



**PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)  
TUESDAY AUGUST 8, 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 6:05 pm by Chair Joe Almazan

**Full Members in Attendance:**

Joe Almazan – Chair  
Heyden Walker – Vice Chair  
Valerie Fruge  
Girard Kinney

Tom Wald  
Robert Anderson  
Emily Risinger

**Alternate Members in Attendance:**

Janet Beinke  
Zakcq Lockrem  
Carmen de la Morena  
Marva Overton

Kathy Rock  
Patricia Schaub  
Mike Sledge

**Absent Members:**

Peter Baird (excused)  
Nancy Crowther (excused)

Julio Carillo  
Luke Urie

**Staff in Attendance:**

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation  
Emily Smith, Austin Transportation

Jim Dale, Austin Transportation  
Francis Reilly, Planning and Zoning

**Guests in Attendance:**

Amir Emamian, Public Works/Safe Routes to School  
Andrew Vickers, Open Austin  
Lisa Hinely, Chair, North Lamar/Georgian Acres  
Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

Katie Deolloz, Civilian  
Daniela Radpay  
John Woodley  
Louis Alcorn, Capital Metro

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None.

**2. APPROVAL OF JULY MEETING SUMMARY**

The July meeting summary was unanimously approved on Janet Beinke's motion and Heyden Walker's second.

**3. ITEMS FROM PAC**

**A. City of Austin Sign Ordinance and Digital Billboards**

PAC alternate member Mike Sledge presented draft recommendation language stating that “the PAC strongly opposes any changes to COA’s rules, regulations, law or ordinances that would allow or expand the use or installation of digital billboards.”

**Action taken:** The recommendation passed unanimously on Heyden Walker’s motion and Valerie Fruge’s second, with Girard Kinney abstaining. The recommendation can be found here:

[https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards\\_commissions/meetings/121\\_1.htm](https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/121_1.htm)

## **B. Flashing Lights at Intersections**

Jim Dale, Assistant Director of the Austin Transportation Department (ATD), gave a presentation regarding ATD’s late night flash operations at intersections. The presentation included an overview of late night flash and reasons for using it, the city’s current program, trends in other cities’ use of late night flash, the results of an ATD high level crash analysis comparing crash frequency between signals with late night flash operation and normal operation, and the department’s next steps, which include continuing to remove late night yellow-red flash operations, repairing detection technology at signals, adding pedestrian detection at signals, continuing late night red-red flash operations, and conducting a before/after study of safety impacts of late night flash removal in 2017. The presentation can be found here:

[https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards\\_commissions/meetings/121\\_1.htm](https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/121_1.htm)

Mr. Dale also provided meeting attendees with a handout with information regarding the intersections at which late night yellow-red flash is currently in operation and/or has been removed. The table can be found here:

[https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards\\_commissions/meetings/121\\_1.htm](https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/121_1.htm)

**No action taken.**

## **C. CodeNEXT Mobility/Transportation Prescription**

Robert Anderson introduced a set of draft recommendations on the CodeNEXT Mobility Code Prescription submitted by the PAC Project Subcommittee, which are intended to be considered alongside the original CodeNEXT recommendations submitted by both the PAC and the BAC in 2014. Francis Reilly of Planning and Zoning was present to answer questions.

PAC discussed the draft recommendations as well as the importance of design requirements for pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity within site plans and how development standards included in the City's Transportation Criteria Manual, Complete Streets Policy, Downtown Austin Plan, etc. will be incorporated into the new Land Development Code through the CodeNEXT process.

**Action taken:** The motion to approve the recommendations passed unanimously on Girard Kinney’s motion and Heyden Walker’s second. The recommendations (from this meeting as well as the July 7, 2014 PAC meeting) can be found here:

[https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards\\_commissions/meetings/121\\_1.htm](https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/121_1.htm)

PAC members also crafted and voted on a motion to “extend an invitation to Opticos Design to meet with the Pedestrian Advisory Council to discuss the CodeNEXT process and how the PAC can provide input most effectively, and extend an invitation to the Bicycle Advisory Council to co-participate.”

**Action taken:** The motion passed unanimously on Carmen de la Morena’s motion and Robert Anderson’s second.

Austin Transportation Staff will work with Planning and Zoning staff to extend this invitation and provide the PAC with a response.

## **D. November 2016 Mobility Bond Program**

Robert Anderson presented the results of analysis he conducted of the Proposed November 2016 Mobility Bond Program focusing on an amendment in the current City Council resolution regarding the bond program that would disperse half of the proposed bond funds allocated for sidewalks evenly across all council districts for the implementation of Safe Routes to Schools.

No action taken.

### **E. Formation of the Membership and Nomination Subcommittee**

The PAC bylaws state that “a membership subcommittee shall be formed to review applicants’ qualifications and make recommendations for membership” and that “the subcommittee shall report at the September meeting.”

**Action taken:** Janet Beinke, Heyden Walker, Robert Anderson and Emily Risinger volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Emily Smith will arrange for their meeting and the subcommittee will report back in September.

#### **4. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

- Peter Baird, Technical Subcommittee Chair

No update due to time constraints.

#### **5. PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

- Robert Anderson, Projects Subcommittee Chair
- Girard Kinney, Berkman Drive Working Group and I-35 Aesthetics Working Group member

No update due to time constraints.

#### **6. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFINGS**

- No update due to time constraints.

#### **7. FUTURE BUSINESS / ADJOURN**

- Membership and Nomination Subcommittee report back (September)
- Capital Metro Connections 2025 (September)
- 2016 Texas Capitol Complex Master Plan & North Austin Complex Preliminary Master Plan
- Medical District Master Plan
- ADA Coordinator
- North Lamar Boulevard Core Transit Corridor designation question
- Parking and Transportation Management Districts (PTMDs) & Parking Benefit Districts (PBDs)
- Rocky Mountain Institute
- Right of Way access management

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm by Chair Joe Almazan.