



Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

**Regular Meeting
11 May 2010**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on 11 May 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 6:07 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Richard MacKinnon – Chair
Dustin Lanier – Vice Chair
Boone Blocker
Allen Demling
Sheila Holbrook-White
Dana Lockler
Eileen Schaubert

Commission Members Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Gordon Derr
Jim Robertson
Frances Hargrove
Annick Beaudet
Gilda Powers

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Citizen Clare Barry asked to keep future options open to connect downtown to South Austin and to utilize vehicles similar to the ones used on the Red Line connecting where the Union Pacific rail line currently exists.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of 04/13/2010 were approved on Commissioner Demling motion, Commissioner Holbrook-White second, on a 7/0 vote.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Waller Creek Master Plan – Presentation and Possible Recommendation

Mr. Jim Robertson, Manager with Development Services briefed the Commissioners on the Waller Creek Master Plan including the project structure and existing conditions. He said the Master Plan articulates the community's vision and recommends its appropriate physical form. The Plan details are: a vision for environmental restoration and ecological

repair; connectivity to extend existing roads within the district and incorporate bicycle and pedestrian facilities and add new ones where needed; and to achieve development through investment and population increase in the district. Development Services recommends a phasing system with improvements to the south end to start first. No action was taken.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Strategic Mobility Program and Urban Rail – Project Prioritization Process Methodology – Briefing

Mr. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department gave an update on the City's Strategic Mobility Plan and Urban Rail Program. He explained the prioritization process and said the A, B, C list will be available after the Citizens Task Force and Council members have an opportunity to review it. At the June meeting he will be able to share the list and explained in more detail the projects, the ranking and methodology used to place projects on each list.

B. Final Presentation: Downtown Bicycle Boulevard – Presentation and Possible Recommendation

Ms. Annick Beaudet, Project Manager with the Public Works Department, presented a 3D animated video of the proposed Downtown Bicycle Boulevard. She was assisted by a member of Angelou Economic Group who explained in more detail the Economic Impact Study that was done in the corridor. Several citizens addressed the Commissioners. After discussion, on Commissioner Schaubert motion, Commissioner Demling second, on a 7/0 vote, the motion to support staff recommendation to implement the Downtown Bicycle Boulevard, was approved.

C. Special Events Updates Briefing

Mr. Derr and Ms. Frances Hargrove, Special Events Manager, provided an update on the status of the Special Events Ordinance and Rules. The Commissioners asked for the Rules to be posted on the Austin Transportation website to make it accessible to everyone that wish to see them. A request was also made to have APD command instruct officers to assist with routing and to inform the public to use 311 to report any issue during an event. The promoter assured the Commissioners they will make sure citizens know there is a command post at 311 to assist with last minute problems.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Staff Briefings – See item 4-A
- Downtown Commission - None
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee – The next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2010 to discuss a sidewalk resolution and draft of a work plan for the subcommittee.
- CAMPO – The 2035 Plan will be adopted on May 24th. The draft plan has over 200 amendments.
- SCIP – None

- CTF – Commissioners Blocker and Holbrook-White, members of the Transportation Bond Citizens Task Force, gave a briefing on the information received by the CTF on the bond capacity.
- Resolution 60 – Task Force – Commissioner Lanier informed the Task Force will continue having meetings with the taxicab stakeholders to reach a recommendation by the resolution deadline.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Special Events Appeals
- New Pay Stations update and comparison of revenue between both systems
- Ground Transportation Issues
 - a. Vehicles for Hire – Spaces available in the City
 - b. Taxicab stands in entertainment district
 - c. Low Speed Vehicles Category
 - d. Pedicab permits
- Parking Operation – Garages in Downtown
- Seaholm Redevelopment – Rail Option across Town Lake
- Special Events Rules / Ordinance Update

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair MacKinnon adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. without objection.

Richard MacKinnon, Chair
Urban Transportation Commission

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