



**PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2016 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – ROOM 1027
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Peter Baird.

Full Members in Attendance:

Peter Baird – Chair	Girard Kinney	Patricia Schaub
Robert Anderson – Vice Chair	Peter Marsh	Tom Wald
Carrie Gammell	Branigan Mulcahy	Heyden Walker

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Jonathan Brewer	Katie Deolloz	Tony Lynch
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Agency Representatives in Attendance:

Amir Emamian, Public Works

Alternate Members Absent:

John Andoh	Michael Kram	Lenore Shefman
Carly Haithcock	Maria Carmen de la Morena	Mike Sledge

Staff in Attendance:

Lee Austin, Austin Transportation	Emily Smith, Austin Transportation
Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation	Sabrina McCarty, Austin Public Health
Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation	

Guests in Attendance:

Caitlin D'Alton, Capital Metro	Javier Arguello, Capital Metro
Sam Sargent, Capital Metro	John Woodley, ADA

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

The January meeting minutes were unanimously approved (9-0) on Peter Marsh motion and Robert Anderson second.

3. ITEMS FROM PAC

A. Americans with Disabilities Program Coordinator Introduction – Briefing

David Ondich, Human Resources Department ADA Program Coordinator, briefed the PAC on the work of the City of Austin's ADA Program Office, including how their work intersects with other city departments' efforts to further walkability and accessibility through infrastructure design, implementation of the Sidewalk Master Plan, etc.

B. Speed zones on segments of East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (Ordinance No. 20160623-067) and procedures for establishing speed zones – Briefing

Lee Austin, Austin Transportation Department Area Traffic Engineer, answered questions about City Council's action on agenda item 67 at their [meeting](#) on June 23, 2016, during which they approved an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to modify existing speed zones on segments of East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, provided information on the [predominant methodology](#) for traffic engineering investigations used to determine speed limits in Texas, and discussed how changes to the design of E. MLK Boulevard would have more positive impact on reducing speed and improving safety along the corridor over any posted signage. One specific idea from the PAC was the suggestion to explore the idea of a landscaped median, which would calm traffic, provide protected left turns, and most importantly to the PAC, provide areas of safe refuge for pedestrians at crosswalks.

Members of the PAC made a request that ATD brief the PAC on proposed increases to posted speed limits before they are brought to the City Council. ATD staff explained the process for bringing speed limit changes to Council, which does not include consultation with boards, commissions or associated entities. The PAC expressed a continuing interest in speed limit changes and will work with ATD on effective methods of consultation on this issue.

C. Capital Metro Project Connect – Briefing

Javier A. Argüello, Director of Long Range Planning at Capital Metro, briefed the PAC on Project Connect, including Project Overview, Purpose & Need, Goals & Objectives, High-Capacity Transit Investment Corridors & Enhancement Projects, Public Involvement, and Coordinated Transportation Initiatives.

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

4. PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

The PAC Project Subcommittee will meet on February 22 to continue to discuss the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

5. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

The PAC Technical Subcommittee will meet on February 15 to discuss the creation of a Capital Metro "wish list" and discuss potential future items for the committee's consideration.

6. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFINGS

None due to time constraints.

7. 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.

- Capital Metro wish list (February; Technical Subcommittee)
- Travis County Transportation Plan (March)
- Leading Pedestrian Intervals and signalization (March)
- Safe Routes to School and Sidewalk 2016 Mobility Bond implementation (April)
- CodeNEXT draft Land Development Code (April)
- Pedestrian access at drive through facilities (April)
- Discussion of Agency Representatives and Community Liaisons (April; Project Subcommittee)
- Austin Convention Center expansion (May)
- Parking and Transportation Management Districts & Parking Benefit Districts (June)
- Rocky Mountain Institute (July)
- Transportation Systems Development update (September)
- Medical District Master Plan

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