

Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting 12 October 2010

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

Commission Members in Attendance:

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

Commission Members Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Gordon Derr Annick Beaudet Nadia Barrera Gilda Powers

Chair Lanier called the Commission meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Mr. Brian Rodgers and Mr. Dick Kallerman, members of the Impact Fee Advisory Committee made a brief presentation about proposed roadway impact fees. They will return in November to do a full presentation.

Mr. Scott Johnson talked about distracted drivers due to the use of cell phones. Also said he would like to see taxicab franchises retrofit their fleet of vehicles to use compressed natural gas instead of gasoline.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 09/14/2010 meeting were approved on Commissioner Holbrook-White motion, Commissioner Schaubert second, on a 7/0 vote.

Ayes:Lanier, Blocker, Demling, Holbrook-White, Lockler, MacKinnon, SchaubertNays:NoneAbstain:NoneAbsent:None

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Metro Updates - Discussion and Possible Action

Ms. Alissa Schram, Community Involvement Coordinator and Mr. Randy Hume, Executive Vice-President of Finance with Capital Metro gave a presentation about the proposed fare increase and service changes to take effect in January 2011. <u>No Action taken.</u>

B. Center for Transportation Research (CTR) Report on Sharrows, Bicycle Boxes, Colored Lanes – Discussion and Possible Action

Ms. Annick Beaudet, Program Consultant with the Public Works Department and Dr. Randy Machemehl, with the Center for Transportation Research (CTR) at the University of Texas in Austin presented a report with the conclusion of the study by the UT CTR on the four experimental bicycle safety devices that were piloted for a period of approximately one year in Austin. Dr. Machemehl was accompanied by other members of his research group. He thanked the City of Austin Neighborhood Connectivity Division, the Signals Division, and the Transportation Department leadership for their support. <u>No Action taken.</u>

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Staff Briefings The recommendations for the taxicab industry were accepted by the City Council and City Manager. Mr. Derr will provide an update at a later meeting as the task force continues to work on other ground transportation issues.
- **b**) Downtown Commission None
- c) Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Waiting on confirmation from presenter to set up conference call.
- **d**) CAMPO None
- e) SCIP Commissioner Lockler said the East Riverside Corridor committee will meet on the week of October 13th. He will report on the discussion at next meeting.
- f) CSAC None
- **g**) Commissioners MacKinnon and Schaubert attended a meeting with representatives from the City of Denver.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Urban Rail Update
 - o National Environmental impact of Rail
 - o Alternatives for Urban Rail
- South Congress Improvements Updated
- Bike Sharing Programs
- Extended Hours / Valet / Commercial Zones, etc.

- Parking for Bicycles in downtown
- Economic impact due to street closures in downtown
- Residential Parking Program
- Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program
- Impact Fee Advisory Committee
- Joint Subcommittee on Parking Issues
- 2010 Transportation Bond Implementation of Projects if Bond passes

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lanier adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m. without objection

Approved Minutes ____

Dustin Lanier – Chair Urban Transportation Commission

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