

Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes
Monday March 4, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
Austin City Hall – Room 1027
710 W. Cesar Chavez St. Austin, Texas

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Jay Crossley.

Full Members in Attendance:

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| Jay Blazek Crossley (Chair) | Branigan Mulcahy | Justin Henderson |
| Adam Greenfield (Vice Chair) | Patricia Schaub | |
| Kimberly Levinson | Heyden Black Walker | |

Full Members Absent:

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| Anna Bauereis | Mark Wochner |
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Alternate Members in Attendance:

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| Tom Wald | Nicole McGrath | Dana Meyer |
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Alternate Members Absent:

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| Katherine Cox | Bradley Brey | Sarah Gamble |
| Jackie Ahmad | Michael Deolloz | |

City Staff in Attendance:

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| Emily Smith, Austin Transportation | Jacob Culberson, Austin Transportation |
| Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation | Annick Beaudet, Austin Transportation |
| Marissa Monroy, Austin Transportation | Warner Cook, Austin Transportation |
| Jason Redfern, Austin Transportation | Dan Brooks, Austin Transportation |

Guests in Attendance:

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| Ryan Thornton, Austin Monitor | Katie Kam |
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1. Introductions

2. Public Communication: None.

3. Approval of February 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The February 4, 2019 meeting minutes were approved on Levison motion, Greenfield second on a 7-0 vote with Bauereis and Wochner absent.

4. Traffic Fatalities Reported Since Last PAC Meeting

Adam Greenfield read aloud the names of four people whose deaths due to traffic crashes on Austin streets were reported since the PAC last met: Trevor James Ralston, Messiah Zion Mouton, Blair Dismukes, and Rosbel “Rudy” Tamez.

5. Austin Strategic Mobility Plan final draft

Annick Beaudet, ATD Assistant Director, gave a [presentation](#) on the final draft of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan. Warner Cook and Dan Brooks, Planners with ATD, were also present to address meeting attendees.

Jay Crossley presented draft recommendation language for the PAC’s consideration which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the PAC supports the overarching top priority of safety in the ASMP and urges the Austin City Council to adopt the ASMP as soon as possible and ensure that it is used to guide policy, funding, and planning decisions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC supports the prioritization of walking as a leading mode of transportation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends the Austin City Council take steps to ensure that the ASMP will achieve a safe transportation system giving abundant affordable access for all people of all ages and abilities and all modes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends the Austin City Council empower staff to develop even stronger partnerships with Travis County, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Capital Metro, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, the Texas Department of Transportation, the US Department of Transportation, and any

other entity able to assist in rapidly changing our built form and transportation system to achieve reductions in traffic deaths and serious injuries, reductions in vehicle miles traveled, and increased safe, easy, comfortable access by various modes to all sectors of the city;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends the Austin City Council amend the ASMP to include or expand upon the following:

1. *Design Speeds* – Target design speeds should not exceed 35 mph
2. *Speed Management* – Prioritize Action Item #9 (Speed Management Guidelines) and implement it as soon as possible
3. *Sidewalk Construction* – Ensure Council Strategic Direction 2023 achieves Action Item #65 (Sidewalk Construction)
4. *Sidewalk Plan* – Expand Sidewalk Plan / ADA Transition Plan to fund all missing sidewalks in the City
5. *Latent Demand and Signalization* – Consider where to change signal timing include areas that may not currently have high pedestrian levels but could have a latent demand if prioritization of signalization were to change.
6. *Accessibility* – The definition of accessible and safe transportation network include all modes at all hours of the day and night
7. *Car Free Zones* – Add an Action Item for determining a process to consider whether / how a right of way might be converted to a car free space (e.g. Speedway on UT Campus)
8. *Missing Middle Mobility* – The emerging mobility solutions summary text should include Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs) and Pedicabs because they are safer transportation choices in pedestrian zones due to their small size, low weight and speed
9. *Ped Bike Transit Connections* – Ensure that new road connections are not exclusively vehicular and can also include exclusively pedestrian and bike connections
10. *Sprawl and Roadways* – New roadways should only be built connecting areas with transit supportive densities, whether as-built or entitled
11. *Sidewalk Obstructions* – Achieve Action Item #69 (Vegetative Obstruction and Removal Program) within 3 years and develop policies to ensure motor vehicles do not obstruct the pedestrian right of way

The recommendation was adopted on Walker motion, Levinson second on a 7-0 vote with Bauereis and Henderson absent.

6. Dockless Mobility Program update including Center for Disease Control Epidemiological Study results, vending ordinance amendments, establishment of an operating authority, establishment of a modified fee structure, and a draft responsible riding ordinance

Jason Redfern, ATD Parking Enterprise Division Manager, and Jacob Culberson, ATD Ground Transportation Division Manager, gave a [presentation](#) updating the PAC on the [dockless mobility](#) program.

7. City updates + general announcements: None.

8. Future Agenda Items

- Transit Enhancement Program – Guadalupe Contraflow Lane (staff; April)
- Railroad crossings (Schaub; TBD)
- Project Connect (Henderson; TBD)
- Speed Management (Crossley; TBD)
- Street Impact Fee Study (Mulcahy; TBD)
- I-35 Capital Express project (Walker; TBD)

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by Chair Jay Crossley.