

SALT LAKE CITY  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Andrea Olson, Chet Cannon, Courtney Reeser, Hal Johnson, Lamar Ewell and Whitney Ward.

Absent from the Transportation Advisory Board were Cheryl Heying, Daniel Page, Reid Ewing and Todd Hadden.

Also present were: Kevin Young, Amy Lyons, Paul Schulte, Julianne Sabula, Cris Jones 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 Chet Cannon.

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

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

**Motion:** Courtney Reeser moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting. Hal Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Report Out**

***TAB Members***

Paul said the SLC School District finished a significant project at Washington Elementary. They were having a hard time getting buses in and out but with their new design, it's much better and has increased traffic flow. He also said Liberty Elementary is on schedule and the hopeful completion date is June 19, 2017. Andrea said with the State Fair, the Utah/BYU game and the Greek Festival going on this week, traffic was very busy. Courtney said the State Fair has been going on and the people who live in the area and do not have driveways have been putting out their garbage cans to try and keep open parking spots near their homes. Kevin said the hope was that once the train went in, the parked cars wouldn't be as bad. Chet asked if ridership increases during events. Hal said it definitely increases and that UTA looks at the newspapers each day for events so they can put together a service plan to try and accommodate the higher capacity. Chet said that Garbett Homes is starting a new project near Almond Street and the residents been getting a lot of traffic diverted down their tiny, one way street. He asked if the City looks at traffic flow and other things before issuing permits for this type of work. Kevin said Transportation does look at and limit how many spaces can be used, what the impacts to the neighborhood will be including proper detours. He said in that area it's very difficult because all of the streets are very narrow making it a challenge but they try to keep it to a reasonable impact. Chet asked if Transportation does any pre-studies about how traffic may increase over time. Kevin said it depends on how big the project is but that if it's zoned properly, there is no mechanism for

Transportation to stop construction. They will often do a traffic impact study after construction has occurred on larger developments to see what mitigation is needed. Paul said the City has been working with them to do a new sewer line by Franklin Elementary which is creating a huge impact on 400 South near the school for a few months.

### **Review Final Draft Revised Ordinance**

#### ***Kevin Young, SLC Transportation***

A copy of the final draft revised ordinance was sent out for the Board to review with the amendments made as suggested at the last TAB meeting. Chet said this has needed an update for a while and one of the major things was that TAB wanted to align with the Council Districts. Andrea thought it made sense to have consistency across the city and feels that the Avenues and Capitol Hill will be able to work together.

**Motion:** Chet Cannon moved to approve the final draft revised ordinance. Whitney Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **McClelland Trail Update**

#### ***Colin Quinn-Hurst, SLC Transportation***

This agenda item was postponed until the next meeting.

### **Transit Master Plan Recommendation**

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

Julianne gave a presentation of the latest draft version of the Transit Master Plan beginning with a background overview. Criteria was established to measure and develop alternatives and create a final draft plan review. This final draft has seven chapters and three appendices which aren't just about service and infrastructure, they address everything needed to make the system work well. This is a 20 year plan that was built on many pre-existing City plans. Goals of the plan were developed using the existing conditions report and the public input process. Immediate needs include growth, reduction in emissions, changing transportation preferences, an aging population, affordability and health. Julianne went over community input including what was asked of them and what feedback was received. The number one thing everyone said is that they want increased ridership. Convenience and reliability were also at the top of the list in addition to a really comprehensive citywide network. Transportation looked at the current state of the system including all modes of travel and Julianne showed the Board the elements of building a complete system including all modes of travel. This includes the first/last mile program, the green bike system, stations that are accessible and fare and pass systems. The primary recommendation of this plan is a frequent system that utilizes the city's grid system with fast, reliable, frequent, all day, every day, stable & permanent transit. Julianne went over the next steps, management review, administrative and executive review which will happen before its open for public review. Whitney would like the Sugar House Community Council to have a presentation on this plan. She also thinks it needs to be clear how the systems work together and that every plan builds on each other. Julianne said there is a lot of overlap with UTA's plans. Whitney would like a clear definition of what each tier within the plan means and Courtney would also like a potential timeline with each tier.

## **Parking Study Update (Downtown & Sugar House)**

### ***Cris Jones, SLC Transportation***

Cris went over the parking study's goals and objectives part of which is to understand parking behavior, issues and opportunities making parking more user friendly while maximizing use of existing supply. He went over the project timeline which began in the spring of 2015. The City is currently going through all of the public comments that have been received and will make sure they are all addressed. Hal mentioned the benefits of mixed use and asked if it would make sense to look at trip generations at some point. Cris said Planning is already looking at this and Transportation has received feedback from them. He went over the next steps before they are able to release the documents to the public as well as pursuing necessary approval through other channels.

## **Foothill Drive Project Update**

### ***Cris Jones, SLC Transportation***

The Foothill Drive Project is a partnership with Salt Lake City, UDOT, The University of Utah, UTA, Salt Lake County and Wasatch Front Regional Council ensuring a more unified approach. The eight goals that have been defined are to preserve and enhance communities along the corridor, move people through the whole corridor, enable access to destinations by all modes along and across the corridor, contribute to complete transportation networks, manage transportation demands by providing options, enhance safety for all users, develop a strategy for broadly acceptable and achievable change and to create an ongoing inclusive process. More information on these can be found at [www.foothilldrive.org](http://www.foothilldrive.org). Once the goals were defined, they identified existing conditions and opportunities and are in the process of developing and evaluating corridor concepts. Once this is complete, they will define a strategy to implement these projects with input from the public. Whitney asked if there were any plans for a park and ride. Cris said they are looking at putting in several park and rides.

## **General Updates & Announcements**

There were no general updates or announcements.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for October 3, 2016. Tentative future agenda items include: McClelland Trail Update

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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