



## APPROVED MINUTES

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting  
29 March 2010**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee of the Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on 20, March, 2010 at the One Texas Center Building, located at 505 Barton Spring Road, Suite 800, Austin, Texas.

#### **Sub-Committee Members in Attendance:**

Eileen Schaubert - Chair  
Allen Demling  
Sheila Holbrook-White

#### **Sub-Committee Members Absent:**

None

#### **Staff in Attendance:**

Annick Beaudet  
Gilda Powers

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Schaubert called the Sub-committee meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

### **2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS - GENERAL**

Commissioner Holbrook-White read a proposed resolution to finish Austin's sidewalks system that was submitted via email by a citizen. The Commissioners will review the proposed resolution and will bring the item back at a future meeting.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Update on the Sidewalk Master Plan**

Ms. Annick Beaudet, Project Manager with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program of the Public Works Department briefed the Commissioners on the plan. She said staff is working on some issues, specifically with the GIS base tool box that still requires some quality control to the data, but that no changes have been made to the plan. Questions were raised about where do the bus stops fit in the Sidewalk Master Plan, the streets upgrade around South Congress, and on the overall plan. Staff will provide updates at future meetings.

#### **b. Update on the Intersection Improvements using Stimulus Funds**

A brief update was given by Ms. Beaudet about these improvements. They are being handled by the Transportation Department through their Signals Division. The Commissioners asked for the possibility of some type of pedestrian signals for the blind, like auditory / talking or countdown pedestrian signals. They also asked staff to look at the pedestrian cycle at the

intersection of East Cesar Chavez Street at Lavaca and Guadalupe Streets where pedestrians are being left stranded in the medians.

#### **4. STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of forming a Task Force to review pedestrian facilities, the 2000 Bond Package, and design standards for sidewalks, signals, etc., as they are adopted by TxDOT. The Commissioners requested an update of the Strategic Mobility Plan and Urban Rail at the next regular UTC meeting. Staff explained that a briefing to the full UTC is planned on a monthly basis to keep the Commissioners abreast of the process.

#### **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Update on the Sidewalk Resolution that will be revised in May
- South Congress improvement projects
- Possibility of having a presentation on Context Sensitive Design
- Review of proposed Resolution to Finish Austin's Sidewalk System in Our Lifetimes

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Schaubert adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m. without objection.

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Eileen Schaubert, Commissioner  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Chair

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