



**Urban Transportation Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting  
10 November 2015**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on November 10, 2015 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas

Chair Johnson called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

D'Ann Johnson-Chair  
Alfred Bingham  
Mario Champion  
Jonathon Gins  
Cynthia Weatherby  
Vicente Mantero  
Dan Calistrat  
Chris Hosek  
Kelly Davis  
Celso Baez III

**Commission Members Absent:**

Eric Rangel-Vice Chair

**Staff in Attendance:**

Jim Dale	Samantha Alexander	Steve Grassfield
Eric Bollich	Joana Perez	Ravi Dhamrat

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the 10/13/15 meeting were approved with corrections for Montero to Mantero under Items 3C, 3D, 3E 4A and the deletion of 0 under 3B, on Commissioner Champion motion with Commissioner Calistrat second, and Commissioner's Rangel, Davis, and Baez absent, the motion passed on a 8/0/0/3 vote.

<b>Ayes:</b>	Johnson, Bingham, Champion, Gins, Weatherby, Mantero, Calistrat, Hosek
<b>Nays:</b>	None
<b>Abstain:</b>	None
<b>Absent:</b>	Rangel, Davis, Baez

There was a motion to keep Item 3F on the agenda and remove Item 3G. On Commissioner Hosek motion with Commissioner Calistrat second and Commissioners Baez, Davis and Rangel absent, the motion passed on a 8/0/0/3 vote.

**Ayes:** Johnson, Bingham, Champion, Gins, Weatherby, Mantero, Calistrat, Hosek  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Rangel, Davis, Baez

## **2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Mr. Michael Fossum discussed the Austin Coyote Management Program that will affect our trails, parks and open spaces. Adopting the Animal Advisory Commission/Animal Chief Officer joint recommendations will increase the danger to citizens by aggressive coyotes, thereby limiting access to parks, trails and open spaces which are urban habitat for coyotes. It was asked that the UTC consider these recommendations and contact the City Council. No Action Taken.

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Parking Benefit District West Campus – Discussion and Possible Action**

Mr. Steve Grassfield, Parking Enterprise Manager with the Austin Transportation Department discussed a proposed expansion of the University Area Partners Parking Benefit District in an effort to provide turnover and improve the availability of on street parking to business customers and visitors to the area.

On Commissioner Champion motion with Commissioner Baez second, Commissioner Gins opposed, Commissioner Rangel absent, the motion passed on a 9/1/0/1 vote.

**Ayes:** Johnson, Bingham, Champion, Weatherby, Mantero, Calistrat, Hosek, Davis, Baez  
**Nays:** Gins  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Rangel

There was also discussion on the parking management fund that included actual - to year end estimates of revenue and the current and future fund estimates. No Action Taken.

### **B. Corridor Studies – Briefing and Possible Action**

Mr. Eric Bollich, Supervising Engineer with the Austin Transportation Department provided an update on the guiding principles; history; purpose and process. These updates included North Lamar Boulevard, Burnet Road, FM 969, Airport Boulevard, Riverside Drive /Lakeshore Boulevard, Guadalupe Street and South Lamar. No Action Taken.

### **C. Vision Zero Update – Discussion and Possible Action**

Mr. Frances Reilly, Planner with the Planning and Zoning Department provided an update on traffic deaths and injuries; safety; traffic safety solutions through education, enforcement,

prosecution, land use and transportation engineering; developing a media campaign and using the task force to continue multi-department and agency coordination. No Action Taken.

**D. ¼ Cent – Discussion and Possible Action**

Ms. Annick Beudet, Program Consultant Planning Manager with the Austin Transportation Department and Ms. Annie Van Zant, Capital Program Manager with the Public Works Department discussed the purpose of the 1/4 Cent Fund; Capital Metro Transit Authority ¼ Cent Fund Background; types of projects; Council briefings and coordination; 10 step development process; goals; mobility programs; travel demand management program; staff recommendations; grouped mobility projects around schools and the next steps.

Mr. Malcolm Yeatts asked the Urban Transportation Commission to use some of the ¼ Cent funds to fix the problems on Country Club Creek Trail in the Riverside Corridor. Ms. Sari Alborno supports using ¼ Cent funds to fix the Boggy Creek Trail.

No Action Taken

**E. Transportation Management Center Contract – Discussion and Possible Action**

Mr., Jim Dale, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department discussed the Traffic Management Center's current and proposed operations staffing times; outsourcing benefits and monitoring special events. There was discussion of the Urban Transportation Commission taking a tour of the Traffic Management Center at a later date and time. No Action Taken.

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

There was discussion from the Commissioners on the background checks; the resolution that is going to the Mobility Committee; what other cities are doing; TNC's providing their data reports; and equal regulations.

Mr. Ken Craig, Policy Aid with Council Member Ann Kitchen's Office, stated that an expert from DPS attended the last City Council Meeting and presented evidence from an Attorney General Study that a fingerprint or bio-metric identification process is accurate in over 99% of cases and a name check is around 88% accurate. Mr. Craig also stated that Public Safety is top priority when it comes to the residents and visitors of Austin.

Mr. Joseph Iley addressed his concerns about TNC's doing what they please and not be regulated. No Action Taken.

Commissioners Baez and Weatherby have left the daises.

**G. Taxi Co-op – Discussion and Possible Action**

There was a motion to remove Item 3G at the beginning of the agenda.

On Commissioner Hosek motion with Commissioner Calistrat second and Commissioners Baez, Davis and Rangel absent, the motion passed on a 8/0/0/3 vote.

**Ayes:** Johnson, Bingham, Champion, Gins, Weatherby, Mantero, Calistrat, Hosek  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Rangel, Davis, Baez

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

##### **A. 2016 Meeting Schedule – Discussion and Possible Action**

There was discussion to adopt the 2016 Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Schedule.

On Commissioner Gins motion with Commissioner Bingham second, Commissioner Davis abstained, and Commissioners Baez, Weatherby, and Rangel absent, the motion passed on a 7/0/1/3 vote.

**Ayes:** Champion, Gins, Johnson, Bingham, Mantero, Hosek, Calistrat  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** Davis  
**Absent:** Baez, Weatherby, Rangel

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

**A. Joint Sustainability Committee – No update**

**B. Downtown Commission – No update**

**C. BAC-** Next month a representative from the BAC will bring an update

**D. PAC-** Next month a representative from the PAC will bring an update

#### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. 2016 Bond or November Election with a Bond**

**B. 20/25 Service Plan (Dec)**

**C. Lone Star Rail (Dec)**

**D. Rough Proportionality Update (Jan)**

**E. Urban Rail (Dec)**

**F. Special Events Draft Ordinance**

**G. Cap Metro Demographics Users**

**H. Transit Impact Fee for Special Events**

**I. Taxi Green Vehicles (Jan)**

**J. Mobility ATX (Jan)**

**K. Prop 7 – TxDOT (Jan)**

**L. Greenline (Dec)**

**M. Personal Rapid Transit (PODS around UT)**

#### **B. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:56 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes



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