

SALT LAKE CITY  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of the September 11, 2017 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Andrea Olson, Courtney Reeser, Hal Johnson, Kevin Young, Paul Schulte, Reid Ewing, Todd Hadden and Whitney Ward.

Absent from the Transportation Advisory Board were Daniel Page and John Beener.

Also present were: Amy Lyons, Julianne Sabula, Alexis Verson, Cris Jones and Spencer Nitz.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Whitney Ward.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests** – Whitney welcomed everyone. There were no guests.

**Public Comment** – There were no members of the public.

**Motion:** Reid Ewing moved to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting. Andrea Olson seconded the motion with one correction. The motion passed unanimously.

**Report Out**

***TAB Members***

Kevin said the City hired a recruiter to find candidates for the Transportation Director position. The candidates have been narrowed down and two will be interviewed tomorrow. Andrea said at the last Avenues Community Council meeting, she talked to them about her term being up and potential changes in the bylaws. Paul said there seems to be a continual concern about how the process works for crosswalks, school zones and crossing guards. He would like to have a long term discussion about making this easier. Kevin told him that Scott Vaterlaus would be the one to arrange that with. Reid had a kick off meeting for the Point of the Mountain Transportation Analysis. They're having parking supply and demand meetings. Another thing is a study that is being finished on trip and parking generation related to two developments. One is the Station Park development in Utah and the other is Orenco Station development in Oregon. It's a comparative case study. The study was funded by UDOT to study TOD because they realize they can't build roads fast enough. Hal said UTA has been working with Salt Lake City to figure out solutions at the airport. There have been discussions about relocating the access to the TRAX station, which could provide a significant cost savings. Courtney had some feedback from some of her neighbors wondering why there is no left turn restriction when you go east on 600 North at 800 West. Kevin said the potential impact on the neighborhood had been discussed internally and that if the residents in that area support it, Transportation will check into it. Courtney also asked again about Residential Permit Parking near the fairgrounds. Some of her neighbors cannot get into their driveways or parking areas due to fair goers parking in the

neighborhoods. Todd said there are speeders at Starcrest and 900 North and wanted to discuss traffic calming options. Reid said he is very well versed in traffic calming and would like to do a presentation on the subject at the next meeting. Todd said the BAC is excited about the 900 West rebuild as it will improve bicycle conditions on that road. They also talked about 2100 South.

## **Transit Master Plan**

### ***Julianne Sabula, SLC Transportation***

Julianne asked the Board for a letter of support for the Transit Master Plan. Whitney asked if the plan provided enough guidance to the City and the Council for future improvements and how they will connect to a broader system. Julianne said the intent of the plan is to look at where a frequent transit plan is appropriate and after that it's just a question of what the regional goals are. Hal said typically these kind of master plans are the starting point to take other projects into doing a study and then developing a project. Whitney asked what the next steps are for approval of this plan. Julianne said the City Council indicated they will do at least two public hearings, the first of which will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> and will show the draft plan in its original form. The second will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will show the draft plan with all of the revisions based on public comments. Reid asked for additional information to be sent to the Board so they could review it. Cris believes if an official statement from a TAB member were made at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, it would be helpful. Courtney volunteered to attend this meeting and give a statement on behalf of TAB. Whitney will draft a letter of support and distribute it to the Board members via e-mail for them to review and vote on at the next meeting.

## **North Temple Draft Study**

### ***Alexis Verson, SLC Transportation***

Transportation wrapped up the North Temple Complete Street Study technical analysis which Alexis had already sent to the Board for review. Whitney said there's a lot of variation through the corridor as far as street width. She asked if there might be a way to illustrate the various segments, something as a whole so you can see at once what happens or a diagram with arrows showing where the cars, cyclists and busses would go. Alexis said she could do a less segmented CAD drawing and Whitney thought that would be helpful. Hal was looking through the study and said it looks like a fairly complete street and like its tying things together but his one concern would be doing a safety review with UTA. Alexis said there will definitely be a safety review with UTA. Hal said the only area he was confused about was the Main to State Street section. He said there is a lot of stuff going on right there and it might be a good opportunity to incorporate some traffic calming discussion. He said in principle as a TAB member, he would support this because he believes it's a great concept. Alexis is currently preparing an information only transmittal for City Council. The plan isn't a plan that will be adopted by Council because there is no funding attached. The City has already done some public input but is going to go back to those they surveyed, show them what they came up with and what the next steps for public outreach and engagement will be. Ultimately they'll be seeking funding for design and construction after they get a better picture from the public and the multi-agency committee they've been working with. Hal said it seems like a nice document, he would just add the traffic calming and the safety walk through with UTA. Alexis said that although this is not a formal adoption, she's looking for support in continuing to study this section and would like a letter of support from TAB.

Motion: Whitney made a motion that the Board approve the following statement: It's great to continue to study this complicated segment of North Temple and of our downtown to try to make the complete streets actionable in the best way possible, understanding the complexities of the roadway, and to include traffic calming and a safety assessment to the current plan. Andrea seconded the motion.

## **Transportation Utility Fees**

### ***TAB Members***

The Board revisited the transportation utility fee discussion they'd previously had. Hal said he really appreciated being able to see the presentation but it raised some questions for him. There are some other fees that have been looked at but he thinks this is a really good one which could potentially be a tool to help implement some much needed things that the City has been talking about so it seems like a good possibility for consideration. Whitney had questions about what specifically the money went to because it essentially goes to road infrastructure but wanted some clarity around exactly what systems could be funded by this. Reid said it is usually specifically for street maintenance but he had examples of when it was used for bicycle facilities and transit. It's like an impact fee in the sense that there has to be a rational nexus between the raising of revenue and the expenditure of revenue. The people who pay must benefit from it but he believes the City could justify multi-modal expenditure on the basis that we all travel in one way or another. Whitney likes making it more multi-modal so that it is equitable all across the city. Currently the majority of the road maintenance money comes from gasoline tax but as electric cars and hybrid vehicles come into play it's an interesting idea to shift where that funding comes from but she would still like a clear understanding of how that happens. Reid said that idea could be incorporated into a letter of support if the Board chooses to write one. He thinks the point about hybrids and other vehicles generating less revenue in the future is an important one. The fee could be based on an estimate of the total number of trips because everyone is traveling by some mode and there is data showing statistically how much everyone travels. Whitney asked if it has to clearly be a fee associated with utility or infrastructure use. Reid confirmed that and said there has to be some rational basis for it and another way to look at it is similarly to water and sewer in that it should be based on use rather than property value. Hal said there is a really strong linkage between land use and transit looking at parking usage and parking related fees so he would encourage discussion of parking going forward and thinks the transportation utility fees suggested are good as is. Kevin was informed by Russell Weeks that the City Council has asked the City Attorney's Office to evaluate the City's authority to enact this kind of fee. Whitney thought it would be beneficial to wait until the City Attorney has had a chance to review this subject to see if they find it plausible or potentially plausible before TAB weighs in with a recommendation to City Council and Reid agreed.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for October 2, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

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