



**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
12 January 2010**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on 12 January 2010 at the Boards and Commissions Room located at 303 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair MacKinnon called the Commission meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Richard MacKinnon – Chair
Dustin Lanier – Vice Chair
Boone Blocker
Allen Demling
Dana Lockler
Eileen Schaubert

Commission Members Absent:

Sheila Holbrook-White

Staff in Attendance:

Gordon Derr
Steve Grassfield
Scott Gross
Gilda Powers

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Mr. Tom Wald, citizen, addressed the Commissioners in favor of the Nueces Bicycle Boulevard project.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of 12/08/2009 were approved with a revised language to Item 4-C to reflect Chair MacKinnon's comments regarding the Texting While Driving Ordinance, on Commissioner Lanier motion, Commissioner Schaubert second on a 5/2 vote, with Commissioners Locker and Holbrook-White absent at the time of the vote.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Metro Fare Increase – Update and Possible Action

Ms. Dinita Caldwell, Community Involvement Coordinator with Capital Metro, gave an update on the upcoming changes to the fare and schedules of Capital Metro services. The service and frequency changes will become effective January 17, 2010, and the fares increases will take effect on January 18, 2010.

B. Taxicab Rate Change – Presentation and Possible Action

Mr. Steve Grassfield, Acting Parking Enterprise Manager with the Austin Transportation Department presented the fare increase being proposed by the franchisees and supported by

staff. Several taxicab drivers and taxicab company owners addressed the Commissioners and expressed opinions both in favor and against the proposed increase. After discussion and on Commissioner Lockler motion, Commissioner Schaubert second and a vote of 6/1, with Commissioner Holbrook-White absent, this item was postponed to the February meeting to allow staff and Commissioners time to research some questions raised during the meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Strategic Mobility Program and Urban Rail - Update

Mr. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department provided an update on the City's Urban Rail program and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan. He said the Austin Transportation Department will provide monthly updates to the UTC that will highlight the current progress over the past month, the anticipated progress for the next month, upcoming events, and significant issues.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

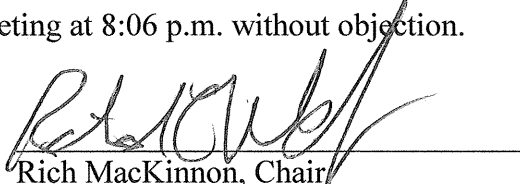
- Staff Briefings - None
- Downtown Commission – Board member Lanier said there is an interest in the parking garages in the downtown area and would like an update on the parking operations.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee – The subcommittee will meet on January 25th.
- CAMPO – Mr. Derr said there was no meeting in December, but CAMPO will meet in two weeks to look at TIP and the 2035 plan adoption and alternatives.
- CSAC – Chair MacKinnon gave an update on Capital Metro.
- SCIP – None

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Special Events Appeals
- Pedicabs permits
- New Pay Stations update and comparison of revenue between both systems
- Review Special Events Affidavit system – Prepared by promoters
- Special Events Rules review and update
- Valet Operations – Update
- Parking and garages operation in the downtown area
- Vehicles for hire – Revise the need to have space in the city to be more involved

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair MacKinnon adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. without objection.


Rich MacKinnon, Chair
Urban Transportation Commission

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