



APPROVED

**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
08 May 2012**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on 08, May, 2012, 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
Dana Lockler
Eileen Schaubert

Commission Members Absent:

Boone Blocker – Vice-Chair
Allen Demling
Richard MacKinnon

Staff in Attendance:

W. Gordon Derr	Alan Hughes
Carlton Thomas	Joana Perez

Chair Lanier called the Commission meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 10, 2012

The Commissioners made some minor changes to the April 10, 2012 minutes to reflect the actual vote count on the March 6, 2012 meeting minutes. The correct vote count should read:

“The minutes from the 03/06/12 were approved on Commission Demling motion, Commissioner Lockler second, with Chair Lanier abstaining and Commissioners Holbrook-White absent. Vote count 5/0/1/1”

Ayes: Blocker, Demling, Lockler, MacKinnon, Schaubert

Nays: None

Abstain: Lanier

Absent: Holbrook-White

Commissioner Schaubert made a motion to approve the 04/10/12 minutes, Commissioner Lockler second the motion. During the preparation of the meeting minutes, staff noted that the vote will have to be taken again at the June meeting when the requirements of Article 7, (F and H) of the UTC Bylaws can be met. At the May 8th meeting there were only four members present but with one of the members abstaining, the affirmative vote of the members necessary to provide a quorum was not met.

(F) Four members constitute a quorum.

(H) To be effective, a board action must be adopted by affirmative vote of the number of members necessary to provide a quorum.

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 4 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns **regarding items not posted on the agenda.**

Two citizens address the Commission. The first citizen spoke regarding the need for a ramp on 12th Street at Graham Street and he was referred to 311 to put in a request for staff review; the second citizen spoke in support of the taxicab franchises changes.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wayfinding – Briefing and Possible Action

Christine Freundl, Planner Senior, Urban Design Division, Planning and Development Review, provided an update on the “Wayfinding” project. The Commission would like additional information regarding making 7th and 8th streets into two-way streets and requested this item be brought back sometime during the summer before Council takes action. **No Action Taken.**

B. Franchise Renewal - Lone Star Cab Company – Briefing and Possible Action

Carlton Thomas, Transportation Regulatory Supervisor with the Austin Transportation Department, gave a report on the request from Lone Star Cab Company for a five year franchise renewal. Staff recommended a 3-year renewal to align all three franchises. One citizen spoke on this item. On Commissioner Holbrook-White’s motion to accept staff recommendation to bring all franchises in line for renewal on July 2015, Commissioner Schaubert second, with Commissioners Blocker, Demling, and MacKinnon absent, the motion carried on a 4/0/3 vote.

Ayes: Lanier, Holbrook-White, Lockler, Schaubert

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Blocker, Demling, MacKinnon

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Corridors Studies – Briefing and Possible Action

Alan Hughes, Engineer C and Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department, gave a detailed briefing on the corridor studies. The Commissioners suggested lowering speed limits on these busy streets before putting back-in angle parking, and requested a list of possible bus stops. One citizen spoke and provided handouts in support of the North Lamar corridor improvements. **No Action Taken.**

B. Bicycle and Pedestrian Detours for Trails During Construction – Briefing and Possible Action

Louis Lindsey, Division Manager, Public Works Department, gave an overview of the procedures established for managing detours during construction including those around trails. The Neighborhood Connectivity Division of the Public Works Department is responsible for the review and approval of the plans when trails are involved in the closure. The Commissioners suggested more signs to inform drivers and advance notice to residents to ensure safety. **No Action Taken.**

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **East Riverside Corridor and South Congress Improvements Project** – Commissioner Lockler provided a brief report on activities.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Car Share – Zip Cars/Car 2 Go
- Valet Ordinances
- Taxicabs – Update UTC as they occur
- Rough Proportionality Briefing
- Special Events revision/changes to the Ordinance and Rules – Report –
- Bike Share – RFI Update
- Urban Rail – Initial Funding Plan
- Parking update in 6 months
- LATM – Updates
- Valet Fees – Charges by the Hour
- Pedicab Stands and Markings – Council Resolution
- Written report on Bond Proposal

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lanier adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes _____
Urban Transportation Commission

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 4 days before the meeting date. Please call Gilda Powers at Transportation Department, at 974-7092, for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.