

Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting 14 May 2013

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on May 14, 2013 at the Boards and Commissions Room located at 303 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair MacKinnon called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Richard MacKinnon – Chair Jace Deloney Meredith Highsmith Dustin Lanier Eileen Schaubert Stanton Truxillo

Commission Members Absent:

Boone Blocker-Vice Chair

Staff in Attendance:

Robert Spillar

Gilda Powers

Carlton Thomas

Scott Gross

Steve Grassfield

Joana Perez

Renee Orr

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 09, 2013

The minutes from the 04/09/13 meeting were approved with corrections to Commissioner Stanton Truxillo's name on Commissioner MacKinnon motion, Commissioner Truxillo second, on a 6/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes:

Lanier, Schaubert, Highsmith, Truxillo, MacKinnon, Deloney

Navs:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

Blocker

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Council Member Chris Riley addressed the Commission and presented Commissioner Schaubert with a proclamation in appreciation for her services to the City. This was Commissioner Schaubert's last meeting. Citizen Joseph Iley addressed the Commission regarding a Pilot Program for Legacy Permits.

3. NEW BUSINES

- A. Presentation of "Going My Way" The Proliferation of Rogue Ridesharing Services
 Mr. Ed Kargbo, President of Yellow Cab, made a presentation on behalf of Matthew Daus,
 Executive Direction of the International Association of Transportation Regulators, in regards
 to Ride Sharing Services and its impact on the Taxi Cab Industry. -No action Taken
- B. City Code Amendment Defining "Rideshare" Discussion and Possible Action Mr. Carlton Thomas, Transportation Regulatory Supervisor with the Austin Transportation Department presented staff proposed amendments to the Code to define Ride Share. The Commissioners expressed some concerns; staff explained this amendment is only partially responsive to the Council resolution with a full recommendation to Council by June 1, 2013. A copy will be sent to the UTC.

Commissioner Truxillo made a motion to endorse staff recommendation to Council.

Commissioner Lanier second the motion, and after discussion the motion failed. The vote was 2/2/2/1 with, Commissioners Lanier and Truxillo in favor, Commissioners Schaubert and Highsmith abstaining, Commissioners MacKinnon and Deloney against and Commissioner Blocker absent.

Ayes: Truxillo, Lanier
Nays: MacKinnon, Deloney
Abstain: Highsmith, Schaubert

Absent: Blocker

Chair MacKinnon left at 8:10 p.m. the meeting and asked Commissioner Lanier to act as Chair.

C. Charter Services Ordinance Amendment-Briefing and Possible Action

To revise the definitions, amend the regulations, and add requirements related to the operation of Charter Services (City Code Chapter 13-2-Ground Transportation Passenger Services). Mr. Carlton Thomas, Transportation Regulatory Supervisor with the Austin Transportation Department presented the draft of the Amendment to the Charter Service Ordinance. The Commissioners requested that staff provides a schedule of issues regarding Ground Transportation to keep the Commission appraised of proposed changes and concerns. After discussion on Commissioner Lanier's motion to accept staff's recommendation with a clarification that Charter's cannot accept passenger less than 30 minutes in advance of scheduled services, Commissioner Deloney second, with Commissioners MacKinnon and Blocker absent the motion passed on a 5/0/0/2 - No Action Taken.

Ayes: Truxillo, Lanier, Deloney, Highsmith, Schaubert

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Blocker, MacKinnon

D. On-Time Taxi Performance-Briefing and Possible Action

This item was postponed to the June meeting to allow for the rest of the Commission to be present.

On Commissioner Deloney motion, Commissioner Schaubert second the Commissioners voted to continue the meeting past the 10 p.m. deadline, on a vote of 5/0/0/2, with Commissioners MacKinnon and Blocker absent.

E. American Public Transportation Association/Urban Land Institute - Briefing

Mr. Scott Gross, Urban Rail Manager with the Austin Transportation Department presented a briefing on the recommendations made by the American Public Transportation Association and the Urban Land Institute regarding the Urban Rail Project. - No Action Taken.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Local Area Traffic Management - One Year Later - Update and Possible Action

Ms. Renee Orr, Project Manager with the Austin Transportation Department gave an update on the progress of the Local Area Traffic Management Project. – No Action Taken

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Bike/Ped Committee -

Meeting on May 20, 2013, Agenda items sent

B. CSAC-The next six months Cap

Capital Metro will be implementing Metro Rapid within the next six months, Bus routes will probably change.

C. Downtown Commission-

No update

D. CAMPO-

No update

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Schedule roadmaps for Taxi's brought to UTC
- Project Connect Updates
- Metro Rapid Update
- On Time Taxi Performance (Item postponed from this meeting)
- Surcharges to fund Transportation
- CAMPO TWG update

7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lanier adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes

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