

# **Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meeting 8 December 2020

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a meeting on December 8, 2020 via videoconference.

### **Commission Members in Attendance:**

Daniel Alvarado Cynthia Weatherby

Mario Champion – Chair Daniel Hennessey Allie Runas

Susan Somers Samuel Franco

### **Commission Members Absent:**

Athena Leyton Kelly Davis Alex Reyna Michael Wilfley

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Champion called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

## 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 13, 2020 MEETING

The October 13, 2020 minutes were approved on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Davis, Leyton, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

#### 2. NEW BUSINESS

# A. Relocation of Samsung Blvd and associated right of way Vacation-Discussion and action required

A motion to recommend the relocation of Samsung Blvd was made by Commissioner Alvarado, seconded by Commissioner Weatherby and approved on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Davis, Leyton, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

### B. I-35 Capital Express Central Project- Briefing and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Rob Spillar. Draft recommendation language was presented by Commissioner Somers. No action was taken regarding the draft recommendation. A motion to establish a working group was approved on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Davis, Leyton, Reyna, and Wilfley absent. Commissioners Somers, Runas, Champion, and Alvarado will serve on the working group and report their recommendations back to the full commission at a future special-called meeting.

# C. Alley aerial right of way vacations abutting 60 Rainey (File Numbers 10285-2006, 10286-2006, and 10287-2006) – Discussion and Possible Action

A motion to recommend the Alley aerial right of way for council action with no edits was made by Commissioner Alvarado, seconded by Commissioner Weatherby and failed on a 5-0-1 vote with Commissioner Hennessey abstaining and Commissioners Davis, Leyton, Reyna, Franco, and Wilfley absent.

### D. Draft Transportation Criteria Manual- Briefing and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Daniel Morin, Commissioner Hennessey presented draft recommendation language which, after debate and amendment, read as follows. [Be it resolved that the Urban

Transportation Commission recommends that, in order to meet the goals listed in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, set an example for best practices in transportation, and to strive to meet voters' desires as shown by the passage of Proposition A and Proposition B in 2020, the City should:

- 1. Remove the requirement for transportation review related to new development to be conducted by a licensed Professional Engineer since American Institute of Certified Planners are permitted to aid with Transportation Demand Management plans and have important perspectives and many have appropriate skill sets to conduct full Transportation Impact Analyses.
- 2. Include no travel lanes with a recommended/required design width of more than 12 feet.
- 3. Modify Section 10.4 TIA to include guidelines for analysis and not be in a separate administrative document (Please see UTC Recommendations 2018-0416A, 20190318-04C, 20191101-02A, and 20200710-02A for previous recommendations regarding transportation impact analysis processes).
- 4. Clearly identify the interplay between the a) Transportation Impact Analysis/Comprehensive Transportation Review/Transportation Demand Management requirements, b) Rough Proportionality, and c) Street Impact Fee program should be clear within the Transportation Criteria Manual such that the Comprehensive Transportation Review is inclusive of all developer responsibilities for off-site improvements.]

A motion to approve the recommendation as amended was approved on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Davis, Leyton, Franco, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

# E. Approval of the Urban Transportation Commission 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule–Discussion and Possible Action

Staff Liaison Kaycie Alexander presented a draft schedule. A motion to approve the schedule as amended was approved on a 6-0 vote Commissioners Davis, Leyton, Wilfley, and Franco absent; *January 13, 5pm, February 9, 5pm, March 9, 5pm, April 13, 5pm, May 11, 5pm, June 8, 5pm, July 13, 5pm, August 10, 5pm, September 14, 5pm, October 12, 5pm, November 9, 5pm, December 14, 5pm.* 

#### 3. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff and Commissioners gave updates regarding the Joint Sustainability Commission, Downtown Commission, Bicycle Advisory Council, Pedestrian Advisory Council, and the City Council Mobility Committee.

#### 4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Climate equity plan refinement/update
- **B.** CPO update
- C. Special called meeting for I-35 recommendation

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Champion adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. without objection.