

SALT LAKE CITY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the March 5, 2012 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Jonathan Springmeyer, Whitney Ward, Cheryl Heying, Joel Ban, Rachel Otto and Alama Ulu'ave.

Also present were Kevin Young, Lynn Olson, Becka Roof, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Jon Osler and Maria Vyas.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Springmeyer. Jonathan asked the newest board members to introduce themselves: Cheryl Heying-East Bench and Whitney Ward-Sugar House.

Jonathan Springmeyer asked for approval of the minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting.

Motion: Rachel Otto moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012, meeting. Joel Ban seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Robin Hutcheson introduced the Board to the Jordan and Salt Lake City Canal Trail Feasibility Study. Maria Vyas, representing the project consultant, explained the project and spoke about the stakeholder committee they worked with. The committee looked at the vision for the trail and the technical constraints of the project. There are variations in ownership along the corridor. Three public open houses have been held for this project. Public recommendation is for a neighborhood based trail rather than a commuter trail. An off street trail is preferred, but there is limited opportunity. The consultant is recommending an on street trail from 800 South to Princeton Avenue. The trail will be off street where opportunities exist. Maria said that ending the trail at Elgin Avenue (south end) is not ideal but the best they have for now. She indicated that there would be directional signs to help avoid confusion. Dan Bergenthal said they would like a recommendation from the Board regarding the plan. Maria said the overall temperature on the street was supportive. Cheryl Heying said she would like to see what the public comments are before the Board takes any action. Jonathan Springmeyer asked to have the public comments compiled and sent to the Board.

Jonathan Springmeyer opened a discussion on Board membership. He spoke about Board vacancies and Board membership issues. The Board feels that there should be a University of Utah representative. They talked about ways to fill vacant Board positions and ways to have applications processed more rapidly.

Robin Hutcheson introduces herself to the Board. She told the Board about her background in planning and all modes of transportation. Robin believes in testing and

likes to make decision based on data/numbers. She has an open door policy and has a vision of the Board being a stronger group of engaged people with diverse interests having more influence on issues than they've had in the past.

Becka Roof gave a presentaton to the Board about Cycle Tracks. She played a Green Lanes Project video which explained various aspects of Cycle Tracks to the Board. After playing the video, Becka asks the Board for support for an application for the Cycle Tracks program. She explains the different types of bicycle riders. Bicycle use is supported by the City and Downtown in Motion Plan, but Cycle Tracks are a different design than what is currently being recommended. The application is for funding to be able to implement different Cycle Track designs. Becka explained several different Cycle Tracks designs and how they interact with current traffic, parking and driveways. Becka told the Board about the upcoming 300 East Cycle Track test between 600 South and 900 South. There will be two blocks of protected cycle track and one block of painted buffered bike lanes. The test will begin in June and last for at least a year. Becka indicated she wants community feedback and would like to receive feedback from the Board regarding this test.

Motion: Alama Ulu'ave moved to write a letter of support for the City's application for Cycle Tracks grant. Rachel Otto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Under general updates/other business, some of the bicycle community feels as though they are losing places to lock their bikes up due to the parking meters being removed as part of the new pay station system. The Board discussed different types of locks that might work with the new signing; however the bicycles and locks may block the parking space numbers on the new signs. The City will look at installing more bicycle racks.

Kevin gives an update on the Sunnyside test. It is on hold as the City Council pulled their support for the test. As per the Mayor's request the City Council is going to have a public discussion regarding their philosophy of Complete Streets so everyone is on the same page.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2012. Tentative agenda items include the Jordan and Salt Lake City Canal Trail Feasability Study, Sugarhouse Street Car, and future meeting agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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