



**Mobility Committee  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
25 March 2015**

The Mobility Committee convened in a regular meeting on 25, *March 2015* in Austin, Texas.

Chair Ann Kitchen called the committee Meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

**Chair Ann Kitchen**

**Vice Chair Sheri Gallo**

**Council Member Delia Garza**

**Council Member Don Zimmerman**

**Staff in Attendance:**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes to approve.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

List name of speaker(s) and brief description of topic. *(Speakers will be allowed time to address concerns regarding items not on the agenda. The number of speakers and the length of time they are allowed to speak are governed by the board's bylaws. Requiring citizens to register before the meeting starts is recommended so the chair knows who is speaking.)*

1. David Wittie, ADAPT Texas – Concerned about poor performance and wheelchair-accessible services from taxicabs.
2. Kris Bailey, Go Green – Represents a low-speed electric vehicle group, was also a member of the TNC stakeholder group. Wanted to highlight latest developments on what has happened since TNC temporary ordinance was adopted last year; concerned about TNC regulations vs. everyone else. Concerns include the need for a chauffeur license.
3. Merga Geoneda, Taxi Drivers Association; Concerned about unfair competition with TNCs; stated there is not enough regulation over TNCs.
4. Ed Kargbo, President, Yellow Cab Austin – Wants to provide citywide access to ADA vehicles; emphasized the need to focus on all ground transportation options; feels the taxicab industry takes up the burden of providing 24/7 citywide access, as opposed to TNCs.
5. Dave Passmore, President, Austin Taxi Drivers Association – Spoke in support of compensation, insurance, and workplace protection for taxicab drivers ; stated drivers do not currently receive any benefits.
6. Chris Nielsen, Electric Cab of Austin – Concerned about TNCs and the issuance of their own chauffeur licenses; stated his company is not losing out on competition, but drivers; also concerned about TNC training, and permit regulations.
7. Gerard Kinney, Resident – Feels land use and transportation issues need to be discussed in coordination with each other.

8. **Lenell Ripley, Lyft Driver** – Wanted to let the public know there are TNC regulations in place; stated there is a rigorous background check for Lyft and vehicles had to be inspected; also said “star system” is in place to keep drivers in check.
9. **David King, Resident** – Concerned about policies on how the City manages growth and MOPAC flyover.
10. **D’Ann Johnson, ADA Advocate** – Concerned about the lack of the number of wheelchair-accessible taxicabs and limited green vehicle incentives.
11. **Billy Carter, Carter Transportation Services** - Stressed that Council needs to revisit the TNC landscape; concerns TNC regulations are not on par with other ground transportation options.

### **3. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. **Transportation Network Company (TNC) Working Group overview and staff recommendation for regulatory framework; update on TNC operations at the airport; legislative update on TNCs.**  
**Presenters: Carlton Thomas, Infrastructure Operations Division Manager, Austin Transportation; Samantha Alexander, Public Information and Marketing Manager, Austin Transportation**
- b. **Proposed code amendment related to taxi services and task force recommendations.**  
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- c. **Taxicab franchise renewal process.**  
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- d. **Proposed code amendment relating to requirements for charter services.**  
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### **4. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

## **5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **6. FUTURE ITEMS**

- a. **Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Briefing** – Briefing by Austin Transportation staff on upcoming CAMPO Policy Board items
- b. **Briefing on funding sources.**

### **7. ADJOURN**

**Chair Ann Kitchen adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.. without objection. *(No motion, second or vote is required to adjourn the meeting unless there is an objection to adjourning.)***