

SALT LAKE CITY  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of the May 5, 2014 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Andrea Olson, Brian Doughty, Cheryl Heying, Chet Cannon, Haytham Ibrahim, Lamar Ewell, Shaun Jacobsen and Whitney Ward.

Absent from the Transportation Advisory Board were Hal Johnson, Rachel Otto, Robin Hutcheson, Steve Woods and Cathy Liu.

Also present were Kevin Young, Phil Sarnoff, Cris Jones, Alexis Verson, Laurel Rizzotto, Julianne Sabula, Becka Roof and Russell Weeks.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:08 p.m. by Cheryl Heying.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests** – Cheryl welcomed everyone and Laura Rizzotto introduced herself. She lives downtown and is just observing the meeting.

**Public Comment** – There was no public comment

**Motion:** Whitney Ward moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting. Haytham Ibrahim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**600 East Bicycle Blvd** – Michael Barry spoke to the Board about the 600 East Bicycle Blvd Capital Improvement Project. He explained what a Bicycle Blvd is including that it is a low stress bikeway which may include buffered bike lanes and multi use paths. There aren't currently any Bicycle Blvds in Salt Lake City but the intent is to include these in a network with other low stress bikeways so people can bike more easily throughout the City. Bicycle Blvds are generally on low volume, low speed local streets with comfortable and safe crossings at intersections. The 600 East Bicycle Blvd will go from South Temple Street to 2700 South and may contain some traffic calming measures, unique signage and specialized signals such as HAWK or TOUCAN signals. This is a similar concept to the shared bikeway on 800 East but with more control measures to aid in getting across major streets. The speed limit on 600 East will be reduced to 20 mph to increase safety and comfort as well as discourage non-local traffic and there will be some parking changes on sections of 600 East. The design concept has been narrowed down and the public engagement process, including presenting their idea to Community Councils, will be beginning. There is information on the City's website which will be updated as the project progresses. An open house may be held to give the public an opportunity to learn about and comment on this project prior to a design being finalized.

**Street Car Update** – Julianne Sabula gave a presentation on Streetcar basics. She explained how they are different from the TRAX trains we have now, what their intended purpose is and why they are a great idea for Salt Lake City. More people living downtown is a big goal for the City and a Streetcar is a big draw for people who want to know they can get around easily without being vehicle dependent. Streetcars also support new businesses coming in, existing businesses and the vibrancy in those areas. They require an initial upfront investment but they cost less over the long term, are better for our air quality and can carry more people on a daily basis than the bus system. There are a lot of other cities working on Streetcar projects around the country so for Salt Lake City it is something that helps them remain a competitive and attractive place to draw new jobs and people. The City has been working on a grant application for the Sugarhouse Phase 2 Extension which will extend the east end of the current Streetcar to Highland Drive and then north to 2100 South. It's a very short segment but will improve the visibility and ridership and will also take people right to the heart of Sugarhouse which is their ultimate destination. Included in that grant application are also some new crosswalks, HAWK signals and various improvements at both Fairmont Park and Hidden Hollow to enhance those connections. They are now looking at a Downtown Streetcar that would travel through the Granary District from 900 South where it would make a connection to TRAX and would also go to 400 West heading north to the Salt Lake Central Station and then turn onto either 100 or 200 South heading east. They are slightly leaning towards 200 South but that decision will be made after some public input.

**TAB Membership Discussion** – Kevin read parts of the ordinance governing TAB which indicated that there are currently two open slots including one for a business oriented representative. He asked the Board to think about what type of business oriented representative they feel would be best suited for the Board and they would discuss this at a future meeting.

**General Updates** – Shaun Jacobson gave an update on the Bicycle Advisory Committee. They have come up with some topics and have divided into work groups where they will be discussing their topics and then bringing recommendations to TAB. He said the Open Streets event has been postponed until later in the summer due to a lack of funding. Cheryl asked for a more comprehensive BAC update at the next meeting and the Board agreed. Phil encouraged everyone to participate in both Bike Month and Bike Week activities and told them that Utah was recently ranked #8 in terms of bike friendly states which is up from its previous ranking of #14. .

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2014. Tentative agenda items include: TAB Membership, BAC Update, HIVE Update, and Downtown Master Plan Update

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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