



Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) Meeting Minutes

Special Called Meeting
February 8th 2022

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a meeting on February 8th, 2022 via videoconference.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Susan Somers	Allison Runas
Cecilla Ramos	James Driscoll
Ruven Brooks	Samuel Franco
Diana Wheeler	Athena Leyton
Mario Champion	

Commission Members Absent:

Nathan Ryan
Cynthia Weatherby

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Champion called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 6th, 2021 MEETING

The December 6th, 2021 minutes were approved on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Ryan and Weatherby absent.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Harvey St Right of Way Vacation Application

A motion to approve the application as applied was approved on a 8-0 vote with Commissioners Ryan and Weatherby absent. Commissioner Franco abstained

B. Project Connect Blue Line Bridge

No action taken on this item.

C. Vehicle Booting City Code Amendment

A motion to approve the recommendation from staff concerning Vehicle Booting City Code Amendment was presented and approved on a unanimous 9-0 vote with Commissioners Ryan and Weatherby absent. No abstentions. Draft recommendation language was discussed and after debate and amendment, read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the UTC supports Austin Transportation Departments recommendation that code §13-7-42 be amended to authorize vehicle immobilization companies to allow an option for customers to self-remove a booting device upon their own vehicle with the following stipulations:

1. Customers shall retain the ability to request the company remove the booting device within one hour of requesting removal.
2. Customers shall not be required to provide a deposit.

3.A secured, well-lit receptacle shall be available upon every property where customer removal of a booting device occurs, so that a customer may return the boot safely and without having to travel to another location.

D. Recommendation Requesting Council to Consistently Consider Strategic Mobility Plan Land Use Policy Goals Prior to All Land Use Decisions

Draft recommendation language was discussed and after debate and amendment, read as follows.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission requests that Council take actions and adopt policies to ensure that all boards and commission involved in land use decisions are aware of both the adopted Strategic Mobility Plan land use policies and the final Project Connect routes
The UTC recommends that Council take the following actions:

- Request that the Planning Department prepare rankings into major groups of the potential of each of the current zoning classifications for achieving transit supportive density. In addition to considering the maximum number of units per square mile permitted under these classifications, the rankings should also consider current usage practices for each classification.

- Request that whenever the Planning Commission or the Zoning and Platting Commission considers a case that is within a quarter mile the Transit Priority Network and recommends a classification which is significantly lower in the ranking than the one requested by the applicant, they be asked to include the specific considerations which caused them to prefer the lower ranked zoning in their recommendation to Council.

- Request that the Planning Department annually supply Council and the Planning and Zoning and Platting commissions with maps showing current residence and employment density along Project Connect routes and the change over the last five years. The maps should be made at fine enough level of detail, such as census block groups, so that the potential impact of land use changes can be estimated.

- In any consideration of land development code changes, proposals need to be evaluated on the total number of new units produced, and by income and other data from the Racial Equity Anti-Displacement Tool for their impact on transit supportive density along the Transit Priority Network.

A motion to approve the recommendation as amended was approved on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Ryan and Weatherby absent. No abstentions

3. Staff and Committee Reports

- A. Downtown Commission: Commissioner Cynthia Weatherby.
- B. Joint Sustainability Commission: Commissioner Diana Wheeler
- C. Bicycle Advisory Council: Commissioner Athena Leyton
- D. Pedestrian Advisory Council: Commissioner Allie Runas
- E. City Council Mobility Committee: Commissioner Mario Champion

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Highway Funding (TDB; Brooks)**
- **TDM Update (TBD; Somers)**
- **ASMP Update (TBD; Brooks)**
- **Project Connect Racial Equity Anti-Displacement Tool (TBD; Somers)**
- **Red River Extension (TBD; Champion)**
- **Right of Way Vacation- Harvey St(TBD; Brooks)**
- **Movability Contract (TBD;ATD)**
- **Street Impact Fee (TBD;ATD)**
- **TCM Updates (TBD;ATD)**
- **Red River Realignment Updates (TBD;ATD)**
- **Red River Extension (TBD;ATD)**
- **TDM Update (TBD;ATD)**
- **ATD 2022 Transportation Budget Overview(TBD;ATD)**
- **PWD 2022 Transportation Budget Overview(TBD;ATD)**
- **Living Streets Update(TBD;ATD)**
- **Signal Timing(TBD;ATD)**
- **ROW Informative Brief(TBD;ATD)**
- **Walnut Creek Trail Updates(TBD;PWD)**
- **Office of Special Events Brief(TBD;ATD)**
- **Metro Bike update(TBD;ATD)**
- **Placemaking update (TBD;ATD)**
- **Highway Safety Improvement Program(TBD;ATD)**
- **Safe Routes to School Update (TBD; PWD)**
- **Mobility Action Plan Updates(TBD: ATD)**

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Champion adjourned the meeting at 8:00p.m. without objection.