



## **Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting  
8 November 2011**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on 8, November, 2011, at the Boards and Commissions Room located at 303 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

### **Commission Members in Attendance:**

Dustin Lanier - Chair  
Boone Blocker – Vice-Chair  
Dana Lockler  
Richard MacKinnon  
Eileen Schaubert

**Commission Members Absent:** Allen Demling, Sheila Holbrook-White

### **Staff in Attendance:**

W. Gordon Derr	Frances Hargrove	Angela Rodriguez
Christi Vitela	Carlton Thomas	

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

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the 10/11/11 were approved on Chair Lanier motion and Commissioner MacKinnon second.

**Ayes:** Blocker, Lanier, Lockler, MacKinnon, Schaubert

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Demling, Holbrook-White

### **2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Local Area Traffic Management – Briefing**

Presentation by: Gary W. Schatz, P.E., PTOE, Assistant Director at the Austin Transportation Department, gave a synopsis of the proposed changes in policy that the Local Area Traffic Management Program will undergo, upon approval. His summary was met with general questions by Commissioners and a commendation for completing the process.

#### **B. Request for Waiver – Livestrong Austin Marathon – Briefing and Possible Action**

Presentation by: Frances Hargrove, Special Events Manager at the Austin Transportation Department, provided background and staff recommendations to support the Livestrong Austin Marathon Waiver request. Discussion from UTC pointed out issues with the special events ordinance that results in a pretense that an established event may not take place. Chair Lanier asked for a report from Ms. Hargrove that outlines new classifications and

guidelines for event promoters, in effect, an attempt at resolving conflicts that may arise from current ordinance parameters. On Chair Lanier motion and Commissioner MacKinnon second, the UTC supported staff recommendations to provide the waiver for the Livestrong Austin Marathon, carried on a 5/0/2 vote.

**Ayes:** Blocker, Lanier, Lockler, MacKinnon, Schaubert

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Holbrook-White, Demling

### **C. Limousine Ordinance Change – Briefing and Possible Action**

Presentation by: Carlton Thomas, Transportation Regulatory Supervisor at the Austin Transportation Department and Angela Rodriguez from the City of Austin Law Department, provided the UTC with a proposed revision of Limousine Ordinance. Several stakeholders spoke about their concerns and viewpoints regarding the industry and how it is regulated. The issue of maintaining privacy for customers during the proof process of pre arranged travel (electronic tickets), brought about an agreement with the City Attorney, to change the wording in the ordinance to not require emailing of the document. Based on stakeholder concern that there was insufficient stakeholder input, the UTC and Mr. Thomas agreed that one more stakeholder meeting was in order, before presenting again to UTC and requesting support for the change. The proposal will be brought forth in December. **No Action Taken.**

### **D. Pedicab Regulations – Briefing**

Presentation by: Carlton Thomas, Transportation Regulatory Supervisor at the Austin Transportation Department, gave an overview of progress made on pedicab regulations. Tom Wald spoke regarding the issue and provided additional information.

### **E. FY 2012 Budget – Briefing**

Presentation by: W. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department provided an overview of budget, how it has changed, expected revenues and expenditures, performance measures and planned efforts.

### **F. Consider and set the 2011 UTC meeting schedule – Discussion and Possible Action**

Commissioners reviewed a proposed UTC meeting schedule and noted some conflicts in February and March. On Chair Lanier motion, and Commissioner MacKinnon second, the schedule was approved, with the stipulation that the conflicting months' dates would be changed if possible.

**Ayes:** Lanier, Blocker, MacKinnon, Lockler, Schaubert

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Holbrook-White, Demling

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Rough Proportionality Briefing -
- Special Events revision/changes to the Ordinance and Rules – Report -
- Downtown Austin Plan – Update
- Bike Share – RFI Update -
- Extra Permits for Pedicabs
- Corridor Studies –
- Road blocks and road closures – Consistency on enforcement
- Bike parking on street and on parking facilities
- Car Share
- Urban Rail – Initial Funding Plan –

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lanier adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes \_\_\_\_\_

Dustin Lanier –Chair  
Urban Transportation Commission

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