



Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

**Regular Meeting
10 August 2010**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on 10 August 2010 at the Boards and Commissions Room located at 303 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Dustin Lanier –Vice Chair
Boone Blocker
Allen Demling
Sheila Holbrook-White
Dana Lockler
Eileen Schaubert

Commission Members Absent:

Richard MacKinnon – Chair

Staff in Attendance:

Gordon Derr
Steve Grassfield
Morris Poe
Gilda Powers

Vice-Chair Lanier called the Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 07/13/2010 meeting were approved on Commissioner Holbrook-White motion, Commissioner Schaubert second, on a 5/0/2 vote, with Commissioner Lockler and Chair MacKinnon absent.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation and Safety issues on South Congress Avenue – Briefing

This item was postponed to next meeting at the request of staff.

B. Pay Stations Briefing

Mr. Steve Grassfield, Parking Enterprise Manager with the Austin Transportation Department gave a briefing on the pay stations installation in downtown. The Commissioners asked for staff to look into the issue of facilitating parking for bicycles where pay stations were installed. Citizen Tommy Eden asked staff to consider options for bicyclist to park their bicycles where the pay stations were installed. No action was taken.

C. Parking Operations in Downtown Briefing

Mr. Grassfield provided a briefing on parking facilities and operations in downtown. He said staff is looking at different options including long term secured bicycle facilities to alleviate the void left by the removal of the single space meters poles that were used by bicyclist for parking. No action was taken.

D. Taxicab Task Force Report – Discussion and Possible Action

Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department said the Transportation Department will be making a recommendation to Council on September 23rd based on the Task Force findings. At the September meeting of the UTC the Task Force will ask for a recommendation to Council that will include information gathered during the stakeholders meetings. Chair Lanier said there is still a need to continue discussing the ground transportation issue. Staff will work on a revision to the vehicles for hire category to include recommendations for low speed vehicles, smart cars, car share, etc. Four citizens addressed the Commission. No action was taken. This item will be discussed again at the September meeting.

E. Approve Revised Bylaws Relating to Officer Terms as Directed by City Council

As directed by the City Council, the revised Bylaws relating to Officer Terms were approved on Commissioner Holbrook-White motion, Commissioner Blocker second, on a 6/0/1 vote with Chair MacKinnon absent. At the request of Commissioner Lockler and as stated in the Bylaws, the minutes will include the vote of each member on each item before the Commission and indicate whether a member is absent or failed to vote on an item.

Ayes:	Holbrook-White, Lanier, Schaubert, Demling, Blocker, Lockler
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	MacKinnon

F. Nominations and Election of Officers

As stated in the Bylaws, the following nominations and elections of officers took place:

Chair Nominations:

Commissioner MacKinnon
Commissioner Lanier

Vote count:

On a 4/2/1 vote, with Commissioners Holbrook-White, Schaubert, Blocker, and Lanier in favor of Commissioner Lanier, Commissioners Demling and Lockler in favor of Commissioner MacKinnon, and with Commissioner MacKinnon absent, the UTC elected Commissioner Lanier as Chair for a term of one year beginning September 1, 2010.

Vice-Chair Nominations:

Commissioner Holbrook-White

Vote count:

On a 5/0/1/1 vote, with Commissioners Lanier, Schaubert, Blocker, Lockler, Demling in favor, Commissioner Holbrook-White abstaining, and Commissioner MacKinnon absent, the UTC elected Commissioner Holbrook-White as Vice-Chair for a term of one year beginning September 1, 2010.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Special Events – Turkey Trot Update

Mr. Derr introduced Ms. Michelle Graham, promoter with Bounce, Inc., who provided an update on the event and indicated they will continue to work with staff to find a viable solution. A suggestion was made to the promoter to go to Council and ask for waivers in case the issues are not resolved. This item will be back on the agenda in September. No action was taken.

1) STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Staff Briefings – Council voted to go to the voters in November to approve a \$90,000,000 mobility bond package.**
- b) Downtown Commission – Commissioner Lanier said a recommendation was made to staff to study downtown parking.**
- c) Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee – None**
- d) CAMPO – None**
- e) SCIP – Commissioner Lockler informed the results of the South Congress survey will be reviewed during an August 24th meeting with stakeholders. The East Riverside Corridor committee will meet on August 31st.**
- f) CSAC – None**

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Urban Rail Update
- South Congress Improvements Updated
- Ground Transportation Issues
- Special Events Rules / Ordinance Update
- Innovative Bicycle Facilities Study Results
- Bike Sharing Programs
- Extended Hours / Valet / Commercial Zones, etc.
- Allocation of Parking Fund Monies
- Parking for Bicycles in downtown
- Economic impact due to street closures in downtown
- Streets owned and maintain by TxDOT within the City limits

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Lanier adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m. without objection

Approved Minutes _____

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