

ASHLAND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

Members Present: Linda Peterson-Adams, Joe Graf, Dave Richards, Dave Kahn, Mark Brouillard, Nick David

Members Absent: Corinne Vieville, Dylan Dahle, Dave Richards, Cassie Preskinis – SERJAC

Staff Present: Scott Fleury, Rocky Houston, Marlena Correnti

Council Liaison Present: Eric Hansen

Guests Present: Edem Gomez, Bryan Sohl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 27, 2025: Ashland Mountain Challenge – mountain biking race
- October 11, 2025 – [Wildfire Evacuation Drill](#) from 9:30-11:30 AM; Sign up [HERE](#)
- Transportation Advisory Committee seeks to fill vacant position; Apply [HERE](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of August 21st Minutes – David motions to approve Minutes. Brouillard seconds. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

- Thank you for your comments! Reminder: City website has [TAC contact form](#)

REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY COMMITTEES

- Council – Hansen: enhanced area of law enforcement rules passed
- Historic Preservation: next meeting in October
- CEPAC: received letter from TAC
- RVTD & Bike Repair Program – Gomez: Service reduction went into effect on September 2, 2025; (65% reduction from 16 routes down to 6 routes)
 - Gomez to share with Brouillard RVTD's formal response to public inquiries concerning frequency of routes and updates, as Brouillard has received several related inquiries directly
 - Injunction in June enabled partial award of grant funds; Update for remaining fund distribution is expected in December 2025
 - Kahn: *Are SOU students impacted by this service reduction?*
 - Gomez: Morning service presents difficulties, but the last bus leaves Ashland around 7:30 PM, which helps most students. All community partners for the RVTD Bus Pass Program have been receiving communications.

NEW BUSINESS

- Parks and Recreation Director – Houston: reviewing options to revamp Winburn Way near Lithia Park for multi-modal transit
 - Option 0: No change
 - Option 1: Addition of pedestrian dedicated route in road right-of-way
 - 1A: 5 ft pedestrian lanes on either side of roadway, 10 ft vehicle lanes with Bike Sharrows
 - 1B: 8 ft pedestrian lane, 11 ft vehicle lanes with Bike Sharrows
 - Option 2: one-way uphill/southbound
 - Option 3: addition of elevated crosswalks in the four high-traffic spaces
 - Perozzi Fountain

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- Lithia Bandshell
- Pickleball Courts
- Upper Duck Pond
- Option 4: close the road to vehicles; bicycles and pedestrians ONLY
- Houston requests input/recommendation on Options presented, and on the proposal for “Y” intersection between Winburn Way and Granite
- Adams: *Is ADA parking included within the budget for Lithia Park Master Plan?*
 - Houston: YES, it will be parallel parking with accessible sidewalks
- Graf: *What was the sentiment of public and within the Open House?*
 - Houston: Majority favors Favor Option 1B, but also like the elevated crosswalks detailed in Option 3.
- Kahn: advocates for not mixing bikes and cars, or bikes and pedestrians
- Brouillard: emphasizes strong preference for Option 0: No change, citing that only one crash was reported on Winburn Way over 28 years of data
- Majority of TAC favors Option 0: No change, with Option 1B as second popular.
 - TAC interested in “Y” Winburn/Granite Street intersection proposal, noting that a positive reinforcement speed sign is a low-cost, high-quality improvement

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Water St and Van Ness St intersection – problem to solve: Visual clearance issue
 - Fleury: Waiting to hear from Recology about how access would be impacted with proposed improvements
 - David & Kahn: favor closing under-bridge access to vehicles; bicycles and pedestrians ONLY
 - David: suggests protective bollards
 - Fleury: suggests reflective 3K guardrails on the Van Ness side; easily removable for fire vehicle access
 - Hansen: cites packet page 42 – Oak Street redesign with TSP update would mitigate backups at the Water & Van Ness St intersection
 - Graf: reminds that notifying residents is pertinent and kind
 - David: *What is the minimum required [resident] notice time for items like this?*
 - Fleury: Generally, Public Works follows Planning’s procedure and notices all adjacent properties within 200 feet of the effected parcel.
- Strategic Communication Assignments
 - Peterson-Adams: requests revision to TAC FAQ page – “modal equity is more than just a **phrase**. It is a planning concept...”

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

AGENDA BUILDING:

ADJOURNMENT: 8:01 PM

Next Meeting Date: October 16, 2025 via Zoom from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marlena Correnti, Administrative Assistant