



**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
12 July 2016**

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

Chair Johnson called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

D'Ann Johnson – Chair	Jonathon Gins
Eric Rangel – Vice Chair	Chris Hosek
Dan Calistrat	Beverly Silas
Mario Champion	Cynthia Weatherby
Kelly Davis	Michael Wilfley

Commission Members Absent:

Celso Baez III

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Dale	Emily Smith
Cheyenne Krause	

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of 06/14/16 were approved on Commissioner Rangel's motion, Commissioner Davis' second, on a 9-0 vote

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

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Personal Rapid Transit – Briefing

Richard Garriott de Cayeux of USA PRT gave a presentation on Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) and USA PRT's goals for implementing PRT in Austin. Scott Moorhead, Ben Barnes Group, was also present to answer questions.

The following discussion amongst commissioners focused on political and logistical barriers to implementing the model, the potential fleet size and throughput efficiency of the model, and potential reduced fare costs for low income community members.

B. Downtown Street Events Moratorium – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Frances Hargrove, Austin Center for Events. Bill Manno, Austin Center for Events was also present to answer questions. The presentation included an overview of the downtown

street events moratorium implemented in November 2014, survey results and stakeholder feedback from a SpeakUp Austin survey open from May-June 2016, and factors staff is considering in regards to a possible extension of the moratorium through 2018.

The following discussion amongst commissioners focused on the impacts of street events on event planning businesses, hotels, residential units, downtown entertainment districts, city staff, downtown construction, and the traveling public, including the need for wayfinding information for the public when streets are closed. Commissioners expressed interest in seeing more detailed data to support staff's recommendation of an extension of the moratorium and encouraged staff consideration of different boundaries or a different scope for the moratorium.

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

- Cindy Lo

No action taken.

C. Urban Trail Project Updates – Briefing

Nadia Barrera, Public Works Department, gave a presentation on the status of the Upper Boggy Creek, Country Club Creek, and Violet Crown Trail Projects, focusing on design and implementation of construction.

The following discussion amongst commissioners focused on the choice of asphalt for the Upper Boggy Creek Trail and the environmental-related design considerations related to the Violet Crown Trail North.

D. Priorities for future mobility improvements, including the proposed November 2016 Mobility Bond Program and future bond programs – Discussion and Possible Action

The commissioners discussed a resolution passed by City Council on June 23rd (Resolution No. 20160623-083) that directed the City Manager to develop recommended proposition language for council consideration for placement on the November 2016 ballot, as well as the public process leading up to the development of the proposed bond program. The discussion focused on what points to include in a recommendation on this topic if the commission were to take action.

Commissioner Gins volunteered to draft recommendation language for the commission's consideration in August.

No action taken.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Annual Internal Review – Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioner Johnson presented a revised draft of the UTC's 2015-2016 Annual Internal Review for the commission's consideration.

A motion to approve the Annual Internal Review passed with the following friendly amendment on Commissioner Weatherby's motion, Commissioner Rangel's second, on a 10-0 vote.

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

The friendly amendment from Commissioner Davis was to change the language “UTC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2016” to “UTC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2016-2017.” This was accepted by the maker of the motion.

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Downtown Commission** – Met in June and discussed the Downtown Austin Plan and the South Central Waterfront Initiative
- B. Joint Sustainability Committee** – No update; no meeting in June.
- C. Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)** – In June the BAC discussed Mobility35 (the I-35 from Rundberg Lane to US 290E Project specifically), received an update on the status of the actively eroding channel and structurally destroyed bridge in Roy G. Guerrero Park, discussed a proposed bicycle lane design on Northeast Drive from US 290 to North Hampton, and discussed Ride.Report, a new app which allows users to easily record and share their experiences cycling in the city.
- D. Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)** – In July the PAC discussed City of Austin Sign Ordinance and Digital Billboards, passed a recommendation regarding the November 2016 Mobility Bond Program, and received a briefing from Capital Metro on their safety training and Mobileye technology. Will likely discuss CodeNEXT Mobility Prescription and ATD use of flashing lights at intersections in August.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. November 2016 Mobility Bond Program (ongoing through November 2016)
- b. Transportation Effectiveness Audit Report
- c. TNC update
- d. CodeNEXT Mobility Prescription
- e. CAMPO planning activities
- f. Ground transportation
- g. North Toll Road 130
- h. Haz Mat Route
- i. Transportation Demand Management
- j. Special Events Draft Ordinance
- k. Personal Rapid Transit
- l. Transit Impact Fee for Special Events (No update)
- m. Prop 7 TXDOT

A. ADJOURNMENT

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

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