



**BOND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
5 MAY 2016**

The Bond Oversight Commission convened in a special called meeting on May 5th, 2016 at Waller Creek Center in Austin, Texas.

The Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

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

Kristina Hager
Wolfgang Niedert
Santiago Rodriguez
Jay Sands
Charles Thomas

Staff in Attendance: Katy Zamesnik, Financial Services and Susan Daniels, Capital Planning Office

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Abell Hill spoke on the need for a large local spend, including \$45 million in the central city.

David Falk requested a mobility plan that fully funds bike and sidewalks to make the City a livable enjoyable place to be, much like the San Antonio model on the Riverwalk.

Wendy Erickstaedt, a citizen from District 2, spoke on the underserved nature of the District when it came to pedestrian improvements. Ms. Erickstaedt noted the lack of sidewalks on Bluff Springs Road, and how it increased the difficulty of getting safely to a bus stop for pedestrians.

Evan Gill, a resident from District 1, spoke on the need for a walkable neighborhood and the need to address safety issues for pedestrians. He noted 7th street as an example of an intersection with no safety for pedestrians, as it lacks sidewalks for ½ mile. He urged support for building all the sidewalks noted in the Sidewalk Master Plan.

Ashely Greenstein, a self-identified cyclist and transportation planner stated that the current infrastructure isn't viable, and that the City's Bike Master Plan is the best in country.

Mike Gorse, a Brentwood resident, discussed the lack of sidewalks outside central Austin, and noted how that was an issue for folks with disabilities. He urged the Commission to make funding these improvements a priority.

**2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION RELATED TO A POTENTIAL
FUTURE BOND ELECTION.**

The Commission debated this item for the remainder of the meeting. Chair Burchard-Juarez passed around a draft resolution, as did Commissioner Griffin. The Commission members debated the merits of each proposal, and requested some further information from staff. Susan Daniels from the City's Capital Planning Office, answered questions related to the bond process and inclusion of projects in the Long Range Strategic Plan. Vice Chair Moses presented his draft resolution to the Commission. Comments were made regarding the early stage of the process and the potential for a secondary recommendation from the Bond Oversight Commission once more information is available on the Bond Program, as well as the need to balance active transportation projects against passive transportation projects and other needs within the City.

After debate, the Commissioners utilized the draft resolution provided by Chair Burchard-Juarez to craft the resolution on which to vote. Per input from the Commission members, the draft resolution was amended to include a WHEREAS clause noting that the City is exploring TIF funding for mobility corridors, and including support for the bike, urban trails, and sidewalks master plans. It was further amended to remove any mention of a "not to exceed" tax rate.

Motion was made to approve the draft resolution as amended failed on Commissioner Hager's motion, Commissioner Griffin's second, on a 4-7 vote.

3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURN

Chair Burchard-Juarez adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm without objection.

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