



**Urban Transportation Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting  
08 July 2014**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on July 08, 2014 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Jace Deloney  
Richard MacKinnon  
Stanton Truxillo  
Mark Gilbert  
Dustin Lanier

**Commission Members Absent:**

Boone Blocker – Vice Chair

**Staff in Attendance:**

Robert Spillar	Gordon Derr	Gary Schatz	Samantha Alexander
Jim Dale	Renee Orr	Carlton Thomas	Joana Perez

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the 06/10/14 were approved on Commissioner Truxillo motion and Commissioner Gilbert second with Commissioner Highsmith abstaining, the motion passed on a 5/0/1/1 vote with Commissioners Blocker absent.

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

**2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None

**3. NEW BUSINES**

**A. F# 9339-1404 Vacation of an unconstructed portion of street Right of Way parallel to Old San Antonio Road – Discussion and Possible Action**

Mr. Eric Hammack, Property Agent Senior with Office of Real Estate Services presented a request for a vacation of an unconstructed portion of the street Right of Way parallel to Old San Antonio Road in exchange for dedication of equal Right of Way near the southeast corner of the intersection of Old San Antonio Road and F.M. 1626.

On Commissioner Lanier motion, Commissioner Deloney second with Commissioner Blocker absent and Commissioner MacKinnon abstaining, the motion passed on a 5/0/1/1 vote.

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

**B. Mobility 35 Project Update – Discussion and Possible Action**

Mr. Robert Spillar, Director of the Austin Transportation Department presented an overview of the program phases and milestones, Planning and Environmental Linkages study (PEL), the goal of the PEL, and the Travis County Phases one through five.

No Action Taken.

**C. 20 % Disapproval of a Proposed Street Closure – Discussion and Possible Action**

Item was withdrawn.

**D. Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Request Guidelines and Procedures – Discussion and Possible Action**

Mr. Jim Dale, Arterial Manager with the Austin Transportation Department, provided an overview of the traffic signals and pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHB) program, the reasons we are developing a signal and PHB evaluation and request process and highlights.

No Action Taken.

**E. TNC Working Group Update – Discussion and Possible Action**

Mr. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department, reported that the Transportation Department has begun a process to build a Transportation Network Companies Working Group that will look at the TNC's. There was a preliminary meeting held to talk about the needs and there will be a scheduled meeting every other week during the day to work through all the other issues related to Transportation Network Companies and put in place a pilot program for the City, there will be monthly updates to the UTC about the progress of this working group. The working group will bring a final list of recommendations to the UTC for consideration. The working group was developed with providers and users of transportation and the goal is to set up a process where 2-3 topics are taken up at each meeting. Staff will provide a report on what is being done across the country related to those particular issues. There was discussion to have Commissioners alternate attending the Working Group Meetings. No Action Taken.

**F. TNC Committee Recommendation – Discussion and Possible Action**

Commissioner MacKinnon provided a recommendation from the Transportation Network Companies Committee Meetings for the Commissioners approval and then send to City Council. There was a motion that UTC ask the Committee to capture some additional information on the public participation in the process and that these recommendations be forwarded to the TNC Working Group endorsed by the UTC as a work product of our

committee members and that UTC would like to hear a report back in their process of how they considered these recommendations.

Mr. Ed Karbo with Yellow Cab Austin expressed his concern that the Commissioners go back and watch the previous recordings of why Council created the working group before voting on a recommendation.

On Commissioner Lanier motion and Commissioner Truxillo second with Commissioner Blocker absent and Commissioner MacKinnon opposing, the motion passed on a 5/1/0/1 vote.

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

Commissioner MacKinnon motion that the UTC endorses the TNC Committee recommendations and send them to Council and as specified by the TNC Working Group and the Taxi Cab Task Force.

Commissioner Gilbert made a friendly amendment to include under the Whereas the TNC Committee recognizes the subsequent creation of the TNC Working Group and the desired community interest in continuing the discussion; Whereas the TNC Committee of the UTC met in the past six months beginning in January 2014 to discuss and approve the following topics with corrections. In the NOW BE IT RESOLVED section, include that that the Urban Transportation Commission recognizes the work of the TNC Committee and recommends these topics be further discussed at the TNC Working Group.

On Commissioner MacKinnon motion and Commissioner Deloney second with Commissioner Blocker absent and Commissioners Lanier, Highsmith, and Truxillo opposing, the motion failed on a 3/3/0/1 vote.

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

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. CSAC** – There was discussion of the Project Connect proposal and felt that Project Connect should look more into the BRT proposal.

**B. Downtown Commission** – No update

**C. CAMPO** – They announced a new Executive Director Ashby Johnson will start in August.

- D. BAC/PAC** – Mr. Christopher Stanton Vice-Chair of the PAC discussed the Bicycle Master Plan passed with recommendations and there is a strong support for the redesign of routes based off the ADA usability guidelines. Urban Trails Master Plan also passed with recommendations, feedback from the public, and the understanding that there will be a ranking system. For Code Next there was a recommendation that the language be stronger. They are re-formalizing their technical sub-committee and there was discussion that there should be some changes to the bylaws. Mr. Robert Anderson, staff liaison to the BAC, discussed the selection of some alternant members for the project and technical subcommittees.
- E. TNC Committee** – Commissioner MacKinnon resigned as Chair of the committee. There will be a new chair selected and a schedule for those meetings.
- F. Taxi Cab Task Force** – There was discussion that Council made a resolution to review peak permit options which included utilization of existing permits. All other items in that resolution will be discussed at meetings to follow.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. IH 35 Pedestrian Crossing
- b. Project Connect Update
- c. 2040 Campo Status Update
- d. Distractive Driver Task Force
- e. SXSU Update

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Highsmith adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes

  
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