

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

Special Called Meeting 11 September 2020

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a meeting on September 11, 2020 via videoconference.

## **Commission Members in Attendance:**

Daniel Alvarado Samuel Franco Susan Somers
Mario Champion – Chair Daniel Hennessey – Vice Chair Athena Leyton
Kelly Davis Alex Reyna Cynthia Weatherby

**Commission Members Absent:** 

Allie Runas Michael Wilfley

#### CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Champion called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 5, 2020 MEETING

The August 5, 2020 minutes were approved on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Runas and Wilfley absent and Commissioners Franco and Reyna not yet present.

#### 2. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Nomination and Election of Officers – Discussion and Possible Action

A motion to elect Mario Champion as Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission through April 2021 was adopted on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Runas and Wilfley absent and Commissioner Reyna not yet present. A motion to elect Susan Somers as Vice Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission through April 2021 was adopted on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Runas and Wilfley absent. A motion to elect Kelly Davis as Parliamentarian of the Urban Transportation Commission through April 2021 was adopted on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Runas and Wilfley absent.

#### B. 2019-2020 Annual Internal Review and Report – Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioner Champion presented a draft Annual Review, which was approved on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Runas and Wilfley absent.

#### C. Draft 2020 Austin Climate Equity Plan – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Zach Baumer and Celine Rendon of the Office of Sustainability. No action taken.

#### D. Healthy Streets program update – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Laura Dierenfield and Anna Martin of Austin Transportation.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends City Council make the Healthy Streets Program permanent, with the understanding that the exact streets, and legal and

physical mechanisms for prioritizing people while allowing local traffic and public transportation, can be adjusted by the Administrators in the appropriate departments.

A motion to approve the recommendation was adopted on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Franco, Runas and Wilfley absent.

#### 3. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff and Commissioners gave updates regarding the Joint Sustainability Commission, Bicycle Advisory Council, Pedestrian Advisory Council, and the City Council Mobility Committee.

#### 4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Recommendation regarding the Austin Community Climate Plan update (Davis; October)
- B. Smart Trips Austin (Staff; October)
- C. Corridor Program Office update (Somers; TBD)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Champion adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m. without objection.