, spacing considerations, and challenges such as garbage day obstructions. Staff will continue refining spacing and placement options and bring back an update next month.

Monaco also briefed the commission on a safety concern at the Main Street roundabout on the Santiam side, where multiple vehicles have crashed into a nearby business while negotiating the curve in intersection of Main and Santiam. Short-term treatments such as candlestick markers and improved visual cues are being explored, along with potential longer-term improvements that could be added to a future overlay project. Commissioners were asked to review the location and consider possible treatments for discussion at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair McCullough adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

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Anita Dodd
Clerk III

Andrew Monaco
Engineering Associate I

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