



APPROVED

**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
14 December 2010**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on 14 December 2010 at the Boards and Commissions Room located at 303 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Dustin Lanier –Chair
Sheila Holbrook-White – Vice Chair
Boone Blocker
Allen Demling
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Commission Members Absent:

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