



**Mobility Committee  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
April 29, 2015**

**The Mobility Committee convened in a regular meeting on April 29, 2015 in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Ann Kitchen called the committee Meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Chair Ann Kitchen  
Vice Chair Sheri Gallo  
Council Member Don Zimmerman  
Council Member Delia Garza

**Council Members in Attendance:**

Greg Casar

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved on this the 29th day of April 2015 on Gallo's motion, Zimmerman's second on a 3-0 vote.

Ayes:	Kitchen, Gallo, Zimmerman
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Garza

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Bill Oakey, Resident: Proposed options to CTRMA's proposed toll lanes.

**STAFF BRIEFING**

3. Briefing on mobility corridor plans.

Presentation by Austin Transportation Director Rob Spillar.

Spillar briefed the committee on the definition of a corridor program; how the City identifies corridors for improvement programs; how corridor programs are funded; the public input process for corridor programs; an overview of completed corridor programs and an overview of the current Lamar and Guadalupe corridor programs.

4. Consider and develop recommendations relating to the additional funding for construction of a previously executed advance funding agreement between the City of Austin and the

Texas Department of Transportation for the construction of highway improvements and bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Barton Creek at Mopac, in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Presenter: Chad Crager, Division Manager, Public Works Department

Crager discussed the MoPac Mobility Project for vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles. Provided details on how this item addresses mobility and connectivity for the MoPac Corridor. Seeking a positive recommendation from the Mobility Committee to City Council for the Request for Council Action (RCA) to increase authority for this project.

No speakers.

Action: Council member Garza made a motion to forward the item to Council with a recommendation Council approve the staff recommendation to increase authority for this project in the amount of \$1,000,000. The motion was approved on a 4/0 vote.

5. Consider and develop recommendations relating to a professional services agreement with URS CORPORATION (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP166, to provide engineering services for the Barton Springs Road Bridge over Barton Creek in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. Related to Item #6. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.90 % WBE participation.)

6. Consider and develop recommendations relating to a professional services agreement with WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER ASSOCIATES, INC., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP167, to provide peer review engineering services for the Peer Review of Barton Springs Road Bridge over Barton Creek in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. Related to Item #5. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Limited subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no MBE/WBE participation goals were established for this solicitation.)

7. Consider and develop recommendations relating to a professional services agreement with URS CORPORATION (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP168, to provide engineering services for the Redbud Trail Bridge over Lady Bird Lake in an amount not to exceed \$875,000. Related to Item #8. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.80 % WBE participation.)

8. Consider and develop recommendations relating to a professional services agreement with CHIANG PATEL & YERBY, INC., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP169, to provide peer review engineering services for the Peer Review of Redbud Trail Bridge over Lady Bird Lake in an amount not to exceed \$258,000. Related to Item #7. (Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Limited

subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no MBE/WBE participation goals were established for this solicitation.)

For items 5-8:

Presenter: Howard Lazarus, Director, Public Works Department

Provided an overview of the City's bridge program; discussed proposed bridge improvements on Redbud Trail and Barton Springs Road; would like to bring RCAs for award of design and peer review contracts to full Council with committee endorsement; also interested in initiating outreach community outreach process.

Speakers for items 5-8:

- Caroline Wright, Preservation Austin: Neutral position; Discussed the importance of historical reviews of these projects.
- Mary Arnold, Resident: Expressed concerns about the bridge proposal and the information disseminated in the Redbud Trail presentation given to the West Austin neighborhood group which showed construction would cut into limestone.
- Leslie Valentine, Resident: Discussed bridge proposal, concerned about preserving Austin's natural beauty with this project.

Action: The committee unanimously agreed to forward the item to Council with a recommendation the item be approved as is.

## **ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**

9. Consider and develop recommendations regarding an ordinance on second reading relating to the Austin Cab I, Incorporated d.b.a. Austin Cab taxicab franchise. Related to Items #10 and #11.

(Notes: Transportation)

10. Consider and develop recommendations regarding an ordinance on second reading relating to the Greater Austin Transportation Company, d.b.a. Yellow Cab Company taxicab franchise. Related to Items #9 and #11.

(Notes: Transportation)

11. Consider and develop recommendations regarding an ordinance on second reading relating to the Lone Star Cab Company taxicab franchise. Related to Items #9 and #10.

(Notes: Transportation)

Speakers for items 9-11:

Joseph Ivey, Resident: Opposes any taxicab renewal and any new permits for taxicabs.

Michael Elder, Resident: Opposes staff recommendation for taxicab renewals.

David Passmore, President, Taxi Drivers Association: Opposes additional permits. allocations; supports driver-owned co-op.

Antonio Rojas: Opposes additional permit allocations; supports driver-owned co-op.

Hassan Arurie: Opposes additional permit allocations.

James Dogale: Opposes additional permit allocations.

Angelo Atem: Supports driver-owned co-op.

Joan Khabele: Encouraged committee to pass staff recommendations.

Altaf Hussain: Said the taxi companies treat the drivers unfairly.

Ali Khaire: Supports driver-owned co-op.

Biju Mathew: Supports driver-owned co-op.

Ed Kargbo (asked to speak by Council Member Greg Casar): Requested a 10-year term for taxicab franchise renewals.

Actions for items 9-11: On a 4-0 vote, the committee voted to forward the items to Council with a recommendation to extend the current agreements for a year and to refrain from adding additional permits for taxi cab companies. In a separate action, the committee moved to recommend Council instruct City staff begin the process of creating a fourth, driver-owned franchise, modeled after a co-op.

Terms of Agreement:

- 1 year with no reapplication process absent material changes in application
- Authority for the City to amend without reapplication process, should there be changes in ordinance before the end of the term to meet council principles

Agreement Provisions / Ordinance Provisions:

- Revise the Franchise permit formula: Staff to determine the annual increase or decrease in the number of necessary taxicab franchise permits by assessing performance measure reviewed or approved by City Council
- Extend usable life of the vehicle to be used as a taxicab, so long as meets existing inspection requirements
- Chauffeur license held in the name of the Driver, no sponsor required
- And a request from the committee to staff to provide clarification if these additional provisions could be captured in these current agreements or if they would require additional ordinances to initiate code amendments

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## **BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

12. Briefing, public comment, and possible action on ground transportation providers, including transportation network companies and charter services.

*Committee chair Ann Kitchen adjourned meeting before item was addressed by committee.*

13. Discussion and possible action on a draft resolution regarding the City's position on State Highway 45 Southwest.

*Committee chair Ann Kitchen adjourned meeting before item was addressed by committee.*

## **FUTURE ITEMS**

14. Briefing and discussion of congestion action plan.
15. Briefing and discussion of proposed strategic mobility plan to address transportation modes.
16. Briefing on approach to the impact of land use projects on transportation infrastructure including rough proportionality concept.
17. Briefing on Pressler Extension traffic study findings.
18. Briefing on special events fees.
19. Briefing on status of hazardous material routes.
20. Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority quarterly presentation.
21. Briefing on district transportation projects and the available funding.

**19. ADJOURN**

**Chair Ann Kitchen adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m. without objection. (*No motion, second or vote is required to adjourn the meeting unless there is an objection to adjourning.*)**

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