

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2, 2015 – 6:00 PM CITY HALL STAFF BULL PEN 301 W 2ND STREET AUSTIN, TEXAS 78704

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS (6:00 6:05)
- CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL (6:05 6:08)
 The first 3 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (6:08 6:10)
- 4. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFINGS (6:10 6:15)
 A. Bicycle Advisory Council / Urban Transportation Commission
 B. Surgeon General's Call to Action on Walking
- 5. Staff Briefings (6:15 6:45)
 - **A.** Safe Routes to School Briefing and Possible Action Presentation by: Alan de Anda, Chelsea Donahue, Public Works Department

6. **PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE** (6:45 – 7:00)

A. Vision Zero Update – Discussion and Possible Action Presentation by: Nic Moe, Project Subcommittee Chair

7. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE (7:00 – 7:20)

- A. Construction Barriers Briefing and Possible Action Presentation by: Peter Baird, Technical Subcommittee Chair
- **B.** Sidewalk Master Plan Briefing Presentation by: Peter Baird, Technical Subcommittee Chair

8. OTHER BUSINESS (7:20 – 7:45)

- A. Bylaw Amendments Discussion and Possible Action Presentation by: Robert Anderson, PAC Staff
- **B.** Alternate Member Vacancies Discussion and Possible Action

9. FUTURE BUSINESS (7:45 – 7:50) A. First Annual Report

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPDATES (7:50 - 8:00)

- <u>Urban Transportation Commission</u> meets on February 10, 6pm. The meeting is held in Board and Commissions at City Hall.
- <u>Bicycle Advisory Council</u> meets February 17, 6pm. Location to be determined.
- Proposed changes City Council Committees includes replacing the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee with a Mobility Committee to include all transportation aspects, including pedestrianism. Council will hold a public hearing on January 22 and plan to take up this (among many proposed changes) proposed change at the first meeting, set for January 29, 2015.
- <u>A Resident's Guide for Creating Safer a Communities for Walking and Biking</u> includes information, ideas, and resources to help residents learn about issues that affect walking and biking conditions; find ways to address or prevent these problems; and promote pedestrian and bicyclist safety. The Guide provides examples from other communities working to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and also contains fact sheets, worksheets, and sample materials that can be distributed or adapted to meet the needs of a community. References to other resources and materials are also provided.
- Update: national safety performance measures A directive in the 2015 federal Omnibus Appropriations Act passed in December requires the US DOT to establish and define a separate set of measures for non-motorized safety. Separating non-motorized users from motorized is important in creating transportation networks that are safe for all—and especially important when overall fatalities are down, but those bicycling are increasingly killed and those walking aren't seeing improvements. Representative Larson (WA), Representative DeFazio (OR), and Delegate Holmes Norton (DC) have asked the Government Accountability Office to study the causes of non-motorized fatalities, including the influences of speeding and road design. Read more >>

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Staff has the ability to enable remote access attendance.

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