



**PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
TUESDAY JULY 5, 2016 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – ROOM 1029
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Chair Joe Almazan

Full Members in Attendance:

Joe Almazan – Chair
Heyden Walker – Vice Chair
Peter Baird

Girard Kinney
Tom Wald

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Janet Beinke
Patricia Schaub

Carmen de la Morena
Mike Sledge

Absent Members:

Nancy Crowther (excused)
Valerie Fruge (excused)
Robert Anderson (excused)
Emily Risinger
Julio Carillo

Zakcq Lockrem
Luke Urie
Marva Overton (excused)
Kathy Rock

Staff in Attendance:

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation

Guests in Attendance:

Amir Emamian, Public Works/Safe Routes to School
James Bailey, TxDOT
John Woodley, ADA

James Hoskins, Capital Metro
Sabrina McCarty, Austin/Travis County Health and
Human Services Department

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Scott Johnson - shared his concerns with the public process leading up to City Council's action on June 23rd as well as his funding priorities for the potential November 2016 Mobility Bond Program.

2. APPROVAL OF JUNE MEETING SUMMARY

The June meeting summary was unanimously approved on Heyden Walker's motion and Girard Kinney's second.

3. ITEMS FROM PAC

A. City of Austin Sign Ordinance and Digital Billboards

Girard Kinney described a recently-published memo and report to City Council from the city's Development Services Department staff titled "Response to City Council Resolution No. 20160128-070 - Sign Regulations", which includes feedback from stakeholders and a staff recommendation regarding the city's regulation of digital billboards. The memo and report can be found here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/pio/document.cfm?id=255873>.

Mr. Kinney also presented a video created by local group Scenic Austin, which describes the group's point of view on the effects digital billboards on the local economy, light pollution, public safety, and distracted driving. The video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4J-OMyhY7s>. Mr. Kinney also described actions taken by a previous City Council in the 1980s with the intention of eventually eliminating billboards in the city.

The following discussion among PAC members focused on what points to include in a PAC recommendation on this topic if they were to take action.

No action taken. Mike Sledge will draft recommendation language to present for discussion and possible action at the next regular meeting of the PAC in August. Mr. Kinney made clear his intent to abstain from any action taken at the next meeting due to his role as President of Scenic Austin.

A. November 2016 Mobility Bond Program

Tom Wald described a resolution passed by City Council on June 23rd that directed the City Manager to develop recommended proposition language for council consideration for placement on the November 2016 ballot. The resolution (Resolution No. 20160623-083) can be found here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=257624>. More information about the development of the proposed bond program described in the resolution can be found here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/mobilitytalks>.

The following discussion among PAC members focused on developing language for a PAC recommendation regarding the allocation of funding within the proposed November 2016 Mobility Bond Program.

Action taken: The recommendation drafted during the meeting passed unanimously on Tom Wald's motion and Girard Kinney's second.

The recommendation can be found here: https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/121_1.htm

B. Capital Metro Safety Management Presentation

James Hoskins, Manager of Safety at Capital Metro, gave the presentation along with Mike Kram and Andre Martinez of MV Transportation. MV Transportation is contracted to operate Mobileye for Capital Metro. The presentation included a video which gave an overview of the core features of Mobileye. The Mobileye system is mounted to buses' windshields, scans the road for safety risks, and provides audio and visual alerts to help prevent collisions. The four types of safety alerts provided by the Mobileye technology are forward collision warning, lane departure warning, pedestrian and bicycle collision warning, and headway monitoring and warning.

The presentation can be found here: https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/121_1.htm

Mr. Hoskins also mentioned that he would like to involve members of the PAC in the development of the script for a Capital Metro training video focused on bike and pedestrian safety for transit operators.

No action taken.

4. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

- Peter Baird, Technical Subcommittee Chair

The subcommittee received feedback on their “Pedestrian & Driver Rules & Regulations” document from guests from Austin Police Department, the Law Department, and the Municipal Court at their last meeting.

5. PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

No update because Robert Anderson, Projects Subcommittee Chair, was out of town and the subcommittee did not meeting in June.

- Girard Kinney, Berkman Drive Working Group and I-35 Aesthetics Working Group member
 - No update – still aiming to bring pedestrian issues being discussed in the Berkman Drive Working Group meetings to the August PAC technical subcommittee meeting.

6. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFINGS

- Bicycle Advisory Council Update - In June the BAC discussed Mobility35 (the I-35 from Rundberg Lane to US 290E Project, specifically), received an update on the status of the actively eroding channel and structurally destroyed bridge in Roy G. Guerrero Park, discussed a proposed bicycle lane design on Northeast Drive from US 290 to North Hampton, and discussed Ride.Report, a new app which allows users to easily record and share their experiences cycling in the city. A BAC technical subcommittee met in June to discuss the 183 North corridor with CTRMA staff and learned about CAMPO's upcoming Near Northwest Corridor – Connections Case Study.
- Urban Transportation Commission Update - In June the UTC received briefings on the work of the Rocky Mountain Institute, Austin Transportation Department and Public Works Department's FY2017 budget processes, the upcoming Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, and the Guadalupe Corridor Improvement Program.
- Mobility Committee Update - No update; won't meet until September.

7. FUTURE BUSINESS / ADJOURN

- 2016 Texas Capitol Complex Master Plan & North Austin Complex Preliminary Master Plan
- ATD use of flashing lights (August)
- Code NEXT Mobility/Transportation Prescription (August)
- Formation of the Membership and Nomination Subcommittee (August)
- Capital Metro Connections 2025 (September)
- ADA Coordinator
- North Lamar Boulevard Core Transit Corridor designation question
- Parking and Transportation Management Districts (PTMDs) & Parking Benefit Districts (PBDs)
- Downtown Events Moratorium
- Parkland Events Task Force
- Medical District Master Plan
- Rocky Mountain Institute
- Right of Way access management

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm by Chair Joe Almazan.