



**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
08 December 2015**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on December 8, 2015 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas

Vice-Chair Rangel called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Eric Rangel-Vice Chair
Mario Champion
Jonathon Gins
Cynthia Weatherby
Vicente Mantero
Dan Calistrat
Chris Hosek
Kelly Davis
Celso Baez III

Commission Members Absent:

D'Ann Johnson-Chair

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Dale Samantha Alexander Laura Dierenfield

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 11/10/15 meeting were approved with corrections to include Commissioners Baez and Davis as present and not absent under Commission Members in Attendance, on Commissioner Champion motion with Commissioner Gins second, and Commissioner Johnson absent, the motion passed on a 9/0/0/1 vote.

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

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Mr. Boone Blocker provided his outlook on Transportation Network Companies and suggested the City of Austin follow San Antonio's optional fingerprint model. Mr. Blocker further stated Austin is the 1st city with 24/7 accessible service; and circuit courts say the Transportation Network Companies have to be ADA compliant.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Member Ann Kitchen –

District 5 Council Member Ann Kitchen discussed various items that are scheduled to go through the Mobility Committee which included Vision Zero; Transportation Impact Fees; Strategic Mobility Plan, and the Rocky Mountain Institute. In addition there was discussion of the participation from the Urban Transportation Commission to attend the Mobility Committee Meetings so there is an understanding of the agenda items that are discussed; and the formal and informal process to bring items to the Mobility Committee.
No Action Taken.

B. Lone Star Rail – Briefing and Possible Action

Mr. Joseph Black, Rail Director with the Lone Star Rail District provided an update on Lone Star Regional Rail Project; Funding; District Members; Environmental Impact Statement process and timeline; proposed stations; estimated capital costs; local funding concepts; and the next steps timeline. Mr. Black mentions a possibility of an agreement update with the City of Austin in the future. No Action Taken.

C. 20/25 Service Plan – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Lawrence Deeter, Short Range Planner with Capital Metro provided an update on their 2025 Service Plan; the successes of the 2020 service plan; Capital Metro's current initiatives; Connections 2025- challenges, opportunities, process, and public involvement; Connections Plan 2025 - goals; and proposed timeline. No Action Taken.

D. Capital Metro Greenline Project – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Javier Arguello, Long Range Planning Director with Capital Metro provided an update on the 28 mile route on existing Capital Metro tracks; actions to date; proposed initial service concept; Green Line rationale (2008); early draft projected ridership and costs; key questions; system expansion initiatives; and the current Green Line status as of 2015.
No Action Taken

E. Urban Rail – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Javier Arguello, Long Range Planning Director with Capital Metro provided an update to the Central Corridor Comprehensive Transit Analysis in place of Urban Rail. Mr. Arguello discussed the purpose of Project Connect; high priority corridors; primary goals; overall scope; comprehensive improvement plan; future high capacity transit investments; financial and implementation plan and public involvement. No Action Taken.

F. Light Rail Proposal – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Scott Morris, Director with the Central Austin Community Development Corporation discussed the background; current status; what the public can do; light rail maps; transit projects; post-election periods; the alignment; potential phasing; potential funding cycle; and provided a printout petition. There was discussion from the Commissioners regarding a motion that will be addressed at a future meeting. No Action Taken.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. City of Austin Transportation Management Center Tour, December 11, 2:30pm-4pm at 1501 Toomey Road.**

There was discussion to provide staff with an email confirmation if any member of the commission will be attending the tour at Toomey Road on Friday, December 11th, 2015.

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Joint Sustainability Committee** – No update
- B. **Downtown Commission** – No update
- C. **BAC-** Tom Thayer, Chair of the Bicycle Advisory Council discussed the purpose of the committee and the various types of items that are discussed at the BAC.
- D. **PAC-** Joe Almazan, Chair of the Pedestrian Advisory Council discussed the background of the council; purpose and duties; and various issues such as urban design, transit, safety and many others related to walking.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Vision Zero Recommendations (Feb)
- B. Rough Proportionality Update
- C. Special Events Draft Ordinance
- D. Cap Metro Demographics Users
- E. Transit Impact Fee for Special Events
- F. Taxi Green Vehicles (Feb)
- G. Prop 7 – TxDOT (Feb)
- H. 2016 Bond/Nov Election
- I. Personal Rapid Transit (PODS around UT)
- J. CAMPO 2040 Briefing
- K. High Capacity Transit

B. ADJOURNMENT

Vice- Chair Rangel adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes


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