



Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

**Regular Meeting
14 October 2014**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on October 14, 2014 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1029, Austin, Texas

Vice-Chair Blocker called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Boone Blocker – Vice Chair
Jace Deloney
Richard MacKinnon
Mark Gilbert

Commission Members Absent:

Meredith Highsmith – Chair
Stanton Truxillo
Dustin Lanier

Staff in Attendance:

Gordon Derr	Cheyenne Krause	Frances Hargrove
Betty Torres	Joana Perez	Carlton Thomas
Lee Austin		

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 09/18/14 were not approved due to lack of quorum of members present at the October meeting. Commissioners asked staff to bring back the September 18th meeting minutes for approval at the November meeting.

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Ms. Cara Quinn expressed her concerns about public transportation; make sure the buses are running when they are scheduled to be there; and make sure all public transportation is something citizens can depend on.

3. NEW BUSINES

A. Special Event Update – Discussion and Possible Action

Ms. Frances Hargrove, Special Events Manager for Austin Transportation Department presented an update on the Tier system; notification process; the impact on transit and presented a memo to Commissioners regarding questions from last meeting.

There was a recommendation by the Commissioners that the City consider giving Capital Metro formal membership in Austin Center for Events (ACE).

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

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

B. 3M, Austin Marathon and Half Marathon and Paramount 5K – Discussion and Possible Action

Ms. Frances Hargrove Special Events Manager with the Austin Transportation Department presented a request that the Urban Transportation Commission provide a recommendation to Austin City Council as to whether the 3M Half Marathon and the Austin Marathon street event closure shall proceed.

On Commissioner Gilbert motion, Commissioner Deloney second and Commissioners Highsmith, Truxillo, and Lanier absent, the motion passed on a 4-0-0-3 vote.

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

C. Vision Zero Project – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Nic Moe asked for a recommendation from the Urban Transportation Commission for approval on a City of Austin Traffic Safety Task Force to investigate opportunities to improve traffic safety towards a goal of zero fatalities and zero serious injuries.

On Commissioner Gilbert motion, Commissioner Deloney second and Commissioners Highsmith, Truxillo, and Lanier absent, the motion passed on a 4-0-0-3 vote.

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

D. Charter Services Code Amendment – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Carlton Thomas Infrastructure Operations Division Manager with the Austin Transportation Department provided an update on the Charter Services Code Amendments that included the previous actions; past and current safety concerns; regulations intended to protect the public; and recommended changes to the code.

Mr. Paul Arcebiano voiced his concerns about the ordinance change but his main concern were the fees being charged and the recent increase in enforcement of those fees.

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

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

E. Taxi Cab Task Force Report– Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Carlton Thomas Infrastructure Operations Division Manager with the Austin Transportation Department provided an update on the purpose; the scope; council resolutions that includes contents and direction from council, and staff recommendations.

Mr. Eric Goff spoke in favor of more options for vehicles for hire. Mr. Ed Kargo commented that if everyone becomes a Transportation Network Companies (TNC) what happens to the core values of Taxi Cabs.

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

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

There was a break at 8:18 p.m.

F. IH 35 Pedestrian Crossing Report – Discussion and Possible Action

Lee Austin Central Area Traffic Engineer with the Austin Transportation Department provided an update on improvements on IH 35 that included sidewalk, signals, pedestrian signals and sidewalks.

No Action Taken.

G. Nominations and Elections of Officers – Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioner MacKinnon nominates Commissioner MacKinnon for Chair; Commissioner Blocker nominates Commissioner Highsmith for Chair. On a vote of 3/1/0/3, the UTC selected Commissioner MacKinnon to serve as new Chair.

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

H. 2015 Meeting Schedule – Discussion and Possible Actions

On Commissioner Gilbert motion, Commissioner Deloney second and Commissioners Highsmith, Truxillo, and Lanier absent, the motion passed on a 4-0-0-3 vote.

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

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. TNC Working Group Update – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department, provided an on the proposed ordinance and its change through the three readings; what the ordinance is about and its intent; questions from the working group to Council Member Riley staff; accessible service; lack of ABIA component; surge pricing; administrative cost; and cost for enforcement and staff.

Mr. W. Preston Tyree would like for the Urban Transportation to consider making driver awareness training mandatory and making it a part of the City's overall effort liberty drivers.

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CSAC – There was discussion on downtown redline; the need to improve transit experience; a report from Capital Metro Staff and the need for Capital Metro to be more involved in their discussions.

B. Downtown Commission – No Update.

C. CAMPO – There was discussion on new policies; removing 15% set aside for Bike and Pedestrian and removing the 50% of funding that would go to the centers and make them both a target percent.

D. BAC/PAC –BAC-No report. Commissioner Truxillo will update in November. PAC-There was discussion on the vision Zero email that was sent to the Commissioners.

E. Taxi Task Force – The items were discussed under new business.

F. TNC Committee – No update.

G. TNC Working Group – There was discussion under old business.

H. Staff Update for November Meeting – There was discussion that the November meeting will be November 13, 2014 at 6pm in the Boards and Commissions Room.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. 2040 Campo Status Update
- b. Redline Update
- c. Transit Impact Fee
- d. Transit Gateway
- e. Vehicles for Hire

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Blocker adjourned the meeting at 09:04 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes



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