

SALT LAKE CITY  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of the February 1, 2016 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Cheryl Heying, Chet Cannon, Daniel Page, Hal Johnson, Lamar Ewell, Reid Ewing, Robin Hutcheson, Shaun Jacobson, Tyler Fisher and Whitney Ward.

Absent from the Transportation Advisory Board were: Andrea Olson, Cathy Liu, Jeff Dixon and Rachel Otto.

Also present were David Litvack, Russell Weeks, Paul Schulte, Becka Roof, Julianne Sabula, Cris Jones, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Jeff Gulden, Amy Lyons, Ken Barton, Audrey Olsen and Sarah Erb.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Chet Cannon.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests** – Chet welcomed everyone. Audrey Olsen, Sarah Erb and Ken Barton introduced themselves. They are representing the HOA of the Hollywood Condos and are looking for some guidance and help with their parking situation.

**Public Comment** – Sarah said her and her husband have lived downtown for four years and love that the City is working towards being bike-able and walk-able, but one thing that is very tricky is parking. Her husband and she already share one car and previously had parking available to them for \$85-100 per month. Since that is no longer available, it's becoming harder to live in the area or sell their condos. They're eager to find a parking solution that will work for them. Ken said their building is one block from CPP Area 5 which is a permitted parking area and they have the same type of parking hardships. They are looking for help with their situation because currently they have unreasonable parking burdens at 234 East 100 South, which is where they live. Audrey said she grew up in Chicago and therefore knows how difficult parking can be but that it is very frustrating working night shifts and having to risk receiving a ticket during the day. Chet said he appreciates them sharing this info and sympathizes as he's experiencing a similar situation where he lives and is currently looking for parking solutions himself. Robin said that Transportation needs to overhaul that program because it's difficult to apply the same rules to an entire unit of condos as it is to a single family residential area. She said she has staff that can help them and will pull up a map and take a look at what surrounds them.

**Motion:** Whitney Ward moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting. Tyler Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Transportation Division Overview**

*Robin Hutcheson, SLC Transportation*

Robin and Chet thought a good way to start the New Year would be with an overview of Transportation and what they do. She gave a presentation of Transportation including guiding documents and all of the Master Plans and projects they are currently working on. The Transportation Division is comprised of 21 individuals with three main sections which are each led by a section manager. Cris Jones is the section manager for Planning and Programs which is where the specialty staff is housed. Scott Vaterlaus is the section manager for Investigation and Design. Kurt Larson is the section manager for operations and safety. She briefly described each of these sections including their responsibilities, function and duties. She spoke about the number and type of requests that come in daily from citizens and said design reviews have increased quite a bit. Transportation is also trying to develop ways to better communicate signal timing and how it works. Chet suggested they put SLC Moves on a future agenda so they can talk about how difficult topics are shared with the public.

## **TAB Ordinance Review**

*Robin Hutcheson, SLC Transportation*

The Board members all read and understood the ordinance governing TAB. Robin asked if the structure made sense and Whitney said that under the duties section, some duties were very specific and some were very broad. She wanted to know if there was a more active role that they should have. Reid said the information is good, but as an advisory board they would like to do more advising. Robin let them know that one of the agenda items today is to tell them about some opportunities to be more active. Hal suggested updating section 2.23.030 to include something regarding UTA and changing the MBAC and merchants association. It was also suggested that language in 2.23.120 be updated to be more consistent. Chet suggested they form a sub-committee to discuss the ordinance with Transportation and then discuss suggested changes with TAB. Chet, Whitney, Robin and Paul volunteered to be on this sub-committee. Hal pointed out the portion that said three unexcused absences could result in your being replaced. Robin said that section has not been enforced, but rather additional calls have been made to try and encourage attendance.

## **Project Updates – TAB Participation**

*SLC Transportation Staff*

Robin explained the potential stakeholder opportunities with some of the current Transportation projects. She asked that the Board members let her staff know after the meeting what projects they might be interested in being involved with.

The McClelland Trail - Colin said The McClelland trail is a walking and biking route from the 9th & 9th area to the Sugarhouse business district. The goal is to connect the neighborhoods to those two business districts. Transportation will have 100% design completed by the end of the month and will then take it to the community for review. This project should go to bid at the end of March for construction this summer.

Wayfinding Signs - Becka has been working on building a bike network, especially a low stress network, but the general public doesn't see how all those pieces of the network

are put together. To remedy that, the City would like to put in wayfinding signs so people can easily find designated bike routes and desired destinations. The City is collaborating with the County on this project and she showed the Board a preliminary map of the low stress bike network and proposed wayfinding signs.

The Transit Master Plan - Julianne said the Transit Master Plan is the first plan of its kind that the City has produced. UTA provides regional transit to the entire city and Transportation is trying to see how they can optimize transit service in the city. The process started in January of last year. The consultant has done extensive research and outreach and they are getting ready for a second round of public involvement, which will include an online tool. Julianne said a technical analysis will be done, looking at every roadway system within the city. That effort will run in tandem with the public involvement. Reid asked how this works in conjunction with UTA. Julianne said that the City may make some recommendations that include only minor adjustments, which would be low or no cost. There may also be recommendations that are more costly, at which point the City would review those and decide the best use for the money they have. Robin said there is a specific city process that would need to be used prior to any money being spent.

West Side Pedestrian Improvements - Jeff said that last fall the City Council allocated about \$2.4 million to make pedestrian improvements on the west side including those in the West Side Master Plan. This includes a road reconstruct on 900 West as well as other pedestrian improvements throughout the west side of the city.

Hive Pass – Cris described the Hive Pass which is a low cost transit pass for Salt Lake City residents. The City, UTA, and the resident each pay a portion of this monthly pass. Transportation has done a lot of public outreach and received a lot of feedback from the public regarding how people are using their pass and why/who is buying it in an effort to expand this program. Of those who don't have it, most said they are more likely to purchase it if they could do so online. The current structure is one where you purchase a monthly pass and can turn it on or off. The previous version was an annual pass and you had to purchase the entire year. The next steps are to see how Front Runner could be added back into the program and looking at the potential for selling passes online rather than just in person. There are also conversations about how passes can be made available to people who work but don't live within Salt Lake City and if the pass can be combined with GreenBike, so one card would work for both.

Parking Policy Study – Cris has already presented this study to the TAB. By the end of the month there will be a draft report. Nelson Nygaard is the consultant on this project. Reid volunteered to be on this committee.

Foothill Drive Implementation Strategy - Cris said there will be a kick off for this project and they are seeking ways to identify and measure what the top priorities are. They have a great consultant team and the work should be completed by December.

Mountain Accord – Robin said this is becoming more active and the work is focusing on a few different areas. She said the transportation concepts have advanced and while

she stays involved in this project, she would welcome TAB member participation as well.

### **TAB Priorities**

*Chet Cannon, TAB Chair*

TAB discussed how they could be more involved as well as possibly having a Board retreat to figure out how to be more involved in transportation issues. Robin said Transportation will always bring items to TAB for discussion and input, but that the members can also be proactive and bring things they would like to discuss to the Board. Paul said he's been coming to meetings for about a year and isn't sure of the framework for bringing items to the Board. Robin said that detailed items should go directly to the Transportation staff but broader items such as safety of children and access to schools are great items to bring to the Board. Chet is interested in seeing more revolving parking downtown. Reid said traffic calming is a subject that he would like to discuss. Robin said there used to be a traffic calming program but it was de-funded. Transportation has found a way to address speeding in multiple areas at once in a manner that they can afford in the way of speed boards. She said they take speeding very seriously and also address it in ways other than the speed boards, but don't have a formal program for this. Whitney thinks the Board should share community feedback they're receiving through their Community Councils or other avenues. Paul is concerned about the challenge of students getting to school and school related functions. It's a community accessibility issue and he would love to see the Board work to make a more accessible community. Chet would like to have this discussion again to talk about their neighborhoods and how they interface with their neighborhoods. Cheryl would be interested in inviting the new administration to a meeting to hopefully hear the Mayor's vision as far as what issues are important for her in transportation.

**General Updates & Announcements** – Paul said they are rebuilding Lincoln Elementary school which is between 200 and 300 East around 1100 south and it will affect traffic flow in that area. It will also include a center providing dental, medical, mental health, and optometry services, so it will be a great community asset. Vacancies were discussed and Robin suggested they share this information with anyone they know who might be interested and currently reside in the areas where there are openings. Shaun said the BAC is planning their elections next week so there may be a new person representing them on TAB.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for March 7, 2016. Tentative future agenda items included: SLC Moves and how difficult topics are shared with the public and the SLC Taxicab ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

A recording of this meeting will be available for one year.