

SALT LAKE CITY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the February 4, 2013 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Haytham Ibrahim, Jonathan Springmeyer, Robin Hutcheson, Rachel Otto, Whitney Ward, Andrea Olsen, Cheryl Heying, Lamar Ewell, Brian Doughty and Xuesong Zhou.

Also present were, Kevin Young, Jason Oldroyd, Becka Roof, Chad Mullins, Michot Kordy, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Laura Whitehead and Jen Colby.

The meeting held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chair Jonathan Springmeyer.

Michot Kordy introduced himself as a student at the University of Utah. He's concerned about the air quality in the city and would like to see more electric vehicle charging stations added to encourage people to purchase electric vehicles. He feels that electric vehicles will be more popular in the future and anything we can do to make that happen faster will help give us cleaner air faster. Jonathan thanked Michot and indicated that the board shares in his concerns.

Motion: Brian Doughty moved to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012. Rachel Otto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason Oldroyd from the City Attorney's office gave the board an open meeting law training session. He gave the board members a handout and answered various questions. Cheryl asked about requirements for holding electronic meetings. Rachel asked for clarification on closed meeting procedures.

External Communications: The Board reviewed Cheryl's letters to UDOT and the Community Councils and asked if everyone had a chance to review them. The Board reviewed a letter intended for John Njord and with one small change the Board agreed to send the letter. Cheryl suggested the Board use this letter as a guide to develop other letters. The Board discussed handling meeting requests from the Community Council leaders and agreed to have a point person so there is a more central/permanent person so as the board members change the e-mails will still come to the right place and when other board members are available they can split the duties. Robin indicated that connecting to other neighborhoods from time to time is a good thing.

Motion: Cheryl Heying moved to have the board members write their own letters to their community councils within the areas they represent. Jonathan Springmeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

General updates/other business:

Bicycle Advisory Committee Update – Robin said volunteer opportunities to serve on the committee have been announced and the paperwork and information have been submitted to the City Council to create the committee. Once the committee is created the pool of applicants will be reviewed. The application deadline was extended in order to reach as many people as possible and make sure everyone who's interested has time to submit an application. A selection panel, consisting of the TAB Chair and Vice-Chair as well as Becka Roof, Dan Bergenthal and Eric Shaw, has been established to review the applications. Robin said they're looking for a diverse group and would like to have participation from all types of cyclists from all over the city including those who have helped with bicycling in the city for a very long time. Brian asked why the deadline was extended if there were already 42 applicants. Robin said the city wanted to be sure to give as much opportunity for people to apply as possible and since it will take the City Council a few weeks to approve the committee there's no harm to the schedule to extend the deadline. Becka said there are currently applicants from all City Council Districts so we will have good geographical coverage. Of the applications received so far there are approximately 30% female and 7% who are self identified as being non-white. The name of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is something that will be initially addressed by the new committee as they will be able to decide whether to rename the committee. Jen Colby suggested using any additional announcements recruiting for the Bicycle Advisory Committee to recruit more broadly for TAB as well. It was agreed that it would be best to send more names than open positions for the committee to the Mayor's office. Haythem said he could promote TAB to his students in the West Side Leadership Institution Neighborhood Works program. Robin thought that was a great idea and offered to speak with these students to help promote TAB and the Bicycle Advisory Board Committee

Bicycle / Pedestrian Master Plan Update – Becka said the consultants are officially on board. Internal meetings with the project management team have started and will be held weekly. Meetings with an internal city steering committee began last week and Jonathan Springmeyer is serving on that committee representing TAB. A member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee will also be a part of this group once it is formed. Becka said the process of gathering a list of names for their stakeholder committee has begun, but the list of names is currently longer than there will likely be seats. Someone to represent the pedestrian perspective on the stakeholder committee is being sought. This committee will probably meet for the first time at the end of February and have a first public open house in mid-March. In total the master plan process will take about 11 months so they are hoping to have a plan drafted and ready to go to the City Council by November 2013. A couple of special projects that will be addressed as a part of the master plan process will be to take a look at an enhanced bikeways between the University of Utah and downtown; a more family friendly low stress bike network possibly following on the 300 East cycle track going throughout the downtown area; and taking another look at how we're doing pedestrian crossings and bringing them current. There has been a lot of evolution in the bicycle/pedestrian world including safety and

encouragement programs. Robin gave the scope of work to TAB so they could delve into the plan if they'd like.

Year of the Bike – Colin gave the board an update and explanation of the Year of the Bike. The main idea is that because there are so many things going on with biking in 2013, such as the bike share launch, an open streets event, and the bicycle/pedestrian master plan update, it is the Year of the Bike. This is a way to supercharge all of these things through promotion and public involvement. The goals are to increase public awareness of all these projects and to involve new people in the bike projects and events to help them learn how to bike safely and also to reward people who already bike. So far Salt Lake County, Wasatch Front Regional Council, The University of Utah and Utah Transit Authority are partners and the Utah Department of Transportation is preliminarily interested in and excited about participating but must first go through their official channels for approval. The main strategy is to publish a calendar for everyone to see what's going on and put it all under one roof as well as being at all of the events with an information booth/Year of the Bike table where there will be information about all of the projects that are happening, safety information, and other information. The public launch will be in mid-February so if TAB has any ideas about additional events or strategies that should be involved with this or additional partners it would be helpful. The Mayor's office would like to do a formal launch and campaign and start it with a bang. We're following the lead of the Mayor's office as to how and when they want to push this out. Jonathan commended the city for their efforts and said the city has made great strides since he began his involvement. Rachel asked when the Cycle the City route will be signed. Becka said the sign design needs to be finalized and then have the signs made and installed. The goal is that they'll be in by March or April of this year. Haytham asked if there is a budget for the education campaign. Xuesong said UDOT already has YouTube videos showing bicyclists how to navigate. A budget is not currently available but there are resources that already exist and videos that may be able to be used. Colin is tasked with expanding education for cyclist and drivers.

TAB Priorities for 2013: Jonathan asked the board if there were any personal items they would like to see addressed during the next calendar year. Whitney would like to see a bicycle connection in the nodes between primary transit routes and people getting to their homes and businesses and look at how they can encourage people in those in between places to look at alternative transit. Haytham would like to see sidewalk added to Redwood Road between California Avenue and the tracks heading south on both the east and west side of the road. Robin will report to Engineering that this came up in their meeting. Haytham said there are also major potholes and bad driving conditions on 1300 South/California from State Street to Redwood Road. Robin said she will let Streets know of the problems in this area. Brian wanted to know what the possibilities of a pedestrian mall on Main Street are. Lt. Ewell said he wouldn't be opposed to a permanent section of Main Street being shut down but that it becomes dangerous when you close streets intermittently. Brian would like the Board to discuss having a section of Main Street permanently closed to vehicular traffic. Haytham would like crossing guards for middle schools and to extend the hours of crossing guards an extra ½ hour

to cover students who are leaving later. Robin said this would be a great topic to discuss with their safe routes to schools discussions. Robin wants to add streetcars both downtown and citywide. The city and UTA are in negotiations right now with a consulting team and are negotiating a contract to complete a downtown streetcar alternatives analysis that will determine the final route for the street car that will serve downtown. This time around the study area extends to the University so it's a pretty big study that the board can expect to hear a lot about and be involved in making some recommendations when the time comes and to be involved. Julianne Sabula is starting to assemble what a process might look like to do a citywide streetcar network study that will kick off sometime during 2013 and will consider what a network looks like citywide. Robin has made it a priority for the Transportation Division this year to use a bit more data and information to prioritize our investments. Dan Bergenthal is working on a spreadsheet and a list of pedestrian crossings that include whether they're LED signs or HAWK Beacons, where people have requested them and what the conditions are like so that we can start to prioritize when we're investing our resources. We're going to be doing more and more of that on a variety of topics so that we have a really good record and understanding of our priority investment areas in the city and that's something that when we have some semblance of a draft for you we'll want the board's review and feedback. It's a big effort and we're doing it without adding any staff to our division so it's going to go slowly and we'll do the best that we can to put this together this year.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2013. Tentative agenda items include: Electronic Meeting Options, Ground Transportation, Downtown Streetcar and the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

(A recording of the meeting will be available for one year)