

SALT LAKE CITY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the September 10, 2012 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Jonathan Springmeyer, Joel Ban, Robin Hutcheson, Rachel Otto, Cheryl Heying, Brian Doughty, Alama Ulu' Ave, Hal Johnson, Lamar Ewell and Xuesong Zhou.

Also present were, Kevin Young, Nick Como, Larry Bowers, Laynee Jones, Ed Rutan and Laura Arellano

The meeting held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Chair Jonathan Springmeyer.

Jonathan welcomed the visitors.

Motion: Rachel Otto moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2012, meeting. Cheryl Heying seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Robin reminded the board that the July minutes still need to be modified and approved.

Nick Como from the Downtown Alliance gave a presentation about parking in downtown. The Downtown Alliance has produced postcards, "get out of jail free" cards and a website (www.parkingslc.com) as part of a comprehensive campaign for education. The City Council allocated money to the Downtown Alliance for this effort following the confusion that has been happening with the new parking pay stations, the parking rate changes and the duration of enforcement being extended. The postcards explain how easy parking in downtown is and gives the website for further information. These postcards have been distributed to downtown businesses and will be mailed out with SLC water bills so that nearly every resident will have them. The "get out of jail free" cards are for use by Parking Enforcement to put on vehicles that are improperly parked as a warning rather than a citation. It tells them where to go to find out how and where they can park. The Downtown Alliance has also been placing ads with various media outlets to make people aware of the new parking website. The parkingslc website is very comprehensive and includes a link to a quick pay app for smart phones and a GIS application to tell you where the nearest parking is (this includes parking garages, pay stations and the entire Downtown area). It also shows where the green vehicle charging stations, bus routes, bike routes and city parks are. There is a section on meters, their pricing and an 8 step process on how to use them. Robin also noted that there is new signage being prepared for the meter poles which will help eliminate the confusion on the free Saturday parking and clarify that all metered spaces are now 2 hours.

Layne Jones from Lochner Engineering gave the Board an update on the UTA network study results. She went over some land use analysis and improved bus system proposals. Density, diversity and design are looked at in deciding where transit is placed. They are looking at two different land use scenarios and how they can improve ridership and better prepare cities for transit. Smaller networks or roads with smaller intersections are more transit friendly and SLC gets very high scores on the preparedness index. Some of the proposed improvements include an improved network of bus systems that they will call Bus Plus and this may include 15 minute headways, coordination with TRAX schedules, pre-boarding ticket purchases to reduce dwell times, reducing the number of stops and having the bus stops on the far side of a signal rather than before so the bus isn't stuck at red lights as well as potential transit signal priority. If we don't build anything between now and 2040 the current system will grow from 150,000 to 240,000 and with these updates they will grow an additional 40,000 people to 280,000. They are looking at Fixed Guideway, where the transit is running in its own lane, and other capital projects. The goal of the network study is not only to try and increase ridership in downtown SLC but a system wide increase in ridership and cost effectiveness in Salt Lake, Weber, Davis and Utah counties. One of the driving factors is travel time and they will be looking at trip measures rather than boarding measures. They are looking at a potential 200 South streetcar and will be doing an alternative analysis to determine the details and how this will affect the proposed bicycle lanes on 200 South and what would be most appropriate for what mode.

Under bicycle and pedestrian program updates, Robin said there were over 150 Cycle Tracks comments regarding the 300 East test and most really like it which is an indication that we will want to move forward with this program and do more of these. Becka and her team are working on a cycle the city route featuring downtown, Liberty Park and Jordan River. It will have unique signage, use existing infrastructure and will begin and end in close proximity to the bike rental at the intermodal hub. We are working on figuring out what to do with the green paint on Main Street. The paint is under warranty so they'll be touching it up but since the paint rapidly diminishes we are looking at some other ways to paint it that aren't so problematic. There is a working group being created in the city to create a more walkable downtown which is being lead by Molly Robinson (an urban designer for the city). The group is trying to create a network of walkable streets, alleys and midblock crosswalks in downtown. They asked if TAB had interest in hearing more about this and TAB said they would like to discuss it at their next meeting.

Under general updates/other business, Robin said they are in the process of increasing TAB membership and that there is an appointment working its way through the process now that will represent the Avenues. She has also been reaching out to some other neighborhoods hoping to fill more roles. She would like to do a better job of having board members that represent particular interests, one being the development community and another representation by the disabled community. She would like to hear if there are suggestions from the board of people who may be willing to serve as the current board is able to have up to 15 members. We need better connectivity with

the Community Councils and it is important that the board members check in with the Community Councils within their district from time to time. They should check in and listen to the concerns or desires regarding transportation and report back to the board. It will help shape issues that we need to address. Transportation is still working on the structure of the Bicycle Advisory Board. They completed a review of the bicycle advisory board proposal and have some concerns about creating another board so they suggested taking the contents of the proposal and creating a committee of the TAB that meets independently but is connected to the board with a standing seat. This way they have the time to focus on bicycle/pedestrian issues but are also connected to the TAB. There have been no decisions made or committees formed yet.

Ed Rutan and Larry Bowers gave a brief presentation on House Bill 104 and upcoming changes to Ground Transportation. One of the key parts of HB104 was directed to the requirement of the request for proposals for newer vehicles than are currently on the road and also for mileage limitations. The City wants to create a subcommittee to help develop the type of appearance standards they want in conjunction with the Transportation Advisory Board. The Mayor made a commitment that at least one of the members of this group would be a small business/ground transportation owner but other than that the structure is open. This subcommittee will be formed to advise on these particular standards and will do that through TAB and the formal recommendations will come through TAB. This subcommittee will review and make recommendations as to the reasonableness of what the ordinance currently says and look at safety and appearance from a reasonable point of view. This subcommittee will report similarly to the way the Bicycle Advisory Board will report to TAB but they will be tasked with one thing and when this is done there is no more function for this subcommittee.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2012. Tentative agenda items include: Update on safe routes to school w/UDOT, Open Streets Planning, Bike share, UCAT and Walkable Downtown.

Robin took an opportunity to recognize and thank Alama Ulu'ave and Joel Ban for having served two full terms on the board with a letter and a plaque. Their terms are officially over at the end of September.

The meeting was adjourned at 05:38 p.m.

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