



**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
08 April 2014**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on April 08, 2014 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1029, Austin, Texas

Chair-Highsmith called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

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

Commission Members Absent:

Boone Blocker – Vice Chair
Mark Gilbert

Staff in Attendance:

Gordon Derr Cheyenne Krause Carlton Thomas
Joana Perez Eva Moore

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 03/18/14 were discussed but not approved due to lack of quorum for members present at the March meeting.

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Ms. Sara Levine, downtown bartender, discussed the petition she posted on change.org to address the needs of more transportation options at night. Ms. Danna Steadman, concerned citizen, discussed the concerns of not being able to get a cab in the downtown area, the interest in rideshare services, and the need to review the taxi cab regulations.

3. NEW BUSINES

A. Bicycle Master Plan Update and Urban Trails Master Plan – Briefing and Possible Action

Ms. Nadia Barrera, Project Manager, with the Public Works Department presented the definition of an Urban Trail, what the planned goals are, the existing urban trails, public input process, design criteria and considerations and the prioritization matrix. Mr. Nathan Wilkes, Engineer Associate, with the Public Works Department presented the current Bike Plan, the connection with Imagine Austin, the Bike Plan's 5 E's approach, the four types of transportation cyclist, cycle tracks, quiet streets, intersection treatments, network design, implementation and cost, and public input.

On Commissioner MacKinnon motion, Commissioner Truxillo second with Commissioners Blocker, Lanier and Gilbert absent, the motion passed on a 4/0/0/3 vote.

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

B. Commercial Loading Ordinance – Discussion and Possible Action

Ms. Eva Moore, Engineer Associate, with the Austin Transportation Department presented the commercial loading ordinance, the needs and requirements such as vehicle eligibility, proposed times and operating area, approved lane usage, payment methods and application process.

On Commissioner Lanier motion, Commissioner Deloney second with Commissioners Blocker and Gilbert absent, the motion passed on a 5/0/0/2 vote.

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

C. Complete Streets Policy Update – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department presented the Complete Streets Policy development, the principles and the focus of implementation. There will be a recommendation on the May's UTC agenda and then goes to council on May 22nd. No Action Taken.

D. Real Estate Vacation F#9157-1301 – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Eric Hammack, Property Agent with the Office of Real Estate Services presented a request to vacate a portion of Christopher Street between the south line of Block 2 and the North Line of block 3, Oak Cliff subdivision.

On Commissioner Truxillo motion, Commissioner Lanier second with Commissioner MacKinnon abstaining and Commissioners Blocker and Gilbert absent the motion passed on a 4/0/1/2 vote.

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

E. Real Estate Vacation #F9156-1301 – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Eric Hammack, Property Agent with the Office of Real Estate Services presented a request to vacate a portion of South 2nd Street and a portion of an Alley north of Copeland between South 1st and South 2nd Streets.

On Commissioner Lanier motion, Commissioner Deloney second with Commissioner MacKinnon abstaining and Commissioners Blocker and Gilbert absent the motion passed on a 4/0/1/2 vote.

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

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Connect

Mr. Kyle Keahey, Urban Rail Project Lead with HNTB provided a Project Connect recap of Phase 1, an overview of Phase 2, an update on refinement and evaluation of final alternatives and the next steps which included briefing to Council on May 22nd, a special session in June and final action on June 26th. No Action Taken.

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Amendment of the UTC Bylaws to add language to Article 8 Committee and Working Groups – Discussion and Possible Action

There will be an update at the next meeting.

B. Work with Stakeholders to create a Task Force to develop a recommendation for resolving the issue on non-electric vehicle charging stations on public property

There will be an update at the next meeting.

B. CSAC – No update

C. Downtown Commission – No update

D. CAMPO – No update

E. BAC/PAC – Mr. Mike Kase discussed the APD report from Commander Fred Fletcher that included the vulnerable user law and statistics about collisions, citations, and other citations related to bicycle issues based on the current volume of bicycle riders.

F. TNC Committee – There was discussion on insurance and vehicle requirements, accountability, background quality, and compliance accessibility and sustainability.

G. Taxi Cab Task Force – There was discussion on levels of accessible cabs and picking up the right people.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- ATX Safer Streets – May Agenda
- Text Messaging Update
- IH 35 Pedestrian Crossing

- Project Connect Update
- 2040 Campo Status Update
- Distractive Driver Task Force

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Highsmith adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes

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