



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

**Special Called Meeting  
16 April 2018**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a meeting on April 16, 2018 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1001, Austin, Texas.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

D'Ann Johnson – Chair	Kelly Davis	Daniel Hennessey
Mario Champion	Jonathon Gins	Chris Hosek
Brian O'Reilly	Cynthia Weatherby	
Alex Reyna	Michael Wilfley	

**Commission Members Absent:**

Eric Rangel – Vice Chair

**Staff in Attendance:**

Jim Dale	Emily Smith	Jen Samp
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Johnson called the commission meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 7, 2018**

The minutes from the meeting of March 7, 2018 were approved on Commissioner Hennessey motion, Commissioner Champion second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Rangel absent and Commissioners Gins, Davis, Hosek, and Reyna off of the dais.

**3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CodeNEXT (City of Austin Land Development Code) Draft 3 – Discussion and Possible Action**

A presentation was made by Greg Guernsey, Planning and Zoning Department. Erich Bollich, Tien-Tien Chan, Annick Beaudet, and Danielle Morin with the Austin Transportation Department were also present to address questions. Three speakers signed up to address the commission on this topic: Andrew Mayer, Jay Crossley, and Jeb Boyt.

Commissioner Hennessey presented draft recommendation language which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends that the approved code should include the following to reflect the values in Imagine Austin and best practices for addressing the City's most pressing issues:*

- *Decrease the percentage of the City (roughly 25 percent) that would be exempt from CodeNEXT zoning to eliminate confusion of having two active land development codes;*

- *Increase residential zoning to more ably address the housing affordability crisis and provide more options (including “missing middle” housing);*
- *Further decrease parking minimums in all land use categories, particularly in areas that are supported by high-frequency transit and/or identified as Imagine Austin Activity Corridors*
- *Support additional opportunities for sites to reduce parking requirements;*
- *Increase density not just on identified transit-friendly corridors but within 1/4 mile of those corridors to further shift mode choice away from single-occupancy vehicles; transition zones from corridor should reflect Imagine Austin and extend one to four blocks on either side of the corridor;*
- *Incentivize shared driveways for all types of development to both reduce impervious cover and better manage access points along roadways;*
- *Require that the updated Transportation Criteria Manual reflect the following goals:*
  - *Transportation Impact Analyses should focus less on peak 15-minute period traffic congestion and more on aligning with larger plans and goals, such as the ASMP, Vision Zero, active transportation plans and goals, and Capital Metro operating and capital plans;*
  - *Develop clear analysis requirements that are followed for all projects;*
  - *Specifically, remove level of service (LOS) as a metric and include VMT as a replacement to better align analyses with the City’s goals;*
  - *Create a trip generation model specific to the City of Austin that includes the specific context of the development and location;*
  - *Re-examine the Rough Proportionality and cost-sharing requirements to more directly reflect the impact of the development and not the cost of historical infrastructure;*
  - *Focus on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) rather than supply-side improvements (LOS analysis);*
  - *Develop TDM standards for development that focus on the inclusion of TDM elements rather than trip reduction results;*
- *If additional Transportation Impact Analyses are to be required, appropriately staff DSD and/or ATD in order to review these documents more efficiently.*
- *Exempt parcels within 1/4 mile of Imagine Austin corridors and destinations, and other transit corridors as defined by the City, Capital Metro and other transit agencies of the single-family compatibility constraints.*

**Action taken:** A motion to approve the recommendation was adopted on Commissioner Gins motion, Commissioner Champion second on an 8-2 vote with Commissioners Hosek and Davis voting nay and Commissioner Rangel absent.

## **B. Project Connect – Briefing**

A presentation was made by Javier Argüello, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

No action taken.

## **C. Nomination and Election of Officers – Discussion and Possible Action**

No action taken – this item will be placed on the May 8, 2018 meeting agenda.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Urban Transportation Commission Bylaws and Mission Statement (City Code) – Briefing

Staff liaison Emily Smith gave an update on the ongoing coordination between the Austin Transportation Department, Office of the City Clerk, and the Law Department to determine when the UTC's bylaws will be taken up by the Mobility Committee or the full City Council.

## 6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

C. **Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)** – Emily Smith: in March, the BAC received a briefing on dockless mobility and adopted recommendations regarding the Draft Austin Street Design Guide and the Local Area Traffic Management program.

D. **Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)** – Emily Smith: in April, the PAC received a briefing on dockless mobility and adopted recommendations regarding the Draft Austin Street Design Guide and Transportation Safety Engineering initiatives under Vision Zero.

E. **Vision Zero Task Force** – Weatherby: in March, the task force received briefings on best practices in addressing alcohol-related crashes and an upcoming Texas A&M Transportation Institute research report.

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. Nomination and Election of Officers (May)
- B. Taxicab Operating Authority Draft Ordinance Recommendations (May)
- C. Parking and Transportation Management District Interlocal Agreement (May)
- D. Project Connect funding (Gins, Champion)
- E. 2018 Bond development (Gins, Champion)
- F. Dockless Mobility
- G. Wayfinding
- H. Bus Rapid Transit
- I. Mobility35
- J. Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials (NRHM) Route Designation Plan
- K. Pedestrian Mall
- L. Transit Impact Fee for Special Events

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m. without objection.