

SALT LAKE CITY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the August 3, 2015 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were: Andrea Olson, Daniel Page, Jeff Dixon, Rachel Otto, Robin Hutcheson, Tyler Fisher and Whitney Ward

Absent from the Transportation Advisory Board were: Cathy Liu, Cheryl Heying, Chet Cannon, Hal Johnson, Lamar Ewell, Reid Ewing and Shaun Jacobsen.

Also present were Jeff Gulden, Russell Weeks, Amy Pufahl, Nick Norris, Tracy Tran, Dan Bergenthal, George Chapman, James Allred and Becka Roof.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Rachel Otto.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests – Rachel welcomed everyone and Robin introduced Jeff Gulden, a new Engineer with the Division of Transportation.

Public Comment – George Chapman said he was attending to learn more about the Parking Study.

Motion: Due to a lack of quorum, no motion was made to approve the June 1, 2015 meeting minutes.

Northwest Quadrant Master Plan

Nick Norris, SLC Planning

The Planning Division was asked by the City Council and the Mayor's Office to create a Northwest Quadrant Master Plan. Nick explained what area of the city that includes and said they have been asked to accomplish a few things. One is to look at what lands should be preserved for wildlife habitat and another is to look at the industrial areas as job centers. Planning staff have been meeting with various property owners and stakeholder groups to discuss what they would like to see, their concerns and potential issues. A primary focus is the area that is north of I-80. This area doesn't have a lot of issues and concerns from a development perspective. A part of this area is an old landfill where some hazardous household materials ended up. This needs to be cleaned up and they are working on a mediation plan for that area. The challenges and goals for this plan and how they are trying to balance natural conservation with job development was explained. The transportation component of this plan is very important, which is why they would like to review portions of that plan with TAB again in the future. The Planning Division is beginning the public engagement process tomorrow night to get more public input.

Pedicab Update

James Allred, SLC Business Licensing

Pedicabs have become very popular in the city during the last 4-5 years. The City has been dealing with them using contracts similar to those governing taxi cabs but that hasn't been working well. Instead, the city is working on an ordinance to govern pedicabs which seems to be a better solution. Robin said that Transportation has been working on this for several months and from their perspective, the concern is the speed differential between pedicabs and vehicles. Realizing that other bicycles are not being regulated, they chose to only remain firm on no pedicabs traveling on the sidewalks. This was a good process that was reviewed by the Bicycle Advisory Committee, who made a positive recommendation on the ordinance. The ordinance will move forward to TAB, who now have their opportunity to provide feedback and input. Rachel said the BAC had a few concerns which were resolved and that TAB would like to weigh in on this but due to a lack of quorum, she would like to revisit the ordinance at their next meeting.

Parks, Trails & Open Space Bond Update

Robin Hutcheson, SLC Transportation (in Nichole Bourdeaux's absence)

Robin gave an overview of the bond. The City decided to repurpose two golf courses last year and there is an immediate need to determine what the improvements to the open space will be. She went over the timeline and evaluation of projects that were primarily straight out of City Master Plans. There were two proposals sent to the City Council and they are now in the process of determining their priorities. Russell said the City Council is going to discuss this item at tomorrow's work session and that some components of it are likely to change. Robin said they knew there would be some discussion and modification to the proposal and there has been a lot of feedback from the public which seems to be universal support for urban trails creating better connections throughout the city. She explained some specific suggestions for each area including waterways which could open up recreational opportunities and potential signature park projects. Robin went over different trails suggestions and explained their paths, connectivity and recreational anchors as well as preliminary cost estimates.

Downtown and Sugarhouse Parking Study

Cris Jones, SLC Transportation

Transportation received funds to study parking in downtown and wanted to look at it again and be certain they had the right data to ensure they had enough information to change things if they felt change was needed. The study was then expanded to include Sugarhouse. The first major meeting on this issue was held last week where they were given a presentation by their consultant. This included a study overview, why parking matters, existing conditions, key findings and next steps. Cris presented on their initial findings and qualifications and the reasons why a parking study was needed as well as the objectives. He showed TAB a timeline for this study and said there should be a final existing conditions report within the next few months. Cris showed some pictures related to current parking downtown which is not as challenging as it is perceived. There is a lot of different parking related signage which can make it confusing and prevent people understanding where they can park. He went over key findings so far, including that there is a lot of surface area parking that isn't being properly utilized. The

next step is to finalize the existing conditions report and take a look at the current parking ordinances.

General Updates & Announcements – Robin encouraged everyone to visit www.slcrides.org. Transportation is looking for public information and feedback on their first Transit Master Plan. She also said the Mountain Accord was officially signed today.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for September 14, 2015. Tentative future agenda items included: Pedicab ordinance with Shaun Jacobsen, Transit Master Plan update, McClelland Trail and the Parks, Trails and Open Space bond.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

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