



**PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
MONDAY DECEMBER 4, 2017 – 6:00 PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL – ROOM 1027
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Branigan Mulcahy.

Full Members in Attendance:

Branigan Mulcahy – Chair	Katie Deoloz	Girard Kinney
Carly Haithcock – Vice Chair	Sarah Gamble	Patricia Schaub
Jay Blazek Crossley	Adam Greenfield	Heyden Black Walker

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Jackie Ahmad	Noah Halbach	Tom Wald
Tom Clear	Kelsey Veazey	

Alternate Members Absent:

Jonathan Brewer	Wallis Goodman	Lenore Shefman
Bradley Brey	Justin Henderson	

Agency Representatives Absent:

Amir Emamian, Public Works

Staff in Attendance:

Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation Department (ATD)	Emily Smith, ATD
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Guests in Attendance:

Mike Sledge	John Woodley
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1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Adam Greenfield: requested a future PAC agenda item regarding rapid response teams, which implement rapid street fixes in the places where fatalities occur.
- Noah Halbach: recently observed that the walk signals at 8th and Colorado required a push button to activate, and has not received a response to an email he sent ATD regarding the issue via an online form.

2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 6 MEETING MINUTES

The November 6, 2017 PAC [meeting minutes](#) were unanimously approved (9-0) on Girard Kinney motion and Katie Deoloz second.

3. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Adoption of 2018 PAC meeting schedule – Discussion and Possible Action

A motion to approve the PAC's 2018 meeting schedule was adopted unanimously (9-0). In 2018, the PAC will meet on the following dates at 6 p.m. in the Austin City Hall Room 1027 (Executive Session), unless otherwise posted:

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| • January 8 | • May 7 | • September 10 |
| • February 5 | • June 4 | • October 1 |
| • March 5 | • July 9 | • November 5 |
| • April 2 | • August 6 | • December 3 |

4. ITEMS FROM PAC

B. Discussion PAC subcommittee structure and appointment of subcommittee chairs – Discussion and Possible Action

Staff liaison Emily Smith presented [draft language](#) for a bylaw amendment that would remove the current requirement for full members of the PAC to belong to one of two standing subcommittees (the Technical Subcommittee and Project Subcommittee), but still allow for as many ad-hoc PAC subcommittees as needed to be formed to develop recommendations to bring back to the full PAC.

No action taken. Chair Branigan Mulcahy appointed Patricia Schaub to convene a subcommittee to further discuss potential changes to the PAC's subcommittee structure.

C. Street Design and Public Safety recommendations – Discussion and Possible Action

PAC members Branigan Mulcahy, Carly Haithcock, Jay Blazek Crossley, Adam Greenfield, Kelsey Veazey, Justin Henderson, and Wallis Goodman met on November 15 to develop draft recommendation language for the full PAC's consideration which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pedestrian Advisory Council recommends that:

1. In the drafting of any City of Austin amendment to the International Fire Code, factors that are known to negatively impact pedestrian safety should not be included, and therefore Sections 503.2.1, 503.2.2 and 503.2.4 should be **intentionally omitted** from the proposed Amendment.
2. Stakeholders in the public process should include the Vision Zero Task Force, the Pedestrian Advisory Council, et al. as determined by the City Manager.
3. Any City of Austin Amendment to the International Fire Code that impacts urban design and/or pedestrian safety (e.g. Section 503) should be reviewed and approved by a cross-departmental process.
4. The public process should consider adding language to the City of Austin Amendment to the International Fire Code that specifies a decision making hierarchy when differences occur between the provisions of the City of Austin's amendment to the International Fire Code and other adopted City of Austin policies, including the Transportation Criteria Manual or the Vision Zero Action Plan.”

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

Walking/Movement Break

D. Capital Metro Downtown Station recommendations – Discussion and Possible Action

PAC member Sarah Gable submitted draft recommendation language for the full PAC's consideration which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pedestrian Advisory Council recommends that the City of Austin, Capital Metro, and their consultants work closely with the Design Commission to review the design for

the new Downtown Station and adjacent plaza within Brush Square, and receive appropriate design feedback, considering the following:

1. The pedestrian experience should be carefully considered to ensure function and safety, as well as the creation of a cohesive design which is enjoyable and engaging to pedestrians.
2. There should be robust pedestrian connectivity from Plaza Saltillo to Trinity Street, a separate pedestrian walkway from the bikeway, and a walkway on both sides of Fourth Street.
3. The design should allow for future extension of the rail line west, notably to Seaholm.
4. There should be an appropriate construction detour for pedestrian mobility, including ADA access and wayfinding for the vision impaired”

Action taken: A motion to approve the recommendation as amended passed unanimously (6-0) on Heyden Walker motion and Patricia Schaub second with Carly Haithcock, Katie Deoloz, and Girard Kinney absent for the vote. The [recommendation](#) can be found on the PAC’s [webpage](#).

5. STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES

- Staff updates – No update.
- Bicycle Advisory Council – Tom Wald: the BAC discussed Local Area Traffic Management, the Pleasant Valley Road at Elmont Drive bond project, and Smart Right Turns at their last meeting in November.
- Urban Transportation Commission – No update.
- City Council Mobility Committee – No update.
- Vision Zero Task Force – No update.

6. FUTURE BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURN

Announcements:

- The Public Works Department held an "Ask Me Anything" session about Austin sidewalks on Reddit on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. [here](#).
- The Bond Election Advisory Task Force was seeking public input in advance of offering its recommendations to Council for a 2018 bond package: a survey was available [here](#) and info about upcoming town hall meetings was available [here](#).
- PAC member and ATX Walks founder Katie Deoloz hosted this [Smart Trips Austin: Bouldin Creek Neighborhood](#) event on Saturday, December 9.

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

- Local Mobility Annual Plan – January
- Draft Austin Street Design Guide recommendations – January
- Smart Mobility Roadmap – February
- I-35 Capital Express project (TxDOT)
- 2018 Bond Development
- Downtown Parking Study
- Street Impact Fee Study + traffic mitigation ordinance + Traffic Impact Analysis
- Parking and Transportation Management Districts + Parking Benefit Districts
- Rocky Mountain Institute
- CodeNEXT Draft Land Development Code
- Street lighting
- Agency Representatives and Community Liaisons
- Transportation Systems Development update

- Medical District Master Plan

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by Chair Branigan Mulcahy.