



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

**Regular Meeting
9 April 2019**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a meeting on April 9, 2019 at 721 Barton Springs Road (Town Lake Center Room 130) in Austin, Texas.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Daniel Alvarado	Samuel Franco	Michael Wilfley
Kelly Blume	Alex Reyna	
Mario Champion	Cynthia Weatherby	

Commission Members Absent:

Kelly Davis	Daniel Hennessey
Jonathon Gins	D'Ann Johnson

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Dale	Emily Smith	Cheyenne Krause	Marissa Monroy
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff liaison Emily Smith called the commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING CHAIR

A motion to appoint Commissioner Champion as presiding chair of the meeting was approved on Commissioner Weatherby motion, Commissioner Franco second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Wilfley off of the dais and Commissioners Davis, Gins, Hennessey and Johnson absent.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL CALLED MARCH 18, 2019 MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of March 18, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Franco motion, Commissioner Reyna second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Davis, Gins, Hennessey and Johnson absent.

4. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transit Enhancement Program update, including upcoming improvements to Lavaca St and Guadalupe St between 18th St and MLK Blvd – Briefing

A presentation was made by Gordon Derr, Austin Transportation Department and Nadia Barrera-Ramirez, Capital Metro.

B. F#10014-1809 Right-of-Way Vacation of a Portion of Yager Lane – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Kim Vasquez, Office of Real Estate Services.

A motion to approve the right-of-way vacation was adopted on Commissioner Weatherby motion, Commissioner Wilfley second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Davis, Gins, Hennessey and Johnson absent.

C. Application request to create Austin Green Improvement District No. 1 – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Virginia Collier, Planning and Zoning Department. Steven Spears, GroundWork Development and Kathleen Smith, HDR Engineering were also present to address commissioners' questions.

A motion to recommend the creation of Austin Green Improvement District No. 1 failed on Commissioner Wilfley motion, Commissioner Reyna second on a 4-1-2 vote with Commissioners Blume, Reyna, Weatherby, and Wilfley voting for, Commissioner Franco voting against, Commissioners Alvarado and Champion abstaining, and Commissioners Davis, Gins, Hennessey and Johnson absent.

D. Austin Police Department Tow Fee Study and recommended increase of non-consent police tow rate – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Eric Miesse, Austin Police Department and Sonia Lopez-Eads, Austin Police Department. Melissa Frederick, AusTex was also present to address commissioners' questions.

A motion to recommend an increase on non-consent police tows from the current rate of \$150 to \$195 was adopted on Commissioner Wilfley motion, Commissioner Reyna second on a 6-1 vote with Commissioner Champion voting against and Commissioners Davis, Gins, Hennessey and Johnson absent.

E. Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative Final Project Report – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Tonya Swartzendruber, Planning and Zoning David Taylor, Public Works Department.

A motion to support the Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative Final Project was adopted on Commissioner Champion motion, Commissioner Wilfley second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Davis, Gins, Hennessey and Johnson absent.

F. South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan update, including proposal to expand membership of the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board to include a UTC representative – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Sravya Garladenne, Planning and Zoning Department.

A motion to support the proposal to modify the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board (SCWAB) membership ordinance to include a member from the Urban Transportation Commission was adopted on Commissioner Franco motion, Commissioner Weatherby second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Reyna off of the dais Commissioners Davis, Gins, Hennessey and Johnson absent.

G. Nomination and Election of Officers – Discussion and Possible Action

A motion to elect Mario Champion as Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission was adopted on Commissioner Franco motion, Commissioner Weatherby second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Reyna off of the dais and Commissioners Davis, Gins, Hennessey and Johnson absent.

A motion to elect Dan Hennessey as Vice Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission was adopted on Commissioner Champion motion, Commissioner Weatherby second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Reyna off of the dais and Commissioners Davis, Gins, Hennessey and Johnson absent.

6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Downtown Commission** – No update.
- B. Joint Sustainability Committee** – No update.
- C. Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)** – In March the BAC received a briefing on Safe Systems Design and Vision Zero and adopted recommendations regarding the draft responsible rider ordinance and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan final draft.
- D. Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)** – In April the PAC received a briefing on upcoming improvements to Lavaca St and Guadalupe St between 18th and W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd and adopted two recommendations regarding Land Development Code revision.
- E. City Council Mobility Committee** – In April the Mobility Committee received briefings regarding the 2016 Bond Corridor Construction Program, the coordination of housing and transportation planning and bond implementation, dockless mobility.

F. Project Connect Advisory Network – No update.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A.** Dockless mobility update including proposed ordinance amending City Code Section 12-1 (Traffic Regulation and Administration) and 12-2 (Bicycles) relating to the safe operation of micro-mobility devices (Staff; May)
- B.** Audit Report: City Coordination in the Right of Way (Johnson; TBD)
- C.** Transit Review Process in Zoning Change Requests and Site Plan Applications (Davis, Champion; TBD)
- D.** Street Impact Fees (Gins; TBD)
- E.** Land Development Code (Davis; TBD)
- F.** Capitol Complex (Champion; TBD)
- G.** Austin Green PUD application (Franco; TBD)
- H.** Ground transportation update (Wilfley; TBD)

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Champion adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. without objection.