



**BOND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
20 APRIL 2016**

The Bond Oversight Commission convened in a regular meeting on April 20th, 2016 at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

The Commission Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Duke Browne
Keri Burchard-Juarez
Sumit DasGupta
Moses Garcia
Brennan Griffin
Linda Guerrero

Kristina Hager
Wolfgang Niedert
Santiago Rodriguez
Jay Sands
Charles Thomas

Staff in Attendance: Katy Zamesnik, Financial Services

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Julio Gonzalez spoke in support of an Austin that is car free or car light, and in support of a bond that fully funds the bicycle master plan and the high priority sidewalks. He also stated that the Commission should urge Capital Metro and CodeNEXT to change their approaches to the transportation issue.

Mary Kisteofski spoke on the lack of sidewalks in Austin and the need to invest in mobility infrastructure.

Hayden Walker, board member for Congress of New Urbanism, spoke on the work going on to generate support for the sidewalk, bicycle, and urban trails master plans. She also read the letter recently sent to Mayor Adler on this issue.

Mercedes Feris, representative of Bike Austin, spoke in support of fully funding the bicycle and urban trails master plan and the high priority sidewalks.

Lauren Cresswell, spoke in support of a bond program that fully funds the bicycle and urban trails master plan and the high priority sidewalks.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 16TH BOND OVERSIGHT
COMMISSION MEETING**

Minutes were approved on Chair Burchard-Juarez's motion, Commissioner Garcia's second, on a 9-1 vote, with Commissioner Guerrero abstaining and Commissioner Griffin off the dais.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.

Motion to elect Keri Burchard-Juarez as Chair was approved on Commissioner Garcia's motion, Hager's second, on a 10-0 vote, with Commissioner Griffin off the dais.

Motion to elect Moses Garcia as Vice Chair was approved on Chair Burchard-Juarez's motion and Commissioner Sand's second on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Griffin off the dais.

4. STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE UPDATE TO RESOLUTION NO. 20160211-017 RELATED TO THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS REGARDING POTENTIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND FUNDING OPTIONS.

Mike Trimble, Capital Planning Officer, and staff from the Austin Transportation Department presented on Mobility Talks, an engagement effort being conducted to solicit community feedback on transportation priorities. Staff then answered questions from the Commissioners.

Joe Clemons, spoke on the work of his organization, the Housing/Training/Jobs action team, which works to coordinate improvements to address affordable issues and access to high capacity transit and to access jobs. ACJ. (51 min in)

Robin Stallings, Bike Texas, requested a resolution from the Bond Oversight Commission in support of a bond program in the same vein as the Urban Transportation Commission's recently passed resolution. He noted that waiting for the Mobility Talks process to end would put the Council in a time crunch. Mr. Stallings then provided some draft language for the resolution and answered questions from the Commission members.

Neil Tanner, resident of North Austin and cyclist, spoke on the journey of a cyclist and two considerations for the Commissioners as they work toward a recommendation: 1) work should be done proactively, and 2) improvements should be consistent across the City.

Miller Nuttle spoke on a new way of thinking about the infrastructure improvements needed in Austin: safety and public health. He noted that the issues with traffic and rise in accidents with are an epidemic that we should work toward curing.

Eric Benz, transportation cyclist, spoke in favor of the bicycle master plan.

Mario Champion, Urban Transportation Commissioner, spoke in support of the bicycle master plan and gave an overview of his Commission's recommendation in support of the bicycle master plan.

George Cofer, Executive Director of Hill Country Conservancy, spoke on his Conservancy's connections to urban trails, specifically their contract to construct the Violet Crown trail, and in support of the master plan related to urban trails.

Jeb Boyt, Alliance for Public Transportation, spoke in support of a bond election to improve transportation safety.

5. STAFF BRIEFING AND UPDATE ON THE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN.

Nathan Wilkes, Austin Transportation Department, presented on the City's 2014 Bicycle Master plan, and answered questions from Commissioners

6. STAFF BRIEFING AND UPDATE ON THE URBAN TRAILS MASTER PLAN.

Nadia Barrera from the City's Public Works Department presented on the City's Urban Trails Master plan, and answered questions from Commissioners.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AT A FUTURE AUSTIN TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE (RELATED TO RESOLUTION NO. 20160211-017).

Commissioners discussed setting a special called meeting on a potential resolution in support of a mobility bond. Motion to set a special called meeting on May 5th was approved on Commissioner Hager's motion, Chair Burchard-Juarez's second, on a 10-0 vote.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commissioners discussed

9. ADJOURN

Chair Burchard-Juarez adjourned the meeting at 12:16 pm without objection.