



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

**Regular Meeting  
8 August 2017**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on August 8, 2017 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

D'Ann Johnson – Chair  
Eric Rangel – Vice Chair  
Kelly Davis  
Jonathon Gins  
Daniel Hennessey

Chris Hosek  
Beverly Silas  
Cynthia Weatherby  
Michael Wilfley

**Commission Members Absent:**

Mario Champion

Alex Reyna

**Staff in Attendance:**

Eric Bollich  
Jen Samp

Emily Smith

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Johnson called the commission meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- John Woodley

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. F#9835-1705 Right of Way Vacation – Alley of E. 7th St – Discussion and Possible Action**

A presentation was made by Kim Vasquez, Property Agent Senior with the Office of Real Estate Services. Leah Bojo, Senior Land Use & Policy Manager with Drenner Group, was also present to answer questions.

A motion to approve the vacation of right-of-way was adopted on Commissioner Weatherby motion, Commissioner Silas second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Champion and Reyna absent.

**B. Recommendation Regarding Electric Assist Pedicab Pilot Program – Discussion and Possible Action**

David Knipp and Patricia Schaub submitted draft recommendation language for the UTC's consideration which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends:

1) The creation of a one-year pilot program by ATD staff to study the use of e-bike motors by pedicabs and to establish a permanent regulatory framework in Section 13-2 for safe and beneficial operation of e-bike pedicabs and additional types of vehicles for hire within the city's transportation system.

2) The pilot program is ready to begin on October 1, 2017."

Lee Davila, Infrastructure Operations Division Manager with the Austin Transportation Department, was also present to answer questions.

A motion to approve the recommendation was adopted on Commissioner Gins motion, Commissioner Hosek second on an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Davis opposed and Commissioners Champion and Reyna absent.

### **C. Draft Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – Discussion and Possible Action**

A presentation was made by Laura Dierenfield, Active Transportation and Street Design Division Manager with the Austin Transportation Department .

No action taken.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Urban Transportation Commission Bylaws and Mission Statement (City Code) – Discussion and Possible Action**

Deena Estrada, Boards and Commissions Coordinator with the Office of the City Clerk, briefed the UTC on the status of proposed amendments to their bylaws.

No action taken.

## **6. 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 July, the BAC received briefings on the Share the Road Texas Campaign and Vision Zero Report Card & Annual Report. Additionally, the BAC's 2017 membership applications launched online in July and will close in August.

**D. Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)** – Staff liaison Emily Smith gave the update. In July, the PAC received a briefing on the Congress Avenue Streetscape and Urban Design Initiative and adopted a recommendation in support of the Draft Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. Additionally, the BAC's 2017 membership applications launched online in July and will close in August.

**E. Vision Zero Task Force** – No update.

**F. Multimodal Community Advisory Committee** – No update.

## **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.** Austin Marathon
- B.** CodeNEXT
- C.** Economic Development Policy
- D.** Austin Community Climate Plan
- E.** Project Connect
- F.** Bus Rapid Transit
- G.** Mobility 35
- H.** Wayfinding
- I.** Ground Transportation Regulatory Reform
- J.** Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials (NRHM) Route Designation Plan
- K.** Special Events Draft Ordinance
- L.** Pedestrian Mall
- M.** Transit Impact Fee for Special Events

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. without objection.