

ASHLAND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

August 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

Members Present: Linda Peterson Adams, Mark Brouillard, Corinne Vieville, Dave Kahn, Dave Richards, Dylan Dahle, Joe Graf, Nick David, Thor Morris

Absent Members: Joe Graf, Nick David

Staff Present: Scott Fleury, Marlena Correnti, Officer Derreck Moore, Officer Bates

Council Liaison Present: Gina DuQuenne

Guests: Nancy K Boyer, John Tyler – SERJAC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Previous month TAC Agenda and Minutes – June 18, 2026
- [Sign up for City e-News](#), Stay in the Know without Lifting a Finger!
- [Review Evacuation Zones](#)
- [Electric Vehicle \(EV\) Rebates](#) are back and bigger than ever. Program reopens August 25, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of July 16, 2026 Minutes

Richard moved to approve Minutes. Dahle seconded. Approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

- Thank you for your comments! Reminder: There are many ways to share your comment or concern with TAC:
 - Submit [TAC contact form](#) on the City website
 - Use [SeeClickFix](#)
 - Attend monthly meetings via Zoom – Public attendees can indicate their intent to speak with a virtual “hand raise” which will be visible to the Chair and/or meeting host.
 - TAC meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from 4:00 – 6:00 PM PST

REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY COMMITTEES

- Parks and Recreation Commission – Dormouse Trail input accepted through September 3rd, voted on September 9th. Review the [trail proposal](#).
 - Public input must be submitted in written form (mail or email)
 - Mail to Parks and Recreation, 1195 East Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520
 - [Email Parks and Recreation](#)
 - [Email Nancy Mero](#) – Executive Assistant
 - Link for Public Comment on City [website](#)
- SERJAC – Tyler: distilling results of Belonging Survey
- Planning Commission – Brouillard: Type 3 annexations discussed
- Public Arts: continuing to assist with Playwrights Walk plaques
- Housing and Human Services: [Homeless Services Assessment Report](#)
 - [Third Annual Community Resource Fair](#) on September 9, 2026

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NEW BUSINESS

- Crash Report Review:
 - Moore: data is consistent with previous years; nothing particularly standout
 - Fleury: Tolman and Ashland, and Tolman and Siskiyou struck me; many crashes occurred at these controlled intersections
 - DuQuenne: *Are there more accidents in the summertime?*
 - Moore: Yes, summertime and tourist season do increase crash frequency. The severity of the collision (injury, etc.) does not increase, but the number of them does increase.
 - Richards: Many Near Misses on Siskiyou Blvd involving crossing guards and children
 - Brouillard: summarizes data:
 - 75 reported crashes for the first six (6) months of 2026
 - 16 injury crashes
 - Five (5) DUI-related
 - Four (4) involving bicycles and pedestrians
 - Driver error is the dominant pattern: failure to yield, improper turn, rear end collision, Stop sign and red-light violations, turning conflicts, and general distracted driving patterns (ex. Pulling into traffic without noting an oncoming vehicle)
 - Would like to see prioritization of Siskiyou Blvd and Tolman Creek intersection because of school crossings and limited visibility
 - *Can we put rumble strips out?*
 - Fleury: Will ask ODOT
 - Moore: affirms back-to-school enforcement in this area will be a primary focus of APD
 - Fleury: *Could an empty APD car be placed out there to deter poor driver behavior?*
 - Moore: it has been considered, but there are seldom enough cars available to do this (as APD likes to keep at least one or two cars available in the event of a service vehicle going down or requiring maintenance)
 - Ask ODOT to review:
 - Ashland Street, Tolman Creek, and the signal lights
 - Washington Street and Ashland Street
 - Central Bike Path – Mountain and East Main; clearly define yield rules
 - Fleury: vegetation overgrowth exists in this area and obscures signs; looking into bike path cleanup, vegetation removal, and signage consistency
 - Richards: *Could green paint be installed at East Main and bike path crosswalk to call attention to that?*
 - Fleury: yes, we can look at striping options. Will discuss with Karl Johnson.
- E-Bike Safety and Education
 - Peterson Adams: Enforcing the law when the law is not understood is difficult.
 - Officer Bates – School Resource Officer introduced; Bates and Moore co-taught in Health classes about distracted driving, which lead to interesting questions from students (rules of the road, for example); geared towards students about to receive their learner's permit

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- Moore defines safety education plan:
 - APD to facilitate conversations in middle schools, because middle schoolers have e-bikes too (not just high schoolers); dates TBD
 - Take home flyers to be distributed to students
 - Daily enforcement of e-bike infractions will continue; The Three E's of Traffic Safety:
 - Enforcement (APD)
 - Education (Community)
 - Engineering (TAC)
 - Kahn: seeks clarification on statewide and municipal e-bike laws
 - Moore: Class 1 e-bikes law changed very recently and can legally be operated by 14-year-olds, while Class 2 and Class 3 e-bikes remain restricted to ages 16+. Helmets are required. This is a state law.
 - Brouillard: *If a teenager (age 14 or 15) gets a speeding ticket while operating an e-bike, will that have an impact on their ability to get a driver's license before the age of 18?*
 - Moore: yes, it certainly can. Ultimately, DMV makes the determination there.
 - Brouillard: *Who is responsible for the ticket in the event of an injury? Rider or guardian?*
 - Moore: [Minor] rider receives ticket.
 - Fleury: *If the guardian receives the ticket, would there would be insurance implications? Is that lawful?*
 - Moore: Legal would need to be consulted about this as a potential ordinance.
 - Richards: *Do they need a driver's license [to operate a Class 2 or Class 3 e-bike]?*
 - Moore: No.
 - Dahle: *How can you verify that an e-bike rider above age 12 but under age 16 is giving you their correct name?*
 - Bates: Good question! APD relies heavily on their officers' familiarity with the students in this community.
 - Morris: TAC should consider the gaps in classification, clarify definitions, and define outlier vehicles within the Ashland Municipal Code (AMC)
 - Fleury: *How do we get bike shops to promote licensure or safe rider education?* TAC to outreach to bike shops.
 - Councilor DuQuenne: If TAC creates a document for Council indicating their advice on how to pursue e-bike safety, Council will happily entertain discussion.
 - Peterson Adams: TAC was waiting for state regulations to change or be redefined (January 2027)
 - Fleury: AMC updates will be discussed in September 2026; TAC can go to Council with their e-bike suggestions for plan inclusion in December 2026
 - Boyer: shares exchange to demonstrate cyclist lack of knowledge about Stop sign rules
- Safe Streets 4 Everyone
 - Fleury: Goal in Ashland is for less auto-centric infrastructure; the general NACTO and ODOT Urban Blueprint bike design guidelines inform discussion
 - Richards: suggests revisiting page 5 of SS4E – 16. to address conflicting verbiage surrounding cut through traffic

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- TSP Update: Chair expresses TAC's availability and willingness to contribute to discussion
 - Fleury: Cottle, Goldman, Correnti, and Fleury met with Alta Planning on August 6th
 - Correnti and Cottle to organize the website and connect with SERJAC to ensure underrepresented communities are contacted
 - Brouillard: Planning Commission wants to understand their place in the TSP Update
 - Fleury: Planning Commission is the lead public outreach group to ensure that public feedback/engagement is enacted properly, and this is codified in AMC; Goldman and Severson to connect with Fleury
- TAC email/SeeClickFix:
 - 8th and B Street: pilot mini roundabout will be introduced; Correnti to notify submitter
 - 2245 McCall Drive
 - McCall Drive is a public access road, not a private road for the HOA
 - Fleury supports crosswalk striping where cutouts already exist, and cleaning up the tree to reveal signage
 - Misplaced Stop sign – Fleury affirms it is too low and incorrectly placed; Schweizer to address
 - Exit 14: ODOT jurisdiction
 - Correnti to contact ODOT with this request
 - Fleury: ODOT's end goal here is access control through right-out only as defined in the Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP); IAMP has not been adopted

AGENDA BUILDING – Future Meetings:

- Kahn: *Any update on finishing the pavement at the end of Granite Street to connect the loop to new Water Treatment plant?*
 - Fleury: intent is to finish loop from Glenview to Granite and chip seal it
- Brouillard: *Does Crash Report Data need to be reviewed every six months?*
 - Fleury: perhaps annual versus twice annually
 - Morris: finds it valuable as a newer member to TAC

ADJOURNMENT: 6:01 PM

Next Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Via Zoom from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marlena Correnti, Administrative Assistant