



**PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
MONDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2016 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – ROOM 1029
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Peter Baird.

Full Members in Attendance:

Peter Baird – Chair

Robert Anderson – Vice Chair

Heyden Walker

Girard Kinney

Tom Wald

Patricia Schaub

Peter Marsh

Carrie Gammell

Branigan Mulcahy

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Carly Haithcock

Michael Kram

Lenore Shefman

Katie Deolloz

Mike Sledge

Maria Carmen de la Morena

Tony Lynch

Absent Members:

Jonathan Brewer

John Andoh

Staff in Attendance:

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation

Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation

Guests in Attendance:

Alex McGonagle, MV Transportation

John M Woodley, ADA

Amir Emamian, SRTS

Janet Beinke

Daniela Radpay

Michael Nahas

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Alex McGonagle: Shared a [THINK!](#) road safety campaign [video](#) on the importance of speed in traffic safety.

Michael Nahas: Shared his disappointment with the lack of investment in sidewalks for accessibility and safety reasons in his neighborhood of Hyde Park and across the city.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting minutes were unanimously approved on Heyden Walker's motion and Peter Marsh's second.

3. ITEMS FROM PAC

A. Connections 2025 Draft Transit Plan – Discussion and Possible Action

Caitlin D'Alton, Transportation Planner at Capital Metro, briefed the PAC on the Connections 2025 Draft Transit Plan, gave an update on public outreach on the plan, and answered questions.

Heyden Walker submitted draft recommendation language for PAC approval which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Austin Pedestrian Advisory Council recommends approval of the Connections 2025 plan, with the following considerations:

The PAC would like to see transit stops spaced not to exceed 1/3 of a mile on rapid routes.

The PAC would like to be assured that riders currently receiving paratransit services will continue to receive those services under the proposed plan.”

Action taken: A motion to approve the recommendation as amended passed unanimously (9-0) on Peter Baird’s motion and Girard Kinney’s second.

The [recommendation](#) can be found on the PAC’s meeting documents [webpage](#).

B. Drive-Through Facilities (City Code 25-2-813) – Discussion and Possible Action

Action taken: A motion stating that “The PAC requests that city staff, including Austin Transportation, Planning and Zoning, Law, and others provide a report looking into how the City of Austin can require that businesses across the city offer pedestrian service concurrently with drive-through and drive-in motor vehicle service. This includes, among other issues, considering amending the Land Development Code as it pertains to drive-in and drive-through services.” passed unanimously (9-0) after debate and amendment on Tom Wald's motion and Lenore Shefman's second.

C. Appointing New Project and Technical Subcommittee Chairs – Discussion and Possible Action

No action taken; Postponed due to time constraints.

4. ITEMS FROM STAFF

D. Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) – Briefing

Joel Meyer, Pedestrian Coordinator at the Austin Transportation Department, briefed the PAC on the upcoming Pedestrian Safety Action Plan 's objectives, contents, and public outreach plan.

The [presentation](#) can be found on the PAC’s meeting documents [webpage](#).

5. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Chair Peter Baird explained that the group is continuing their work on creating a pedestrian-focused Road Rules and Regulations document and educational pamphlet, and plans to bring the pamphlet to the full PAC for review in December.

6. PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

The PAC Project Subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, November 30 to discuss the PAC’s role in the PSAP.

7. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFINGS

None.

8. FUTURE BUSINESS / ADJOURN

This is a running list of potential future agenda items that have been proposed by PAC members and/or staff which may be placed on a future PAC agenda. These items were not be discussed by the PAC as part of this agenda.

- Austin Chamber of Commerce Mobility Report and Transportation Committee 2016 Policy Agenda
- Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Active Transportation Division projects and accomplishments
- Capital Metro Wish List

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Chair Peter Baird.