



**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
10 December 2013**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on December 10, 2013 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1029, Austin, Texas

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

Commission Members in Attendance:

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

Commission Members Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Robert Spillar	Gordon Derr	Alan Hughes	Anthony Hall
Joana Perez	Gilda Powers	Cheyenne Krause	Scott Gross

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 11/12/13 were approved on Commissioner Blocker motion and Commissioner Deloney second, on a 6/0/1/0 vote, with Commissioner Truxillo abstaining.

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

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Mr. Edward Sledge addressed the commissioners on the need to have stricter enforcing laws to deter distracted drivers.

3. NEW BUSINES

A. Bike Share Briefing

Mr. Elliot McFadden, Executive Director with Austin B-Cycle provided an update on Bike Share Program. The program launched with 11 stations in December 2013 and the remaining stations will be installed by March 2014. No Action Taken.

B. South Lamar Corridor

Mr. Alan Hughes, Project Manager with the Austin Transportation Department provided an update on the South Lamar Corridor Study. The purpose of this study is to identify future transportation needs of the South Lamar Boulevard corridor. Contract approval by City Council in spring 2014 and expected project duration is eight to twelve months after the contract is executed. No Action Taken.

C. Real Estate Vacation Evaluation

Mr. Eric Hammack, Property Agent Senior with the Office of Real Estate presented a recommendation to vacate a portion of Tillery Street. Part of the area being vacated will be retained as a drainage easement, an inundation easement and also the dedication of a 15' Public Utility Easement. A limited portion of the area will be used for surface parking by the abutting property owners and the remainder of the area will be left in its natural state.

On Commissioner Deloney motion, Commissioner Blocker second the motion passed on a 7/0/0/0 vote.

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

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Connect

Mr. Scott Gross, Urban Rail Project Manager with the Austin Transportation Department provided updates on the projected work plans, public involvement, sub-corridor evaluation, Central Corridor Advisory Group actions and dates of future City Council Meetings. No Action Taken.

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CSAC – Met last week and passed a resolution to advise Capital Metro to include Lamar in Phase 2 of the study. Metro Rapid testing was completed and boarding times for the wheelchair were the same, some of the annunciators were not working too well but otherwise they are running at great frequencies. Commissioner MacKinnon is now Chair of CSAC.

A. Downtown Commission – No update

B. CAMPO – More discussion in January and February for allocation of funds for projects

C. Project Connect – Monthly Updates

D. BAC/PAC – Mr. Robert Anderson, with the Planning and Development Review Department and staff liaison to the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC), provided an update on issues staff will be working on like sidewalk maintenance and repair, street reconstruction, and urban design for streetscape. There were other items on their agenda that were not able to be heard

because of time but those items will be addressed in the next meeting in January 2014. No update for BAC.

- E. Transportation Network Companies (TNC)** – Commissioner MacKinnon proposed this committee will meet every 1st Tuesday of the month thru June 2014.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Metro Rapid Stops
- Phase 2 – Second Route for Metro Rapid
- Wayfinding Update
- Day Lease Taxi Issue Permits
- Transportation Criteria Manual Update
- Text Messaging Update
- IH 35 Pedestrian Crossing
- Project Connect Update
- 2040 Campo Status Update
- Complete Streets Policy

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Highsmith adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes 
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