



Revised minutes to correct vote on item 3E-
from 5/0/1/1 to 4/1/1/1

**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
11 February 2014**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on February 11, 2014 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1029, Austin, Texas

Chair Highsmith called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Meredith Highsmith - Chair
Jace Deloney
Richard MacKinnon
Mark Gilbert
Dustin Lanier
Stanton Truxillo

Commission Members Absent:

Boone Blocker – Vice Chair

Staff in Attendance:

Gordon Derr Cheyenne Krause
Joana Perez Nadia Barrera

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 12/10/13 were approved on Commissioner Truxillo motion and Commissioner Gilbert second, on a 5/0/1/1 vote, with Commissioner Lanier abstaining and Commissioner Blocker absent.

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

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

3. NEW BUSINES

A. Austin Text Messaging – Discussion and Possible Action

The presenter sent a message indicating this item will be presented in April. No Action Taken.

B. Transportation Criteria Manual – Discussion and Possible Action

Ms. Nadia Barrera, Project Manager with the Public Works Department, provided an update to the Transportation Criteria Manual which includes the purpose of the Transportation Criteria Manual, important paradigm shifts, the sections that are to be revised, how the public can provide input and the current milestones. No Action Taken.

C. Metro Rapid - Discussion

Mr. Kenneth Cartwright, Vice President with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, provided an update on the MetroRapid start of service. Open Ceremony was conducted at Republic Square Park that included the Federal Transit Administration, local elected officials, City and County staff and extensive media coverage. An overview of the service frequency, transit priority lanes, mobile ticketing and on board validators, transit signal priority, dynamic message signs, customer Wi-Fi capabilities, and feedback from customers, operators and media were discussed. Route 803 is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2014. No Action Taken.

D. Real Estate Vacation F# 9249-1309 – Discussion and Possible Action

Ms. Sharon Gordillo, Property Agent with the Office of Real Estate Services, provided a request for vacation of a portion of an unconstructed alley located between Lupine Lane and Inglewood Street and between Summit Street and IH 35.

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

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

E. Real Estate Vacation F# 9249-1309 – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Eric Hammack, Property agent with the Office of Real Estate Services provided a request for vacation of Whitis Avenue between West Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and West 20th Street and the Alley between Whitis Avenue and Guadalupe Street and between West Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and West 20th Street. There were amendments to the recommendation as follows: 1. The City will regain control of the Right of Way if the University of Texas does not meet the design standards for pedestrians and bicycles implied by the examples provided in the pictures and specified on the escrow documents. 2. Ensure that an easement to provide access to bikes and pedestrians is maintained according to City standards.

On Commissioner MacKinnon motion, Commissioner Truxillo second with Commissioner Gilbert abstaining, Commissioner Blocker absent, the motion passed with amendments on a 4/1/1/1 vote.

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

Absent: Blocker

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Connect – Discussion and Possible Action

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 outcomes from City Council Meetings, Capital Metro Boards and Lone Star Board Executive Committee. Phase 2 work plan, schedule and preliminary alignment alternatives were also discussed. No Action Taken.

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Amendment of the UTC Bylaws to add language to Article 2 Purpose and Duties of the UTC – Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioners discussed the amendment to the UTC Bylaws and voted in favor of the changes.

On Commissioner Gilbert motion, Commissioner MacKinnon second, with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion passed with a 6/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: Lanier, Highsmith, MacKinnon, Deloney, Truxillo, Gilbert

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Blocker

B. Dissolution of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and removal from the bylaws Article 8 Committee/Working Groups - Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioners discussed the amendment to the UTC Bylaws and voted in favor of the changes.

On Commissioner Gilbert motion, Commissioner MacKinnon second, with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion passed with a 6/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: Lanier, Highsmith, MacKinnon, Deloney, Truxillo, Gilbert

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Blocker

C. CSAC – Metro Rapid Route 1 loss of frequency, how the route was cut in half and the overcrowding of buses was discussed and will be reviewed at the CSAC next meeting.

D. Downtown Commission – No Update

E. CAMPO – Ms. Maureen McCoy, Director for CAMPO resigned and Mr. Joe Cantalupo will be serving as interim Director until the new Director is selected. For future STPMN funds half of the funds will go to the Counties to decide what projects are funded and the rest would be regional projects. With this new process the City will have no input in what projects are funded. Previously when the STPMN funds were allocated the City worked with Travis

County to find a number of projects to fund, currently there is no process between the City and Williamson and Hays County. Mr. Cantalupo will provide an update for the 2040 Plan at a future agenda item.

F. BAC/PAC - Mr. Robert Anderson with the Planning and Development Review Department and staff liaison to the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC), talked about information the PAC received from the Austin Transportation Department about Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons locations and how funding is limited but the demand is greater. PAC provided input to the staff and will be presenting these items on a future UTC agenda. PAC recommended not extending a variance from a sub division street to a major arterial.

G. TNC Committee – No update; meeting was postponed until April 2, 2014.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Wayfinding Update
- Day Lease Taxi Issue Permits
- Text Messaging Update
- IH 35 Pedestrian Crossing
- Project Connect Update
- 2040 Campo Status Update
- Complete Streets Policy
- Bicycle and Urban Trails Master Plan Update (coming up on April's Agenda)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Highsmith adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes


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