



**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
12 April 2016**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on April 12, 2016 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair Johnson called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Dale	Joana Perez
Marissa Monroy	Emily Smith

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of 03/08/16 were approved on Commissioner Champion's motion, Commissioner Mantero's second, on a 9/0/1 vote. Commissioner Johnson abstained.

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

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. F#9602-1510 – Vacation of a Portion of City Owned Rail Right of Way, Located at the Intersection of Pedernales Street and East 5th Street – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Eric Hammack, Real Estate Supervisor, Office of Real Estate Services.

A recommendation adopting approval of the application for the vacation of the City owned rail right of way was approved on Commissioner Rangel's motion, Commissioner Weatherby's second on a 10/0 vote.

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

B. F#9642-1601 - Vacation of a Portion of Right of Way, Located at 500 Montopolis Drive – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Eric Hammack, Real Estate Supervisor, Office of Real Estate Services.

A recommendation adopting approval of the application for the vacation of the City owned rail right of way was approved on Commissioner Hosek’s motion, Commissioner Rangel’s second on a 10/0 vote.

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

C. Mobility Talks – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Mike Trimble, Capital Planning Officer, Capital Planning Office.

Thirteen speakers signed up to speak to the commission on this topic:

- George Coffey
- Robin Stallings
- David Falk
- Michael Hardy
- Anand Raghunathan
- Tyler Markhum
- Tara Mather
- Robert Crump
- Mike Gorse
- Robert Boler
- Javier Lopez Cantu
- Alex Brown
- Miller Nuttle

Language for a recommendation to City Council to pursue a 2016 mobility bond was brought forward by Commissioner Johnson.

The motion to adopt the recommendation was approved with the following friendly amendments on Commissioner Gin’s motion, Commissioner Champion’s second on a 7/2/1 vote, with Commissioners Hosek and Weatherby opposed and Commissioner Calistrat abstaining.

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

The friendly amendment from Commissioner Champion was to add “WHEREAS our city’s mobility is improved by moving people and not just cars;” after “WHEREAS investment in meaningful alternatives to single-occupancy car trips, including bicycling, walking and public transit, is a way to reduce congestion”. This was accepted by Commissioner Gins.

The friendly amendments from Commissioner Calistrat were to change “WHEREAS investment in meaningful alternatives to single-occupancy car trips, including bicycling, walking and public transit, is the only proven way to reduce congestion” to “WHEREAS investment in meaningful alternatives to single-occupancy car trips, including bicycling, walking and public transit, is a way to reduce congestion”, to change “WHEREAS funding the Bicycle Master Plan will remove an estimated 20,000 car trips from the Central Business District every day” to “WHEREAS funding the Bicycle Master Plan could remove an estimated 20,000 car trips from the Central Business District every day”, to change “WHEREAS constructing sidewalks to schools and transit stops will help Austin achieve its Vision Zero street safety goals” to “WHEREAS constructing sidewalks to schools and transit stops could help Austin achieve its Vision Zero street safety goals”, to change “WHEREAS funding a high-capacity transit network that prioritizes high-density corridors and high-diversity populations will make public transportation a viable, convenient and affordable transportation choice for Austinites” to “WHEREAS funding a high-capacity transit network that prioritizes high-density corridors and high-diversity populations could make public transportation a viable, convenient and affordable transportation choice for Austinites”, and to change “Fund strategic components of Corridor Plans, with an emphasis on creating dedicated, high-capacity transit lanes, protected bike lanes and pedestrian safety improvements” to “Fund strategic components of Corridor Plans, including dedicated, high-capacity transit lanes, protected bike lanes and pedestrian safety improvements”. These were accepted by Commissioner Gins.

D. Chapter 13 Rewrite – Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioner Weatherby volunteered to draft a recommendation regarding City Code Chapter 13-2 (Ground Transportation Passenger Services) for the commission to consider at their next meeting.

No action taken.

E. Nomination and Election of Officers – Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioner Champion nominated Commissioner Johnson to serve as Chair and Commissioner Rangel to serve as Vice Chair. On a vote of 9/0/1, the UTC approved Commissioner Johnson to serve as Chair and Commissioner Rangel to serve as Vice Chair. Commissioner Johnson abstained.

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

4. OLD BUSINESS

F. Vision Zero Action Plan – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Frances Reilly, Planner, Planning and Development Review.

The motion to postpone this item to 5/10/2016 was approved on Board Member Hosek’s motion, Board Member Calistrat’s second on a 9/1 vote, with Commissioner Johnson voting against.

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

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

Jim Dale, Assistant Director of the Austin Transportation Department, updated the commission on the status of the application process for a driver-owned co-op taxi franchise. Austin Transportation Department staff received one application that met the cooperative business model requirements, and recommend that this applicant, ATX Co-op Taxi, be granted the franchise opportunity.

One speaker signed up to speak to the commission on this topic: Glen Gonnet.

A motion to approve staff's recommendation to City Council was approved on Commissioner Baez's motion, Commissioner Gin's second on a 9/0/1 vote. Commissioner Mantero abstained.

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

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Downtown Commission** – Will hold first meeting on Wednesday, April 20th.
- B. **Joint Sustainability Committee** – Held first meeting on March 30th, discussed board's purpose, elected officers, received briefing from the Office of Sustainability, and discussed bylaws.
- C. **Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)** – Received a presentation on the Vision Zero Action plan in January. Received a presentation on the Capital Metro Downtown Station, an update on the 183N Mobility Project, and an update from the Mobility 35 Aesthetics Working Group in February. Held a 183N Mobility Project Technical Meeting in February. Held a RM 620/Loop 360 Technical Meeting in March. Cancelled full March meeting.
- D. **Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)** – Discussed potential ordinance regarding loitering and pedestrian safety with the Austin Police Department and Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) and received a presentation on the East 6th Street Improvements Project from Land Use Solutions in March. Technical Subcommittee continues to meet to develop an informational pamphlet on pedestrian-related policies. Will consider recommendations in support of Vision Zero Action Plan and Sidewalk Master Plans at May meeting.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Green Cab Company (May)
- b. Downtown Station Project (May)
- c. Sidewalk Master Plan (May)
- d. Annual Internal Revue (May)
- e. Rocky Mountain Institute
- f. North Toll Road 130
- g. CAMPO Planning Activities
- h. Personal Transit-Enclosed Capsules
- i. Haz Mat Route
- j. Transportation Demand Management
- k. Rough Proportionality Update
- l. Special Events Draft Ordinance (No update)
- m. Transit Impact Fee for Special Events (No update)

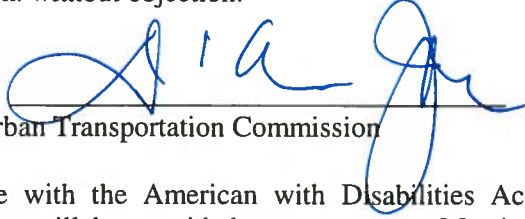
- n. Prop 7 TXDOT
- o. Mobility Talks (ongoing through November 2016)

A. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:58p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes

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