



**Urban Transportation Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting  
12 January 2016**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on January 12, 2016 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas

Chair Johnson called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

D' Ann Johnson-Chair  
Eric Rangel-Vice Chair  
Mario Champion  
Jonathon Gins  
Cynthia Weatherby  
Dan Calistrat  
Chris Hosek  
Kelly Davis  
Celso Baez III

**Commission Members Absent:**

Vicente Mantero

**Staff in Attendance:**

Gordon Derr                      Cheyenne Krause                      Laura Dierenfield  
Renee Orr                              Joana Perez

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the 12/08/15 meeting were approved with corrections to the Commissioner that called the meeting to order Vice Chair-Rangel instead of Chair-Johnson, on Commissioner Rangel motion with Commissioner Weatherby second, and Commissioner Mantero absent, the motion passed on a 9/0/0/1 vote.

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

**2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Mr. Gabriel Rojas, Chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee and Vice-Chair of the Small Area Planning Committee, provided his input on a true Urban Rail start-up plan which included information from the previous Proposition 1 and Imagine Austin plans. Mr. Rojas would like for the Urban Transportation Commission to initiate the Urban Rail planning process from the ground

up. Mr. Andrew Clements board member with the Central Austin Community Development Corporation provided his input on the previous Proposition 1 plan and encourages the Urban Transportation Commission to continue the conversation on Urban Rail and allow the public to engage in the process and hold an open agenda thru supporting and sponsoring organizations.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Long Range Transportation Plan – Briefing and Possible Action**

Staff was not available to present on this item; however Commissioner Champion brought forth a recommendation on rail for the Commissioners to discuss. There was a recommendation that was voted and approved on, however since the item was not posted on the agenda the vote is invalid. An item regarding rail will be posted on the February agenda for discussion and possible action. No action taken.

#### **B. F#9575-1509 Vacation of a Portion of Right-Of-Way – Briefing and Possible Action**

Mr. Eric Hammack, Real Estate Supervisor with the Office of Real Estate, discussed a proposed vacation of a portion of right-of-way located between southbound Highway 183 and Ponca Street, immediately south of Vargas Road.

There was a motion to postpone the item until next month in order to ask the applicant questions regarding the right of way easement; utilities location; development process and pending the recommendation from Planning Commission.

On Commissioner Rangel motion with Commissioner Hosek second, Commissioner Johnson opposed and Commissioner Mantero absent the motion passed on a 8/1/0/1 vote.

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

#### **C. The UT - Center for Transportation Research Interlocal Agreement – Discussion and Possible Action**

Ms. Renee Orr, Project Manager with the Austin Transportation Department, provided information on the University of Texas Center for Transportation Research Interlocal Agreement with the City of Austin that included background; current contracts; funding; initial and future projects; benefits to the city and the Center for Transportation Research and upcoming meeting schedule with Mobility Committee and City Council.

There was a motion to accept the recommendation with an amendment to NOW, **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends authorization of a 5 year agreement subject to annual funding approval.

On Commissioner Champion motion with Commissioner Rangel second and Commissioner Mantero absent the motion passed on a 9/0/0/1 vote.

**Ayes:** Johnson, Champion, Gins, Weatherby, Calistrat, Hosek, Rangel, Davis, Baez

**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Mantero

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

N/A

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

##### **A. Downtown Commission Election of Member to Attend – Discussion and Possible Action**

There was discussion to elect Commissioner Gins to represent the Urban Transportation Commission at the Downtown Commission meetings.

On Commissioner Hosek motion with Commissioner Champion second and Commissioner Mantero absent the motion passed on a 9/0/0/1 vote.

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

##### **B. Joint Sustainability Committee – No update**

**C. BAC-** Laura Dierenfield, Program Consultant with the Austin Transportation Department provided an update from the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) which included 183 project, TxDOT presentation on profile pavement markers and Bike Crossing on Guadalupe Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

**D. PAC-** Laura Dierenfield, Program Consultant with the Austin Transportation Department provided an update from the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) which included a briefing on Vision Zero. The Pedestrian Advisory Council is eager to provide their comments to the Urban Transportation Commission at their February's meeting.

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

- a. Rough Proportionality Update
- b. Special Events Draft Ordinance
- c. Transit Impact Fee for Special Events
- d. Cap Metro Demographics Users
- e. Prop 7 TXDOT
- f. 2016 Bond/Nov Election
- g. Personal Transit-Enclosed Capsules
- h. CAMPO Planning Activities (April/May 2016)
- i. UT Interlocal Agreement Updates

#### **A. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes

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