

SALT LAKE CITY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the March 2, 2015 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Andrea Olson, Cathy Liu, Cheryl Heying, Chet Cannon, Daniel Page, Rachel Otto, Robin Hutcheson, Shaun Jacobson, Tyler Fisher and Whitney Ward

Absent from the Transportation Advisory Board were: Hal Johnson, Jeff Dixon, Lamar Ewell, Reid Ewing and Steve Woods.

Also present were Alex Zimmerman, Paul Schulte, Becka Roof and Amy Pufahl.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Rachel Otto.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests – Rachel welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Motion: Tyler Fisher moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting. Cheryl Heying seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Hive Pass Update

Robin Hutcheson, SLC Transportation

Robin gave background information on the Hive Pass and summarized the new proposed Hive Pass Co-op program. There is a public hearing on this new proposal tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. While the previous program required a one year commitment from purchasers, the new proposal is to purchase the pass on a monthly basis. Even though it is a monthly program, residents may purchase more than one month at a time if they desire. The reason it is called a Co-op is because the purchaser pays 50% of the cost of the pass, SLC pays 30% of the cost of the pass and UTA pays 20% of the cost. The cost will be going up for residents whereas it was just over \$30.00 per month it's now going to be \$42.00 per month, but this is still of savings of 50% over a regular priced transit pass. Since the City is now going to be paying part of the pass, they have to set a cap. The proposed cap is 2,500 active passes per month. The proposal is currently with City Council because there is a pretty significant financial burden to the City to be able to do this. Currently we invest in our roadway network, we invest in pedestrian safety, we invest in bicycling and now we're asking for an investment in transit.

Transportation Communications and Near Term Projects Update

Robin Hutcheson, SLC Transportation

Robin recently prepared a document for the Mayor's office outlining noteworthy work coming out of the Division of Transportation which resulted in an informal schedule for media communications around this work. The first item is a press event tomorrow announcing the completion of the upgrade of the parking pay stations. All 300 of them are fully upgraded and so far there have been no failures or complaints. The next thing that will be upgraded is the pay by phone app. A company has been selected and they have already begun work on this. There were also areas where the meters weren't paying for themselves meaning that there wasn't enough activity to pay for their own maintenance so those were removed and replaced with 2 hour free parking. The second item that will be in the media will be information about the Hive Pass. The third thing that Transportation is going to roll out is about pedestrian safety. They put together a list of pedestrian safety improvements that will be made this year and there are 21 in total. Robin showed a map of where these will be and explained the different types. A groundbreaking on the first set of improvements will be in late March or early April and besides these items, they are requesting an additional \$750,000 in their CIP applications also for pedestrian safety. The Board will likely be hearing about the Transit Master Plan in the media as well as the 200 West protected bike lane project. The 200 West project will begin construction with Questar replacing some gas lines this spring and the City's part of that will probably begin in October.

Mayor's Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets

Robin Hutcheson, SLC Transportation

Transportation Secretary Foxx has asked Cities to sign on to the Mayor's Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets. Salt Lake City was one of the first to sign on to this as Mayor Becker has decided take the challenge. Robin showed a presentation with the three major goals being to have a complete streets plan, fix barriers within cities and to gather data. SLC is going to be focusing more on gathering data to be analyzed and used to make needed safety adjustments. Robin is going to a kick off meeting for this on behalf of the Mayor and is looking forward to rolling out all of their safety improvements. She told TAB to anticipate hearing more about this in the future.

Mountain Accord Project

Robin Hutcheson, SLC Transportation

The Mountain Accord Project is a big collaborative effort to plan for the future of the Central Wasatch Mountains. Based on what the Board has previously heard, Robin asked for their impression on the plan. Cheryl felt there is a lack of data behind the recommendations. She also said the public meetings have been so well attended that individual questions haven't been answered due to time constraints. She would like to see more opportunity for feedback because of the interest this has generated. Daniel said that getting the involved parties to the table is a good thing and a good approach. He thinks they've taken some generalities in looking at the feasibility and likelihood of some of these options and feels that they are spending a lot of money and time for a specific user group rather than spreading that out over a different user group which may have a greater benefit. Robin said the City has gathered their internal communications team and are doing an audit of the materials because there is some great information that is not coming through clearly. The public comment period is coming to a close soon and she encouraged everyone to comment both individually and consider whether

they would like to comment as a Board. After some discussion, it was decided that they don't feel as though they have enough information to comment as a Board at this time but will revisit this as the project moves forward.

General Updates & Announcements – Robin announced that both Barry Walsh and Norm Weiss from the SLC Division of Transportation will be retiring and invited TAB to wish them well at their upcoming retirement party's.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2015. Tentative future agenda items were not discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

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