



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

**Special Called Meeting  
7 March 2018**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a meeting on March 7, 2018 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

D'Ann Johnson – Chair  
Mario Champion

Jonathon Gins  
Daniel Hennessey

Brian O'Reilly  
Michael Wilfley

**Commission Members Absent:**

Eric Rangel – Vice Chair  
Kelly Davis

Alex Reyna  
Cynthia Weatherby

Chris Hosek

**Staff in Attendance:**

Jim Dale

Emily Smith

Jen Samp

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Johnson called the commission meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

The minutes from the meeting of February 13, 2018 were approved on Commissioner Hennessey motion, Commissioner Gins second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Rangel, Davis, Hosek, Reyna and Weatherby absent.

**3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Heyden Walker

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Public Engagement Process for a Dockless Bike Share Demonstration Pilot – Briefing**

A presentation was made by David Orr, Bike Share Program Manager with the Austin Transportation Department (ATD), and Laura Dierenfield, Active Transportation and Street Design Division Manager with ATD.

No action taken.

**B. 2016 Mobility Bond: 2018 Local Mobility Annual Plan – Briefing**

A presentation was made by Laura Dierenfield, Active Transportation and Street Design Division Manager with ATD, Nathan Wilkes, Street Designer with ATD, Amica Bose, Project Manager with ATD, Janae Spence, Urban Trails Program Manager with the Public Works Department (PWD), and John Eastman, Sidewalk Program Manager with PWD.

No action taken.

**C. 2016 Mobility Bond: Draft Proposed Corridor Construction Program – Discussion and Possible Action**

A presentation was made by Mike Trimble, Director of the Corridor Program Office (CPO).

Commissioner Champion presented draft recommendation language which read as follows:

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission urges City Council to protect the future viability of Capitol Metro's rapid transit plans by approving only 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor Construction Programs that include dedicated right-of-way for transit-priority or transit-exclusive lanes where they overlap with MetroRapid routes, or at the very least require the Program to fully plan for and accommodate future such lanes in as efficient a manner as possible.*

**Action taken:** A motion to adopt the recommendation was adopted on Commissioner Gins motion, Commissioner Hennessey second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Rangel, Davis, Hosek, Reyna and Weatherby absent.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Update on E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Hike and Bike Trail – Discussion and Possible Action**

A presentation was made by Pinaki Ghosh, East MLK Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Chair, and Ali Ronder, Hog Pen Neighborhood Association President.

Mr. Ghosh 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 encourages the Austin City Council to allocate 2018 bond funds to the above-mentioned projects and explore all available means so that projects mentioned below can be accomplished. UTC urges the city council to allocate the 2018 bond money for the following projects*

- 1. The La Loma Trail*
- 2. Hike and bike trail through Morris Williams Golf Course*
- 3. Little Walnut Creek Nature Reserve*
- 4. Connectivity to Springdale Park*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission encourages the Austin City Council to allocate funds and explore all available means in order expedite the EMLK Hike and Bike Trail*

**Action taken:** A motion to adopt the recommendation as amended was adopted on Commissioner Gins motion, Commissioner Champion second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Rangel, Davis, Hosek, Reyna and Weatherby absent.

**6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Downtown Commission** – No update.

**B. Joint Sustainability Committee** – No update.

- C. Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)** – Emily Smith: In February, the BAC received briefings regarding Big Jump Ridership Strategy and Barrier Options for Protected Bicycle Lanes.
- D. Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)** – Emily Smith: The PAC and BAC held a joint meeting on March 5 to hear a briefing from CPO on the Proposed Corridor Construction Program (CCP) and adopted a recommendation regarding the proposed CCP.
- E. Vision Zero Task Force** – No update.
- F. Multimodal Community Advisory Committee** – No update.

## **7. 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.** CodeNEXT (April)
- B.** UTC bylaws (April)
- C.** Bus Rapid Transit
- D.** Mobility 35
- E.** Wayfinding
- F.** Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials (NRHM) Route Designation Plan
- G.** Special Events Draft Ordinance
- H.** Pedestrian Mall
- I.** Transit Impact Fee for Special Events

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m. without objection.