



**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
11 October 2016**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on October 11, 2016 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair Johnson called the commission meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

D'Ann Johnson – Chair
Eric Rangel – Vice Chair
Celso Baez
Mario Champion
Jonathon Gins

Chris Hosek
Beverly Silas
Cynthia Weatherby
Michael Wilfley

Commission Members Absent:

Dan Calistrat

Kelly Davis

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Dale
Marissa Monroy

Emily Smith

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of 09/13/16 were approved as corrected on Commissioner Weatherby motion, Commissioner Rangel second, on a 6-0 vote.

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

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. F#9663-1603; Vacation of an Alley Right-of-Way located at 924 E. Dean Keeton St. – Discussion and Possible Action

Mashell Smith, Property Agent with the Office of Real Estate Services, presented information regarding an application for the vacation of an alley right-of-way. Megan Wanek with Endeavor Real Estate Group was also present to answer questions.

Mashell Smith submitted draft recommendation language for commission approval as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends approval of the application for the vacation of the alley right-of-way, located at 924 E. Dean Keeton St.”

Action taken: The motion to approve the recommendation passed on Commissioner Champion motion, Commissioner Gins second on a 9-0 vote.

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

B. F#9575-1509; Vacation of a Portion of Right-of-Way located between Southbound Highway 183 & Ponca Street, immediately south of Vargas Road – Discussion and Possible Action

Mashell Smith, Property Agent with the Office of Real Estate Services, presented information regarding the application for the vacation of a portion of right-of-way. James Schissler with Jones & Carter, Inc. was also present to answer questions.

Mashell Smith submitted draft recommendation language for commission approval which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends approval of the application for the vacation of a portion of right-of-way located between Southbound Highway 183 & Ponca Street and retaining the public utility easement and access.”

Action taken: The motion to approve the recommendation passed, after debate and amendment, on Commissioner Champion motion, Commissioner Hosek second on a 7-2 vote.

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

C. Capital Metro Connections 2025 Draft Transit Plan – Discussion and Possible Action

Louis Alcorn, Transportation Planner with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, answered questions regarding Capital Metro's Connections 2025 Draft Transit Plan, which was presented to the UTC in September.

Commissioner Champion submitted draft recommendation language for commission approval as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends to the City Council the adoption and implementation of Connections 2025 Plan.”

Action taken: The motion to approve the recommendation passed on Commissioner Rangel motion, Commissioner Baez second on a 9-0 vote.

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

D. City Council Resolution No. 20160414-007 Regarding the Development of Recommendations for a Transit Priority Policy – Discussion and Possible Action

Annick Beaudet, Systems Development Manager with the Austin Transportation Department, and Louis Alcorn, Transportation Planner with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, presented information regarding City Council Resolution No. 20160414-007, which directed the City Manager to develop recommendations for a Transit Priority Policy.

No action taken.

4. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Downtown Commission – No update.

B. Joint Sustainability Committee – No update.

C. Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) – Staff liaison Emily Smith gave the update. In September, the BAC passed recommendations regarding I-35 through Downtown and the Roy G. Guerrero Park Trail and received a presentation on Connections 2025. In October, the BAC will hold their annual elections.

D. Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) – Outgoing PAC Vice Chair Heyden Walker gave the update. In October, the PAC held their annual elections and passed recommendations regarding the Central 7-mile Comprehensive Project and Roadway Speed Reductions.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This is a running list of potential future agenda items that have been proposed by staff and/or commissioners which may be placed on a future UTC agenda. These items will not be discussed by the commission as part of this current agenda.

- a. Ground Transportation Regulatory Reform (November 2nd, 4 p.m.) (Weatherby, Johnson)
- b. Central 7-mile Comprehensive Project (December)
- c. Transit Parks (Davis, Champion)
- d. CAMPO planning activities
- e. Ground transportation regulatory reform
- f. North Toll Road 130
- g. Haz Mat Route
- h. Transportation Demand Management
- i. Special Events Draft Ordinance
- j. Personal Rapid Transit
- k. Transit Impact Fee for Special Events (No update)
- l. Prop 7 TXDOT

A. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. without objection.

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