



**PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)  
MONDAY MARCH 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	Peter Marsh	Tom Wald
Carrie Gammell	Branigan Mulcahy	Heyden Walker
Girard Kinney	Patricia Schaub	

**Alternate Members in Attendance:**

Katie Deolloz	Michael Kram	Tony Lynch
Mike Sledge		

**Agency Representatives in Attendance:**

Amir Emamian, Public Works

**Alternate Members Absent:**

John Andoh	Carly Haithcock	Lenore Shefman
Jonathan Brewer	Maria Carmen de la Morena	

**Staff in Attendance:**

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation	Carla Steffen, Austin Convention Center
Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation	Terri McBride, Austin Convention Center
Emily Smith, Austin Transportation	Van Jobe, Austin Convention Center
Jorge Riveros, Austin Transportation	

**Guests in Attendance:**

Charles Watts, Travis County	John Woodley, ADA
Cathy Stephens, Travis County	Janet Beinke
Stephen Ratke, FHWA	Kathy Rock, WPD

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Heyden Walker: Shared an invitation to the [opening reception](#) for *101 Semesters Beyond the Studio*, an exhibition honoring Sinclair Black, on March 27 at 5 p.m. at the UT School of Architecture.

**2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

The February meeting minutes were unanimously approved (8-0) as amended on Heyden Walker motion and Girard Kinney second.

**3. ITEMS FROM PAC**

## **A. Travis County Transportation Plan – Discussion and Possible Action**

Charlie Watts and Cathy Stephens, Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR), briefed the PAC on the upcoming Travis County Transportation Plan, including an overview of the plan, development schedule, public engagement goals, planning considerations, survey results, Wikimap results, common themes from focus groups, next steps, and ways to get involved.

No action taken. The presentation can be found on the PAC's meeting documents [webpage](#). Staff contact information and sign-ups for plan updates can be found on the Travis County Transportation Plan [website](#).

## **B. Austin Convention Center Expansion – Discussion and Possible Action**

Carla Steffen, Austin Convention Center, briefed the PAC on the Austin Convention Center (ACC) Long-Range Master Plan and proposed convention center expansion, including Background, Community/Stakeholder Engagement, Combining Input, Opportunities, Needs, and Financing. Austin Convention Center staff Terri McBride and Van Jobe were also present to answer questions.

The PAC discussed potential improvements to the pedestrian environment around the convention center, in regards to both the existing structure and a potential expansion.

No action taken. The presentation can be found on the PAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

## **C. Austin Transportation Department (ATD) Arterial Management Division briefing on Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Operations – Briefing**

Jorge Riveros, Austin Transportation, briefed the PAC on the work of ATD's [Arterial Management Division](#), and answered PAC members' questions regarding traffic signal timing and placement, the Transportation Management Center, Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons, and Leading Pedestrian Intervals.

## **4. PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

The PAC Project Subcommittee will meet on March 22 to continue to discuss the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and finalize a position paper to inform the discussion at upcoming workshop meetings with Vision Zero Task Force members and staff.

## **5. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

The PAC Technical Subcommittee will meet on March 15 to continue drafting a Capital Metro "wish list" and discuss the Austin ISD Facilities Master Plan.

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

- Bicycle Advisory Council: Tom Wald gave the update. In February, the BAC received briefings on the Austin ISD (AISD) Facilities Master Plan engagement process and the upcoming AISD Sustainability Plan process, the development of an implementation framework for the Bicycle Master Plan, and the upcoming resurfacing of Berkeley Ave. The BAC also took action on a recommendation regarding the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Near Northwest Corridor Study and a letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary.

## **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 + AISD Facilities Master Plan (March Technical Subcommittee)
- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Position Paper (March Project Subcommittee)

- Safe Routes to School, Vision Zero and Sidewalk 2016 Mobility Bond implementation (April)
- Appointment of PAC Vice Chair (April)
- Capital Metro Wish List (April)
- Pedestrian access at drive through facilities (April)
- Discussion of Agency Representatives and Community Liaisons (April Project Subcommittee)
- CodeNEXT Draft Land Development Code (May)
- PSAP Draft Plan comments from Project Subcommittee
- 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 8:25 pm by Chair Peter Baird.