



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

**Regular Meeting
9 May 2017**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on May 9, 2017 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	Kelly Davis	Alex Reyna
Eric Rangel – Vice Chair	Jonathon Gins	Beverly Silas
Mario Champion	Daniel Hennessey	Cynthia Weatherby

Commission Members Absent:

Chris Hosek

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Dale	Jen Samp	Emily Smith
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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of April 11, 2017 were approved on Commissioner Rangel motion, Commissioner Reyna second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Johnson abstaining, Commissioners Davis and Silas off of the dais, and Commissioner Hosek absent.

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transit Priority in Corridor Plans – Discussion and Possible Action

Susan Pantell, transit advocate, presented draft recommendation language for the UTC's consideration. Rob Spillar, Director of the Austin Transportation Department, Mike Trimble, Director of the Corridor Program Implementation Office, and Javier Argüello, Director of Long Range Planning for Capital Metro, were also present to answer questions.

A motion to approve the draft recommendation language submitted by Susan Pantell failed on a 3-6 vote with Commissioners Gins, Davis and Silas voting aye and Commissioners Johnson, Rangel, Champion, Hennessey, Reyna, and Weatherby voting nay, with Commissioner Hosek absent.

B. F#9784-1612 – Aerial Encroachment of a portion of East 4th Street by a pedestrian bridge near the intersection of East 4th Street and Neches Street – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Nikelle Meade, Partner, Husch Blackwell LLP. Andy Halm, Senior Property Agent with the Office of Real Estate Services,

Roland Garza, Associate with Gensler, Mark Tester, Director of the Austin Convention Center, and Rob Spillar, Director of the Austin Transportation Department, were also present to answer questions.

Action taken: A motion to recommend that Council approve the encroachment between the Convention Center and the Hilton Hotel and consider additional options to maximize capacity was adopted on Commissioner Johnson motion, Commission Weatherby second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Hennessey and Davis abstaining and Commissioner Hosek absent.

C. 2016 Mobility Bond Update – Briefing

A presentation was made by Mike Trimble, Director, Corridor Program Implementation Office.

D. Bringing Equity Through Hike and Bike Trail in E. MLK Region – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Annick Beaudet, Systems Development Division Manager for the Austin Transportation Department and Javier Argüello, Director of Long Range Planning for Capital Metro.

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 April, the BAC received a briefing on the Big Jump Initiative. In May, the BAC will consider draft recommendation language regarding pedicab access during street closures for special events and bicycle access at drive through facilities.

D. Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) – Staff liaison Emily Smith gave the update. In May, the PAC received a briefing on the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and passed a recommendation regarding pedestrian access at drive through facilities. In June the PAC will receive a briefing on the upcoming Vision Zero Report Card & Annual Report.

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.** FY 2018 Austin Transportation and Public Works Department Budget Process (June)
- B.** UTC Annual Internal Review Report (June)
- C.** Downtown Austin Alliance Downtown Austin Parking Strategy (June)
- D.** Conversion to 2-Way Street – Colorado Street corridor from Cesar Chavez to 10th Street (June)
- E.** Vision Zero Report Card & Annual Report (June)
- F.** Big Jump Project
- G.** Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials (NRHM) Route Designation Plan
- H.** Ground Transportation Regulatory Reform
- I.** Proposed Amendments to City Hands-Free Driving Ordinance (July)
- J.** Bringing Equity Through Hike and Bike Trail in E. MLK Region (July)
- K.** Special Events Draft Ordinance
- L.** Pedestrian Mall
- M.** North Toll Road 130
- N.** Prop 7 TXDOT

- O.** Transit Impact Fee for Special Events
- P.** Personal Rapid Transit

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m. without objection.