



Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting
June 7th 2022

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a meeting on June 7th, 2022 via videoconference.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Mario Champion	Ruven Brooks
Susan Somers	Athena Leyton
Cynthia Weatherby	Samuel Franco
Allison Runas	

Commission Members Absent:

Diana Wheeler
James Driscoll
Cecilla Ramos

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 3rd 2022 MEETING

The May 3rd, 2022 minutes were approved on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Wheeler, Driscoll and Ramos absent.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Right of Way Vacation- Sky Mountain Drive

A motion was made by Chair Champion to approve the application as applies and was approved on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Wheeler, Driscoll and Ramos absent. No abstentions

B. Equitable Transit Oriented Development Update

No action taken on this item.

C. MetroBike Update

No action taken on this item

D. North Congress Avenue Plaza: State Preservation Board

A motion was made by Chair Champion to approve a recommendation concerning the North Congress Avenue Plaza. The recommendation was approved on a unanimous 7-0 vote with Commissioners Wheeler, Driscoll and Ramos absent. No abstentions. Draft recommendation language was discussed and after debate and amendment, read as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The UTC recommends the City Manager direct Austin Transportation Department and other City of Austin departments to be integrally involved in determining resourcing for the design and implementation to work together with the State Preservation Board and other necessary State of Texas agencies including UT Austin, to address placemaking opportunities, including safe access and pedestrian connections to complete the Texas Capitol Mall project at North Congress Avenue and MLK Jr. Boulevard.

E. Bike Lane Bounty Program

A motion was made by Chair Champion to approve a recommendation concerning the Bikelane Blockage Program. The recommendation was approved on a unanimous 7-0 vote with

Commissioners Wheeler, Driscoll and Ramos absent. No abstentions. Draft recommendation language was discussed and after debate and amendment, read as follows:

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Urban Transportation Commission recommends the Mobility Committee and Council members, in order to make citations for blocking a bike lane a more effective and functional disincentive, pursue the follow actions:

- to alter any relevant ordinances requiring a posted sign explicitly making parking in the bike lane a citable offense, and instead to create as a default the reverse position of sanctioned parking in a bike lane ONLY where it is explicitly posted as allowed
- to create and implement any required ordinance and awareness campaign that no bike lanes are to be blocked by vehicle unless explicitly posted as allowed, including bike lanes demarcated by paint, flex posts, bollards, curbs, planters or any other system
- to engage in a city-wide awareness campaign to create a general common knowledge that blocking a bike line will result in a citation, except where explicitly allowed by posted signage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Urban Transportation Commission recommends the Mobility Committee and Council members undertake to develop and implement a program which provides to any individual using the 3-1-1 mobile application and system to provide current photo evidence of a vehicle blocking a bike lane to receive 25% of the revenue collected by the city for that citation issued;

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

- **I-35 Update (Somers, Champion)**
- **TDM Update (Weatherby; Somers)**
- **Signal Timing (Ramos;Leyton)**
- **ROW Informative Brief (Runas;Somers)**
- **Walnut Creek Trail Updates (Champion;Leyton)**
- **Office of Special Events Brief (Somers;Champion)**
- **Placemaking update (Somers;Ramos)**
- **Highway Safety Improvement Program (Somers;Driscoll)**
- **Safe Routes to School Update (Somers; Leyton)**
- **Bike lane Bounty Program (Champion; Leyton)**
- **E-Bike Pilot Program(Champion; Leyton)**
- **South Central Waterfront Regulating Plan Presentation(Franco; Champion)**
- **Mobility Action Plan Updates(Somers; Champion)**

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Champion adjourned the meeting at 7:30p.m. without objection.

The June 7th, 2022, meeting minutes were approved on this the 5th day of July 2022 on Commissioner Runas, Commissioner Champion second on 8-0 vote with commissioners Franco and Martinez-Gonzalez absent.