

SALT LAKE CITY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the June 4, 2012 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Jonathan Springmeyer, Joel Ban, Robin Hutcheson, Alama Ulu'ave, Brian Doughty, Whitney Ward, Lamar Ewell and Rachel Otto, Xuesong Zhou.

Also present were, Kevin Young, Nick Britton, Nick Norris, Jaime White, Darci Taylor and Tyler Garcia.

The meeting held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Springmeyer.

Jonathan Springmeyer welcomed all attendees and had everyone introduce themselves.

Motion: Alama Ulu'ave moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2012, meeting. Rachel Otto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nick Britton spoke to the board about parking changes. There has been a total re-write of chapter 44 (Stopping, Standing & Parking Restrictions) of the zoning ordinance. The board was given a handout of the proposed changes. The changes have not been finalized and still need to be approved by the Planning Commission and the City Council. The current ordinance is somewhat "chopped up" so one of the goals of re-doing this ordinance is to put similar items together in like sections for better continuity. Nick briefly went through the different proposed changes as well as the Transportation Demand Management strategies which may include new requirements for electric vehicle charging stations and safer more secure bicycle parking. Jonathan asked what would prevent the removal after approval of things such as the bicycle parking. Nick said that this would require the public to either report or notify the city in some way so it could be enforced. This could also be caught during their annual license renewal inspection. Jonathan asked about standards for location of bicycle parking. He said often bicycle parking is not in an obvious location. He used City Creek as an example. Robin said there are bicycle racks all around the perimeter of City Creek. Jonathan would love to see more emphasis on convenient locations for bicycle parking in/around retail areas. Zhou asked about the electric vehicle charging stations. Nick said there is no universal standard for those vehicles at this time. Robin asked about the process of approving this ordinance. He said that there will be a public and city review and he will make changes to the draft. Then it is sent to the Planning Commission for approval/change. There will then be a public hearing after which the planning commission will make a recommendation to the City Council. The Council will then make a final decision with another public hearing. Changes to the ordinance can be

made at any point during this process. Nick is hoping to have this to the City Council by the end of summer.

Darci Taylor, Jaime White and Tyler Garcia from UTA came to talk about the UTA Network Study. The purpose of this study is to identify the next big group of capital projects and long term and short term network optimization. It is also to increase transit ridership and improve the cost effectiveness, to increase connectivity and encourage TOD and improve walking/bike access to stations. There are service opportunities to enhance current and future rail network and they are working with other organizations hoping to be finishing this fall. They are collecting data to analyze using the network models they're building and will prepare an analysis based on this. They're in the middle of the network models now and they're currently in the process of examining these things. They're doing community outreach to other cities and communities so their voices are heard. They're sourcing out to gather as much information as they can. Jaime White from UTA said the Wasatch Choice 2040 is looking at land use and anticipated demographics and trying to see what kind of connectivity there is currently and what the long range plan accounts for. Robin wants to add the Wasatch Choice 2040 to a future TAB agenda list. Darci said they'd like to optimize transfers, decrease travel time and create a better network. When looking at peer city reviews, our city is the lowest in service hours per capita compared to 10 other peer cities. Jaime said increased frequency equated to increased ridership and producing routes. He said this showed top performing bus routes are all 15 minutes services. They showed the board a bus boarding locations map of hot spots. Some of the scenarios being considered through the network are making downtown routes more efficient, 15 minute bus services, having the stops laid out better geographically and reducing transfers. When asked if the downtown circulation was part of the UTA network study Robin said it is not part of it but it is very closely related. If there was no transit our vehicle miles traveled would increase 2.4% regionally, 2.9% county wide and 4.3% in east Salt Lake City. The vehicle hours of travel would increase 4.1% regionally, 5.4 % county wide and 9.6 % in east Salt Lake City. Robin gave some statistics regarding travel times. Darci said if transit were free, ridership would increase by 55% and commuter rail ridership would increase by 110%. Land use plays a big part in transit use. The population density helps determine where the transit goes. Their next steps are to evaluate a range of operating & capital scenarios and to identify capital and operating investments. It will be a yearlong study. Robin asked what UTA would like from the city and Jaime said they would like information and they want to hear from people. Whitney said there is a need for better local service as it takes too long for local connections. UTA said some of the stops are based on the maximum benefits for the dollars spent and that is why they are spaced the way they are.

Robin announced that BikeSLC.com is up and running and would like the board's input if there are any suggested changes. They are very close to unveiling the Transportation website and it should be up and running very soon. She did a presentation for the City Council regarding the importance of parking turnover in downtown and she is starting to see the benefits of the parking pay station feedback.

Jonathan Springmeyer was contacted by the MBAC and they have a concern about the loss of bicycle parking opportunities now that the parking meters have been removed. Robin said they are looking for funding to install bike racks. The MBAC also wants to know what will happen to the bike lane on 1100 East if a street car goes there. Robin said when they get to the design phase they will look at this issue. Jonathan is very displeased with UTA over the proposed removal of the free fare zone. He's urging the city to trade for something of substance. Robin said the city has asked UTA for a cafeteria list of items that they could trade for the free fare zone. She's encouraging the group to attend the public hearings regarding the removal of the free fare zone so their voices are heard. Jonathan and Joel have been invited to have breakfast with the City Council Chair & Vice Chair. Jonathan said the Certificates of Convenience and necessity issue has come up again. A new business owner is attempting to get a business license in Salt Lake City and would like to provide transportation to and from medical facilities for his customers. Because his business is in Murray he falls under the same rules as the taxi cabs do and has to prove necessity to obtain his license. The board agreed to look at this issue again and Jonathan is going to approach the City Council regarding this.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, July 2, 2012. Tentative agenda items include: the Free Fare Zone, the Bicycle Advisory Function and the Wasatch Choice 2040

Motion: Whitney Ward moved to hold the next TAB meeting on July 2, 2012. Joel Ban seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 06:01 p.m.

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