



**Urban Transportation Commission (UTC)
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
10 January 2017**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on January 10, 2017 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
Celso Baez
Dan Calistrat
Kelly Davis

Mario Champion
Jonathon Gins
Beverly Silas
Michael Wilfley

Commission Members Absent:

Eric Rangel – Vice Chair
Chris Hosek

Cynthia Weatherby

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Dale
Jen Samp

Emily Smith

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of 12/13/16 were approved on Commissioner Champion motion, Commissioner Baez second on a 6-0-1 vote with Commissioner Johnson abstaining, Commissioners Gins off of the dais, and Commissioners Rangel, Hosek, and Weatherby absent.

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

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Moore's Crossing Municipal Utility District (MUD) Amendment to Consent Agreement – Discussion and Possible Action

Virginia Collier, Planning and Zoning briefed the UTC on the Consent Agreement between the City of Austin and the Moore's Crossing Municipal Utility District and staff's recommendation to approve an amendment to the Consent Agreement that ensures that any right of way dedication or roadway improvements constructed by the developer meet the City of Austin's Drainage Criteria Manual (DCM) and current code and are consistent with other adopted roadway plans and agreements and staff's recommendation that Section 8.10 (7) related to traffic impact analysis in the current Agreement remain. John Joseph, the attorney representing the applicant, was also present to answer questions.

City staff submitted draft recommendation language for commission approval as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends approval of an amendment to the Agreement relating to the Developer’s obligations for right-of-way dedication and roadway improvements be consistent with staff recommendation.”

A motion to approve the recommendation failed on Commissioner Wilfley motion, Commissioner Silas second on a 5-2-1 vote with Commissioners Champion and Gins opposed and Commissioner Davis abstaining.

Ayes: Johnson, Baez, Calistrat, Silas, Wilfley
Nays: Champion, Gins
Abstain: Davis
Absent: Rangel, Hosek, Weatherby

B. Ordinance amending City Code Title 25 relating to right-of-way dedications and transportation improvements required as a condition to mitigate the impacts of development – Discussion and Possible Action

Eric Bollich, Austin Transportation and Andrew Linseisen, Development Services briefed the UTC on transportation mitigation practices and policies including Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) guidelines, draft transportation code amendments, rough proportionality, and street impact fees.

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

- Bobak Tehrany

Commissioner Champion proposed that the UTC take action on recommendation language which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends that City staff investigate the amendment of City Code 25-6-141 to remove the ‘shall’ language that mandates the Director deny all applications that meet certain criteria as a part of the general consideration to the transportation mitigation code amendments.”

Action taken: A motion to approve the recommendation passed on Commissioner Champion motion, Commissioner Baez second on a 6-1-1 vote with Commissioner Davis opposed and Commissioner Calistrat abstaining.

Ayes: Johnson, Baez, Champion, Gins, Silas, Wilfley
Nays: Davis
Abstain: Calistrat
Absent: Rangel, Hosek, Weatherby

C. Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – Briefing

Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation Department briefed the PAC on the upcoming Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and its objectives, contents, public outreach plan, timeline, and preliminary crash analysis.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Transit Parks – Discussion and Possible Action

In January Steven Zettner, Sustainable Neighborhoods of North Central Austin presented a briefing to the UTC on a strategy for getting transit parks on corridors. Mr. Zettner collaborated with Commissioners Davis and Champion to submit draft recommendation language for commission approval as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends that the City develop a targeted program for acquisition of real property for Transit Parks to explicitly support mobility, including the following:

1. **From City Council or City Manager:** direction to staff to develop a pilot transit park acquisition program, implemented on at least two corridors, and funded from the 2016 Mobility bond package
2. **From CodeNext:** more robust requirements for transit plazas and/or parkland dedication in development adjacent to rapid bus and rail stations
3. **From PARD:** prioritization of pocket park acquisition within one to two blocks of rapid transit stations
4. **From PARD:** development of a land banking mechanism, similar to or integrated with the program used by affordable housing, so that transit-oriented parks can be obtained and planned for ahead of development
5. **From City Council:** revision of existing rules that prevent Parks Department from bidding on park land at market rate”

A motion to approve the recommendation passed on Commissioner Gins motion, Commissioner Silas second, on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Champion off of the dais.

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

5. 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 December, the BAC received a briefing on the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Near Northwest Corridor Study and the Active Transportation Division's 2016 projects and accomplishments. In January, the BAC will discuss the design and placement of bike racks.
- D. **Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)** – PAC member Girard Kinney gave the update. In January, the PAC approved the Pedestrian & Driver Rules and Regulations summary as drafted by the PAC Technical Subcommittee and recommended that City staff use the document's contents to inform the development of informational campaign materials related to the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero Action Plan efforts.

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 (Weatherby, Johnson: February)

- B.** Transportation Network Companies Update (Wilfley, Champion: February)
- C.** UTC Downtown Commission appointment (February)
- D.** Special Events Draft Ordinance
- E.** Pedestrian Mall
- F.** Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials Route Designation Study
- G.** North Toll Road 130
- H.** Prop 7 TXDOT
- I.** Transit Impact Fee for Special Events
- J.** Personal Rapid Transit

A. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. without objection.