



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

**Regular Meeting  
13 August 2019**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a meeting on August 13, 2019 at 721 Barton Springs Road (Town Lake Center Room 130) in Austin, Texas.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Kelly Blume	Samuel Franco	Allie Runas
Mario Champion	Daniel Hennessey	Cynthia Weatherby

**Commission Members Absent:**

Daniel Alvarado	Kelly Davis	Alex Reyna	Michael Wilfley
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**City Staff in Attendance:**

Emily Smith	Cheyenne Krause	Jason Redfern
Jim Dale	Kim McKnight	Jacob Culberson

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Mario Champion called the commission meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 9, 2019 MEETING**

The July minutes were approved on Commissioner Hennessey motion, Commissioner Runas second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Alvarado, Davis, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

3. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Carlos León

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs – Discussion and Possible Action**

A presentation was made by Kim McKnight, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

A motion to support the Austin Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan was approved on Commissioner Champion motion, Commissioner Weatherby second on a 6 - 0 vote with Commissioners Alvarado, Davis, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

**B. Pedicab and group cycle businesses: operational boundaries and use of electric pedal-assist motors – Discussion and Possible Action**

A presentation was made by Jacob Culberson, Mobility Services Division Manager, and Jason Redfern, Parking Enterprise Manager, Austin Transportation Department.

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

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends City Council convert the electric-assist pedicab pilot program into a permanent program which applies to pedicab and group cycles, applicable to 100% of permitted rides for hire, and available within the entire city of Austin.*

A motion to approve the recommendation was approved on Commissioner Hennessey motion, Commissioner Runas second on a 6 - 0 vote with Commissioners Alvarado, Davis, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

### **C. Recommendation regarding Speed Management Program draft framework – Discussion and Possible Action**

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

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends that City Council fund Austin Transportation Department's Speed Management Program in the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget with an operating budget which allows wide-spread and robustly implemented engineering solutions and community outreach/education programs;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UTC recommends that Speed Management programs include dedicated funds for both existing and future streets to achieve safe bike and pedestrian experiences.*

A motion to approve the recommendation was approved on Commissioner Hennessey motion, Commissioner Champion second on a 6 - 0 vote with Commissioners Alvarado, Davis, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

## **5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Downtown Commission** – On July 17 the commission approved a recommendation requesting that Austin Transportation review criteria for downtown right of way management to better mitigate the impact of street closures and construction staging on bike lanes.
- B. Joint Sustainability Committee** – No update.
- C. Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)** – On July 16 the BAC received a briefing regarding speed management and approved a recommendation regarding Duval St from San Jacinto Blvd to 53<sup>rd</sup>.
- D. Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)** – On August 5 the PAC approved recommendations regarding electric-assist pedicab regulation, redesigning railroad crossings for safety of bicyclists and pedestrians, and speed management.
- E. City Council Mobility Committee** – No update.
- F. Project Connect Advisory Network** – No update.

## **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A.** Austin Green PUD application and TIA review (Franco; August or October)
- B.** E-bikes and E-scooters on Austin Trails Pilot Program (Champion, Weatherby; October)
- C.** Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2045 Transportation Plan (Davis, Wilfley; November)
- D.** Congress Ave Urban Design Initiative - Pedestrian Advisory Council recommendations (Champion and Hennessey; TBD)
- E.** Land Development Code (Davis; TBD)
- F.** Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Davis; TBD)

## **7. ADJOURNMENT** Commissioner Champion adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. without objection.