



# **Active Transportation Advisory Board**

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

12:00 Noon

Bentonville Public Library

405 South Main Street

Walmart Foundation Community Room

## **Agenda**

### **Old Business**

1. Approval of October 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes

### **New Business**

1. ATAB Portal and Emils
2. Switzerland Study Tour Review
3. Justin Allen Presentation

### **Other Business**

### **Attachments**

ATAB Minutes – October 2025



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## Meeting Minutes

### October 2025

**Meeting Date:** October 21, 2025  
**Meeting Called to Order:** 12:03 p.m.  
**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:13 p.m.  
**Meeting Location:** Bentonville Public Library, Rotary Room  
**Members:** Christina Johnson, Gayatri Agnew, Jason (JP) McCrory, Luke Powers, Monica Diodati, Shannon Reyenga, Steven George  
**Members Not Attending:** Ashley Calderon, Sadie Kiydelka, Jocelyn Lampkin, Evan Springer  
**Attending Staff Members:** Dan Weiss, Bonnie Bridges, Claire Weise, Josh Stacey, Nathan Izard, Tracy Acosta, Tyler Overstreet  
**Other:** David Crisswell, Toole Design; Bentonville Citizen (name not provided)

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## Old Business

### Approval of August 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the August Meeting Minutes was made and seconded.  
All members voted in favor, and none opposed.

### No Minutes – September 2025 Meeting Cancelled

## New Business

### Current Project Updates

Staff began by reviewing the city's active transportation project list, including recently completed projects, projects currently under construction, projects in design with funding, and projects in design without a designated funding source. The board was reminded that the city's Progress Path webpage remains the most up-to-date resource for project tracking, with quarterly updates by Transportation, Engineering, and Parks staff.

The board discussed several recently completed improvements, including the A Street Promenade project, which will celebrate its official ribbon cutting on Saturday, November 15, 2025. Staff shared information about design details such as the patterned brickwork representing the Buffalo River and drainage features incorporated into the layout. Members were encouraged to visit the completed space and observe ongoing landscaping activity.

Updates transitioned to the I-Street corridor, where substantial roadway and trail improvements have recently been completed. Staff described signal timing adjustments, pedestrian crossings, trail connections, and vehicular traffic patterns now emerging in the corridor. A recent bicycle-vehicle incident at the I-Street crossing was discussed, including concerns about visibility obstructed by trees and signage placement. Staff noted that sign adjustments have already been made and that the department will continue to evaluate visibility concerns.

Further discussion covered the new high-school-area trail connection, which is approximately 95% complete aside from final intersection work. Board members noted the high level of use already occurring in the new segment. Staff explained that the contractor remains responsible for the remaining cleanup and final grading.

Additional updates included ongoing work associated with the trail connection leading toward the Walmart campus tunnel, as well as the Rainwater Creek project involving bridge replacement, creek bank restoration, and new trail installation. Staff explained that this project addresses long-term erosion issues and includes significant retaining and drainage improvements.

The board also reviewed long-term potential connections toward Central Avenue, McCollum Road, and Bella Vista. Staff provided an update on sidewalk projects near North Walton Boulevard, noting the need for electric utility relocation before construction can begin. Discussion also included areas where stairs and narrow ramps currently limit accessibility; staff confirmed that planned upgrades will improve ADA access and overall connectivity.

### **Side Path and Corridor Planning**

Staff reviewed several planned side path projects, including connections along J Street, McCollum/Central, and Walton Manor. Board members raised questions about commercial driveway crossings, tactile warning surfaces, and ADA requirements. Staff clarified the city's standards and the limitations presented by older or grandfathered infrastructure. The board discussed the importance of consistent tactile markers for visually impaired residents and how redevelopment triggers upgrades.

### **Southeast 8<sup>th</sup> Street Greenway Closure and Detour Planning**

Staff informed the board that the Southeast 8th Street Greenway segment will close for approximately six months while reconstruction occurs. Board members expressed concerns that available detour routes add significant mileage due to the lack of a crossing between the Greenway and the Momentary campus trail, especially during campus event closures. Staff acknowledged the challenge and explained that official detours must meet transportation routing standards, including hard-surface access and proper signage.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Jefferson Alignment Discussion**

The board engaged in a detailed discussion regarding the future preferred connection between Third Street and J Street. The conversation centered on whether the route should prioritize speed and directness for cyclists (favoring Second Street) or whether it should use calmer residential streets (such as Jefferson) to create a slower, pedestrian-preferred corridor similar in feel to a "safe streets to school" zone.

Members emphasized the need for the alignment to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists. Several design examples were discussed, including mixed-use street designs with two-way bike lanes and a central shared vehicle lane. Members also highlighted the importance of coordinating with Bentonville Schools given the significant school-related traffic on Third Street.

Staff explained that the next step will be for the designers to return with multiple alignment options. The board agreed on priorities for evaluating those options:

- The route should, where possible, use quieter streets that naturally support safe, comfortable travel.
- The route must address both pedestrian and bicycle needs.
- Coordination with schools is essential to ensure safety and manage traffic during peak school hours.
- Fire Department concerns regarding emergency response times were also acknowledged as part of future decision-making.

## **Other Business**

Staff provided additional updates on creek stabilization, erosion-control work, and preliminary design concepts for upcoming trail connections. The board reviewed early "quick build" improvement concepts for commercial driveways and trail crossings, which will provide a standardized toolkit for future intersections. Staff expect to complete this design playbook by the end of the year.

Board members discussed ongoing ADA compliance challenges across the city's trail network and roadway intersections. Staff noted that intersections of concern can be prioritized if reported and that accessibility improvements are added as redevelopment or road work allows.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All members voted in favor, and none opposed.