



**PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2016 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – ROOM 1027
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Vice Chair Robert Anderson.

Full Members in Attendance:

Robert Anderson – Vice Chair
Carrie Gammell
Girard Kinney
Peter Marsh

Branigan Mulcahy
Patricia Schaub
Tom Wald
Heyden Walker

Alternate Members in Attendance:

John Andoh
Jonathan Brewer
Maria Carmen de la Morena
Lenore Shefman

Katie Deoloz
Carly Haithcock
Tony Lynch
Mike Sledge

Absent Members:

Peter Baird – Chair

Michael Kram

Staff in Attendance:

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation
Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation
Emily Smith, Austin Transportation

Ronnie Bell, Austin Transportation
Amir Emamian, Public Works
Sabrina McCarty, Austin Public Health

Guests in Attendance:

Janet Beinke
Andy Cantu, Austin Chamber of Commerce
Caitlin D'Alton, Cap Metro

Daniela Radpay
Kathy Rock
John Woodley

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Carmen de la Morena: Shared her experience engaging with City of Austin staff to add sidewalk construction to the [35th Street Underground Electrical Service Project](#) and emphasized to staff the importance of transparency, safety, and valuing citizen input during City projects.

Tom Wald: Expressed interest in the PAC hearing a presentation as soon as possible on the implementation plan and criteria for the \$27.5 million allocated in the [2016 Mobility Bond](#) for Safe Routes to School.

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The December meeting minutes were unanimously approved (9-0) on Heyden Walker's motion and Branigan Mulcahy's second.

3. ITEMS FROM PAC

A. Austin Chamber of Commerce Mobility Report and Transportation Committee Policy Agenda – Briefing

Andy Cantú, Director of Regional Mobility at the Austin Chamber of Commerce, briefed the PAC on the Chamber's 2016 Chamber Mobility Report, Regional Mobility Policy Agenda and next steps for advocacy. The presentation can be found on the PAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

B. Pedestrian & Driver Rules & Regulations Brochure – Discussion and Possible Action

Peter Baird submitted draft recommendation language for PAC approval which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The PAC recommends approval of the Pedestrian & Driver Rules and Regulations summary as drafted by the Technical Subcommittee and reviewed and commented on by the full PAC membership and that this summary is provided to the City of Austin as advice for content on pedestrian and driver information.

The PAC recommends that the City of Austin use the Reference Document and the Summary as resources for their efforts in creating a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and other efforts to implement the adopted Vision Zero Action Plan.

The PAC recommends that the Reference Document shall continue to be maintained, added to, and discussed as part of the Technical Subcommittee's ongoing tasks.

The PAC recommends that city staff continue to engage the PAC in the production of all informational campaign materials.”

Action taken: A motion to approve the recommendation as amended passed unanimously (9-0) on Girard Kinney's motion and Carrie Gammell's second. The recommendation can be found on the PAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

C. Appointing New Project and Technical Subcommittee Chairs – Discussion and Possible Action

Action taken: Vice Chair Robert Anderson appointed Peter Marsh as the chair of the PAC Technical Subcommittee.

Action taken: Vice Chair Robert Anderson appointed Carly Haithcock as the chair of the PAC Project Subcommittee.

D. Appointing Public Works Agency Liaison – Discussion and Possible Action

Action taken: A motion to appoint Amir Emamian as a PAC Agency Representative for the Public Works Department passed unanimously (9-0) on Heyden Walker's motion and Peter Marsh's second.

4. PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

The PAC Project Subcommittee will meet on January 25 to discuss the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

5. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

The PAC Technical Subcommittee will meet on January 18 to discuss next steps for the Pedestrian & Driver Rules & Regulations documents and continue to discuss Capital Metro's Project Connect.

6. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFINGS

- Staff updates:

- Joel Meyer announced the launch of the [Vision Zero Input Map](#), which can be found on both the Vision Zero program [webpage](#) and the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan program [webpage](#).
- Laura Dierenfield announced Austin Transportation's contest for clever driving and safety-related digital roadway messages. Contestants have from today, Jan. 9, through Friday, Feb. 10, to submit their ideas to AustinMobility@austintexas.gov or tweet them to @AustinMobility using the #ontheroadATX hashtag. More info on the contest can be found [here](#).
- Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC):
 - Tom Wald recapped the December 20 BAC meeting. The BAC received a presentation from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) on their Regional Active Transportation Plan, and passed a motion in support of the Near Northwest Corridor Study.
- Urban Transportation Commission (UTC):
 - Heyden Walker recapped the December 13 UTC meeting. The UTC received briefings on Transportation Demand Management and TxDOT Central 7-mile Comprehensive Project.
- City Council Mobility Committee
 - Heyden Walker recapped the December 7 Mobility Committee meeting. Austin Transportation Department staff gave a presentation on roadway speed reductions, which outlined four recommendations: 1) Support legislative efforts to lower the prima facie speed to 25 mph, 2) Incorporate target design speeds into plans & manuals, 3) Systematically evaluate arterial speed limits citywide for appropriateness, and 4) Establish a neighborhood slow zone pilot. The Mobility Committee voted 3-1 to forward staff's recommendations to Council with a recommendation to approve. City Council voted 8-2 to approve a resolution supporting staff's recommendations at their meeting on December 15.

7. FUTURE BUSINESS / ADJOURN

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

- Capital Metro wish list (February; Technical Subcommittee)
- Travis County Transportation Plan (March)
- CodeNEXT draft Land Development Code (March)
- Leading Pedestrian Intervals and signalization (April)
- Pedestrian access at drive through facilities (April)
- Discussion of Agency Representatives and Community Liaisons (April; Project Subcommittee)
- Austin Convention Center expansion (May)
- Parking and Transportation Management Districts & Parking Benefit Districts (June)
- Rocky Mountain Institute (July)
- Transportation Systems Development update (September)
- Medical District Master Plan

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by Vice Chair Robert Anderson.