



**Urban Transportation Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting  
10 September 2013**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on September 10, 2013 at the One Texas Center located at 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 325, Austin, Texas.

Chair MacKinnon called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Richard MacKinnon – Chair  
Boone Blocker – Vice Chair  
Jace Deloney  
Mark Gilbert  
Dustin Lanier  
Stanton Truxillo

**Commission Members Absent:**

Meredith Highsmith

**Staff in Attendance:**

Gordon Derr	Alan Hughes	Eric Bollich
Joana Perez	Karla Villalon	Cheyenne Krause
Leah Bojo	Samantha Park	Allison Dietzel

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the 08/13/13 were approved on Commissioner Truxillo motion and Commissioner Gilbert second, on a 4/0/1/2 vote, with Commissioners Highsmith and Lanier absent and Commissioner Blocker abstaining.

**Ayes:** MacKinnon, Gilbert, Truxillo, Deloney  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** Blocker  
**Absent:** Highsmith, Lanier

**2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Mr. David Coleman, Vice President of Operations for Parking Guidance Systems LLC spoke about a device called Frog Parking that would be used to detect open parking spaces throughout the City of Austin. In conjunction with the device an application from a mobile phone would send you updates on open spaces, the ability to pay for parking through your phone, be reminded when your parking time is about to expire and locate where you parked in case you forgot.

**3. NEW BUSINES**

**A. Guadalupe/Lavaca Transit Priority Lanes**

Mr. Alan Hughes, Engineer with the Austin Transportation Department, provided an update on the Transit Priority Lanes the City of Austin and Capital Metro will begin installing in October 2013. MetroRapid Service will begin in January 2014. **No Action Taken**

**B. Metro Rapid Station**

Mr. Roberto Gonzales, Senior Planner with Capital Metro and Mr. Chad Crager, Project Manager with Public Works, provided information on how the Metro Rapid Station will be moved in order to provide for the Transit Priority Lanes and moving the parking so it's not in the way of the buses or bicycles. Project will be completed by the end of October 2013. **No Action Taken**

Commissioner Lanier arrived at 7:10pm

**C. Project Connect Central Corridor Update**

Mr. Kyle Keahey, Rail Lead with HNTB presented an overview of the Project Connect agenda, work plan, public involvement, advisory group, study area and the final steps before they begin the public outreach efforts in September 2013. **No Action Taken**

**D. Pedestrian Advisory Council**

Ms. Leah Bojo, Policy Aid for Council Member Riley presented a recommendation to clarify the rules of the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) and Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC). Ms. Bojo asked the Urban Transportation Commission to work in conjunction with the staff liaison to amend the bylaws of the PAC and BAC. The Commissioners approved the recommendation with the following changes: any item that goes to Council goes before UTC, clarify the roles in the eyes of the citizens and request that the City Manager is directs staff to assign a staff liaison to the PAC.

On Commissioner Deloney motion, Commissioner Truxillo second, with Commissioner Highsmith absent and Commissioner MacKinnon abstain the motion passed on a 5/0/1/1 vote.

**Ayes:** Gilbert, Lanier, Deloney, Truxillo, Blocker  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** MacKinnon  
**Absent:** Highsmith

**E. Transportation Network Companies <sup>proposal</sup>**

Chair MacKinnon presented a ~~draft recommendation~~ <sup>proposal</sup> to form a sub-committee to review the Transportation Network Companies (TNC) and conclude if there is a role for TNC in the rideshare industry and how should they be regulated. Mr. Joe Garcia with Greater Austin Transportation on Congress was not in favor of creating another sub-committee.

On Commissioner Truxillo motion, Commissioner Lanier second, with Commissioner Highsmith absent the motion passed on a 6/0/0/1 vote.

**Ayes:** MacKinnon, Gilbert, Lanier, Deloney, Truxillo, Blocker  
**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Highsmith

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Special Events Ordinance Update

Mr. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department, provided an update on the Special Events Ordinance. The ordinance will go to before council on October 3, 2013. **No Action Taken**

#### 5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Bike/Ped Committee** - No update. Will try and meet before the next UTC Meeting in October

B. **CSAC** – Passed Resolution for Transportation Impact Fee/Walkability/Fare Restructure. There is a scheduled meeting on 9/11/13 and will provide an update at the next UTC Meeting

B. **Downtown Commission** – No update

C. **CAMPO** - No update

D. **Project Connect** – Monthly updates

#### 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Day Lease
- Expansion of Parking Benefits/District
- S. Lamar Corridor Study
- Austin Text Messaging Law

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair MacKinnon adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes

  
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