



**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
09 February 2016**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on February 09, 2016 at 301 West 2nd 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
Vicente Mantero

Commission Members Absent:

Celso Baez III

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Dale Carlton Thomas Cheyenne Krause
Laura Dierenfield Joana Perez

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 01/12/16 meeting were approved on Commissioner Rangel motion with Commissioner Calistrat second, and Commissioner Baez absent, the motion passed on a 9/0/0/1 vote.

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

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Mr. Miller Nuttle with Bike Austin spoke about the possibility of a Transportation Bond in November 2016; fully funding the Bicycle Master Plan and high priority sidewalks in the Sidewalk Master Plan; congestion mitigation; MoPac Improvement Project; affordable means of transportation and adding holistic bike lanes.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of a member to attend the Mobility Committee Meetings – Discussion and Possible Action

There was discussion to select Commissioner Johnson to attend the Mobility Committee meetings.

On Commissioner Champion motion with Commissioner Rangel second, Commissioner Calistrat was off the dais at the time of the vote, and Commissioner Baez absent the motion passed on a 8/0/1/1 vote.

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

There was discussion to select Commissioner Champion as back-up to attend the Mobility Committee meetings.

On Commissioner Gins motion with Commissioner Johnson second, and Commissioner Baez absent the motion passed on a 9/0/0/1 vote.

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

B. Vision Zero Recommendation – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Frances Reilly, Planner with the Planning and Zoning Department provided an update on the key actions: focus on hot spots and dangerous behaviors; create awareness; harness data; develop Vision Zero program and continue Task Force; next steps to refine action plan based on public feedback; provide cost estimates for all actions; develop a public education campaign; prioritize the specific actions related to engineering, education, enforcement and evaluation (data). Vision Zero has visited several committees such as Mobility Committee, Public Safety Committee, Bicycle Advisory Council, and Pedestrian Advisory Council. Mr. Scott Johnson expressed his concerns with distracted driving and how there should be more research on what other cities are doing and to look at these issues at a more manual, cognitive, visual, distraction perspective, more broadly than electronic devices. No Action Taken.

C. Transportation Network Companies Update – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Carlton Thomas, Division Manager with the Austin Transportation Department provided an timeline of events regarding the Transportation Network Companies from the Mobility Committee's meeting over operating rules, the City Council adopting a set of regulations for Transportation Network Companies that included operating authority, driver requirements,

and fees, to a petition submitted to the City Clerk's Office requiring the City of Austin to either adopt the ordinance amendment contained in the petition or put to a public vote, and the City Council adopting an incentive program for Transportation Network Company Drivers and extending the effective date of the ordinance adopted in December from February 1, 2016 to February 28, 2016. No Action Taken.

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

Mr. Carlton Thomas, Division Manager with the Austin Transportation Department provided an update from the discussion the Mobility Committee had on the recommended amount of permits for the Taxi Co-op. The Mobility Committee set out as part of the application process the company applying for the franchise would indicate the desired amount of permits they feel are needed to operate their company. There will an ad advertising the availability for the franchise in the Austin American Statesman until early March and will be excepting bid proposals until March 7, 2016 and once the posting closes all submittals will be evaluated with the Taxi Franchise Criteria. There was discussion from the Commissioners on a possible rewrite of the Chapter 13 Taxi Cab Code at a future meeting. No Action Taken.

E. Long Range Transportation Plan – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Ashby Johnson, Executive Director of Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) provided an update on the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan that included 2040 Plan Purpose; 2040 Plan Process; Plan Goals; 2040 Demographics; 2040 Funding Forecast; Transportation System Management; Travel Demand Management Strategies and how public feedback was incorporated. There was discussion on a future active transportation plan, funding for a regional transit study and TxDOT MoKan study. No Action Taken.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. High Capacity Transit Proposal – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Dave Dobbs Executive Director with the Texas Association for Public Transportation provided his suggestions and recommendations for Light Rail Transit with the main objective to attract Urban and Suburban Commuters in larger numbers from North to South Austin. There was discussion at length on the language for the recommendation Commissioners Champion and Gins brought forth.

There was a friendly amendment to the recommendation to remove the language “including a timeline and staged process for completing the plan in a timeframe which allows City Council to place the plan optionally on the November 2016 ballot” on Commissioner Hosek motion with Commissioner Weatherby second, Commissioners Johnson, Rangel, Calistrat, Mantero, Davis, Gins, Champion opposing and Commissioner Baez absent the motion failed on a 2/7/0/1 vote.

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

There was a motion to adopt the recommendation as it was presented, on Commissioner Champion motion with Commissioner Rangel second and Commissioner Baez absent, the motion passed on a 7/2/0/1.

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

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Downtown Commission** – No update
- B. **Joint Sustainability Committee** – No update
- C. **BAC-** There was discussion on the Vision Zero Task Force; Public Works presentation from staff on the Northern Walnut Creek Trails Phase 1A; Active Transportation Presentation 2015 Plan from Laura Dierenfield that included protected bike lanes on San Jacinto, smart trips, transportation demand management, holistic mobility on E. 51st Street, 183N Mobility Project
- D. **PAC-** There was discussion over the Vision Zero Action Plan and National Walking Day

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Rough Proportionality Update
- b. Special Events Draft Ordinance
- c. Transit Impact Fee for Special Events
- d. Central Corridor High Capacity Transit Study/Demographics Users
- e. Prop 7 TXDOT
- f. 2016 Bond/Nov Election
- g. Personal Transit-Enclosed Capsules
- h. CAMPO Planning Activities (April/May 2016)
- i. Green Vehicles
- j. Haz-Mat Route
- k. Chapter 13 Re-Write

A. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes


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