



**Mobility Committee
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2015**

The Mobility Committee convened in a regular meeting on April 8, 2015 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Ann Kitchen called the committee Meeting to order at 3:05 p.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

The minutes from the 4/1/15 meeting were approved on Commissioner Garza motion; Commissioner Zimmerman second; the motion passed on a 3/0 vote. Commissioner Gallo absent for vote.

Ayes:	Kitchen, Garza, Zimmerman
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Gallo

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Heyden Walker, Urban Planner: Travel demand management in the CAMPO plan; concerned there is no funding to deal with travel demand management; applauds City for efforts toward travel demand management.

John Laycock, AURA: Believes City of Austin is making a major contribution to the CAMPO plan, but feels the City should make substantive changes to the CAMPO plan before providing support.

Joseph Iley: Wants background checks on TNC drives.

Michael Elder ceded time to Hannah Riddering, Taxi Driver: Concerned taxi drivers have to pay ad valorem taxes and TNC drivers do not have to pay ad valorem tax.

Susan Engleking: Proposed a market approach to transit: “Tiny Transit” consisting of a mini grid.

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

3. Consider and develop recommendations relating to proposed amendments to City Code Chapter 13-2 to revise requirements for taxi services.

Presenter: Carlton Thomas, Austin Transportation

4. Consider and develop recommendations relating to the renewal of the taxicab franchises for Austin Cab I, Incorporated d.b.a. Austin Cab, the Greater Austin Transportation Company, d.b.a. Yellow Dab Company, and the Lone Star Cab Company

Presenter: Carlton Thomas, Austin Transportation

Discussed timeline and proposed council readings, consequences of letting franchise agreements expire; franchise expectations, specifically focused on accessibility and green fleets; extension options; franchise recommendations; possible state regulations for TNCs;

Speakers for items 3 and 4

Michael Elder: Discussed dispatch concerns and his recommendations for improvements.

Joseph Iley: Favors extending agreements for a year; concerned about accessibility.

Ed Kargbo: Favors reporting requirements; offered up taxi data and to meet with committee members.

Hannah Riddering: Feels “The Formula” works, though it may need to be tweaked, concerned about dispatch acceptance; supports green vehicle incentives;

Brad Ryker: Concerned over the loss of taxicab drivers to TNCs;

Helwoza Lovitz: Believes the taxicab industry needs to improve and welcomes accessibility improvements

Syed Pervatr, ceded time to David Passmore: Requested committee take time to make decision.

Joan Khabele: Wants an increase in taxicab permits.

Action for item 3: No action taken.

Action for item 4: On a single motion and second, the committee forwarded this item to Council with a recommendation of extending the current agreements and ordinance structure.

BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Capital Area Metropolitan Organization – CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan

Presenter: Gordon Derr, Assistant Director, Austin Transportation

Briefed committee on City of Austin comments related to CAMPO 2040 Plan.

Speakers:

Tom Farrell, Mayor of Rollingwood: Concerned about proposed plans on MOPAC south; objects to plans as presented and wants to make sure input from Rollingwood residents are considered.

Amber Elenz, Board Member AISD: Concerned about CAMPO's impact on Austin High School.

6. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization – upcoming CAMPO policy board items
Presenter: Gordon Derr, Assistant Director, Austin Transportation

Committee briefed on staff recommendations related to CAMPO items 4A, 5 and 7.

7. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization briefing relating to grant submittals for bike and pedestrian projects
Presenter: Laura Dierenfield, Manager, Active Transportation Program, Austin Transportation

Briefing on leveraging grant opportunities and projects currently under review.

FUTURE ITEMS

8. Briefing and discussion on Congestion Action Plan
9. Briefing and discussion of proposed Strategic Mobility Plan to address all transportation modes
10. Briefing on approach to the impact of land use projects on transportation infrastructure including Rough Proportionality Concept
11. Briefing on Pressler Extension – traffic study findings
12. Briefing on Mobility Corridor Plans

7. ADJOURN

Chair Ann Kitchen adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m. without objection. (*No motion, second or vote is required to adjourn the meeting unless there is an objection to adjourning.*)