



**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
10 May 2016**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on May 10, 2016 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

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

The motion to waive the rules and allow the Urban Transportation Commission to meet after 10 p.m. was approved on Commissioner Gin's motion, Commissioner Champion's second on a 7-0 vote.

Commission Members in Attendance:

D'Ann Johnson – Chair
Eric Rangel – Vice Chair
Celso Baez III
Dan Calistrat

Mario Champion
Kelly Davis
Jonathon Gins
Cynthia Weatherby

Commission Members Absent:

Chris Hosek

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Dale
Cheyenne Krause

Joana Perez
Emily Smith

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of 04/12/16 were approved on Commissioner Rangel's motion, Commissioner Champion's second, on a 7-0 vote.

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

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Andrew Clements

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. F#9609-1510 and 9610-1510 – Vacation of a portion of the Deer Lane right-of-way, located between Davis Lane and Brodie Lane – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Kim Vasquez, Property Agent Senior, Office of Real Estate Services. Danny Miller of LJA Engineering was also present to answer questions.

The following discussion among the commissioners focused on the impervious cover limits of the proposed development of the surrounding lands and their relationship to the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone.

A motion to approve a recommendation in support of the approval of the application for the vacation of the right of way failed on Commissioner Hosek's motion, Commissioner Calistrat's second on a 4-3 vote, with Commissioners Johnson and Champion abstaining.

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

B. F#9357-1404 – Vacation of an unconstructed portion of Right of Way, approximately located at Ben Garza Lane – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Kim Vasquez, Property Agent Senior, Office of Real Estate Services. Andy Halm, Property Agent Senior, and Steve Drenner, attorney with Drenner Group, PC, were also present to answer questions.

The following discussion among the commissioners focused on the impervious cover limits of the proposed development of the surrounding lands and their relationship to the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone.

A motion to approve a recommendation in support of the approval of the application for the vacation of the right of way failed on Commissioner Champion's motion, Commissioner Calistrat's second on a 1-7 vote.

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

C. Process to allow consideration of applications for additional taxicab franchises – Discussion and Possible Action

Glen Gonnet and Wondwossen Chernet with Go Green Cab, LLC introduced language for a recommendation for the UTC's consideration. Carlton Thomas, Austin Transportation Department was also present to answer questions.

A motion to approve the recommendation with the following friendly amendments passed on Commissioner Champion's motion, Commissioner Gins's second on a 8-0 vote.

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

The friendly amendments from Commissioner Gins were to change the language "WHEREAS, Austin's continuing exponential population growth is driving an ever-increasing need for additional taxicabs" to "WHEREAS, Austin's continuing exponential population growth is driving an ever-increasing need for additional transportation options, including but not limited to taxicabs" and to add the language "WHEREAS, the May 2016 electoral efforts have showcased a high demand for transportation options". These were accepted by the maker of the motion.

The friendly amendment from Commissioner Johnson was to change the language "without limitation on the number of permits issued" to "without limitation on the number of franchises or permits issued or required". This was accepted by the maker of the motion.

D. Capital Metro Downtown Multimodal Station Project – Discussion and Possible Action

Javier Arguello, Director of Long Range Planning, and Marcus Guerrero, Downtown Station Project Manager, gave a presentation and answered questions.

A motion to approve the recommendation passed on Commissioner Baez's motion, Commissioner Weatherby's second on a 8-0 vote.

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

E. 2016 Sidewalk Master Plan & ADA Transition Plan Update – Discussion and Possible Action

John Eastman, Public Works Department, gave a presentation and answered questions. Justin Norvell, Public Works Department, and Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation Department, were also present to answer questions.

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

- Jennifer McPhail
- Julie Range

A motion to approve the recommendation passed on Commissioner Rangel's motion, Commissioner Champion's second on a 7-0 vote.

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

F. Annual Internal Review – Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioner Johnson presented the draft of the UTC's 2015 Annual Internal Review for the commission's consideration.

A motion to approve the Annual Internal Review passed with the following friendly amendments on Commissioner Weatherby's motion, Commissioner Gin's second on a 7-0 vote.

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

The friendly amendments from Commissioner Weatherby were to change the language "recommendations a review" to "recommendations for a review" and to add a bullet point for "corridor plans" under "The commission will weigh in on all long range transportation plans underway impacting the City of Austin, including, but not limited to, the following:". These were accepted by the maker of the motion.

The friendly amendment from Commissioner Gins was to change the language "High capacity transit" to "High capacity transit, including rail". This was accepted by the maker of the motion.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Vision Zero Action Plan – Discussion and Possible Action

Francis Reilly, Planning and Zoning Department and Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation Department, made a presentation and answered questions.

A motion to approve the recommendation passed on Commissioner Champion's motion, Commissioner Rangel's second on a 6-1 vote.

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

B. Chapter 13 Rewrite – Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioner Weatherby introduced language for a recommendation for the UTC's consideration. Carlton Thomas, Austin Transportation Department was also present to answer questions.

A motion to approve the recommendation with the following friendly amendments passed on Commissioner Weatherby's motion, Commissioner Baez's second on a 8-0 vote.

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

The friendly amendment from Commissioner Champion was to change the language "ground transportation, such as automated vehicles" to "ground transportation, such as autonomous vehicles". This was accepted by the maker of the motion.

C. Mobility Talks – Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioner Gins introduced language for a recommendation.

A motion to approve the recommendation passed on Commissioner Gin's motion, Commissioner Champion's second on a 8-0 vote.

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

Absent: Baez, Hosek

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Downtown Commission** – No update.
- B. **Joint Sustainability Committee** – Had second meeting on April 27th. Adopted schedule to begin meeting every other month starting May 25th. Adopted bylaws. Created working groups to divide up review of the Austin Community Climate Plan.
- C. **Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)** – Received a presentation from TxDOT on the SH 71 Express Project and an update from BAC member Tom Wald on the Travis County Bicycle Safety Task Force in April. Passed recommendations on Mobility Talks, Vision Zero Action Plan, and the BAC technical subcommittee's RM 620 and Loop 360 feasibility study recommendations in April. Will discuss the 183N Mobility Project and Sidewalk Master Plan in May.
- D. **Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)** – Passed recommendations on Mobility Talks, Vision Zero Action Plan, and the Sidewalk Master Plan in April. Will discuss TxDOT's role in implementing Vision Zero and Cap Metro's Connections 2025 study in May.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Rocky Mountain Institute (June)
- b. Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, Street Impact Fees, and Rough Proportionality (June)
- c. Guadalupe Corridor Improvement Program (June)
- d. ATD Audit (July)
- e. Corridor plans
- f. North Toll Road 130
- g. CAMPO Planning Activities
- h. Personal Transit-Enclosed Capsules
- i. Haz Mat Route
- j. Transportation Demand Management
- k. Special Events Draft Ordinance (No update)
- l. Transit Impact Fee for Special Events (No update)
- m. Prop 7 TXDOT
- n. Mobility Talks (ongoing through November 2016)

A. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:30p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes _____

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