

SALT LAKE CITY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the October 3, 2016 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Chet Cannon, Courtney Reeser, Daniel Page, Hal Johnson, Lamar Ewell, and Todd Hadden.

Absent from the Transportation Advisory Board were Andrea Olson, Reid Ewing and Whitney Ward.

Also present were: Amy Lyons, Colin Quinn-Hurst, George Chapman, Becka Roof, Cris Jones and Kevin Young.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chet Cannon.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests – Chet welcomed everyone and George Chapman introduced himself.

Public Comment – George said he would like the Board to recommend allowing bicycles on sidewalks in the Central Traffic District. He sees many tourists using GREENBike and does not want them to be ticketed. There are other rules already in place to ensure cyclists aren't endangering pedestrians. He doesn't want to see kids on bicycles with their parents being forced to ride in the roadway. If the Board could recommend this, he would appreciate it. Chet said this is something that has been brought up before and the Board really appreciates his comments and looks forward to hearing Becka's update on that ordinance later in today's meeting.

Motion: Hal Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting. Courtney Reeser seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report Out

TAB Members

Todd said that Bicycling Magazine listed Salt Lake City as the number 14th bicycle friendly city in the country.

Elections

Transportation Advisory Board Members

Kevin explained the history of elections on the Board which generally includes the Chair and Vice-Chair being voted in for a second year but is not required.

Motion: Courtney Reeser moved that TAB retains Chet Cannon as their Chair. Hal Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Courtney Reeser moved that TAB retains Whitney Ward as their Vice Chair. Daniel Page seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

McClelland Trail Update

Colin Quinn-Hurst, SLC Transportation

Colin said any input the Board has on the section of the McClelland Trail between 800 South and the Sugar House Business District (SHBD) would be very helpful. The City is looking at several different design options. He explained the different phases of the project and the background of the trail including that it is a water right of way. Two items that were very important to constituents were high visibility crosswalks and landscaping, so both have been added. The Sugar House Circulation Plan made some recommendations regarding the next phase of the trail. Colin said the real goal is to make the McClelland Trail a gateway to the streetcar; as well as, other targeted areas. The conditions have changed quite a bit since the Sugar House Circulation Plan gave those recommendations, including the addition of the streetcar. Colin gave details about what is needed and wanted from the trail within the SHBD. Hal said he patronizes that area quite a bit and the most confusing part to him is where you can park. Hal thinks a parking district or better understanding of where you can park would be helpful and that whatever plan is developed, should better address pedestrian improvements. There were numerous other comments from the Board members and Colin said their opinions and ideas were very helpful. This project will continue for a few months and any further questions or comments are welcome.

9-Line Update

Colin Quinn-Hurst, SLC Transportation

Parks & Open Space has money to improve the section of the 9-Line that already exists which is from 700 West to Redwood Road. This summer they will improve the first couple blocks up to 900 West and next summer they will complete the rest which includes landscaping, irrigation and other improvements. That funding came about because the residents liked the trail but didn't feel like it was wide enough or a very good environment. Jeff Gulden, with the SLC Division of Transportation, is the engineer designing the transportation aspects of those improvements.

East/West Study

Colin Quinn-Hurst, SLC Transportation

This study was funded to figure out how to connect the 9-Line with all of the transportation improvements on Sunnyside Avenue. The vision for this study, which is being called the 9-Line Trail Extension, is an attempt to send the trail up to Emigration Canyon and be an attractive, safe and exclusive trail connecting east and west with a walking/biking trail. This was an old rail line which has had the tracks replaced with concrete. Colin shared the background of this project and said there are several master plans that have called out for developing this trail. There have been three rounds of public engagement and several stakeholder meetings. He showed the Board the online public meeting results and said there will be a final round of Open City Hall. He explained the next steps prior to a draft plan being made.

Bikes on Sidewalks Update

Becka Roolf, SLC Transportation

For now, Salt Lake City has decided to leave the bicycling on sidewalks ordinance related to riding in the Downtown Traffic District (DTD) as it is. Since the general public doesn't really know what the rules are, Salt Lake City is starting a safety based education and encouragement initiative. This will include information about not running red lights, riding with traffic, using lights at night and yielding to pedestrians outside of the DTD. SLC will be working with the Police on enforcement and education as well as stenciling the sidewalks, stenciling the bike lanes and putting messages on bike racks. This will be followed up with enforcement, stopping people and giving them warnings before tickets.

General Updates & Announcements

Cheryl Heying resigned her position with TAB due to time constraints at work. Chet said if the Board members know anyone who might be interested, have them apply for the open position. Kevin said Transportation is just finishing the extension of the 300 South bike lane going up to the University of Utah. There have been many questions but they believe they've found something that works for everyone. Hopefully tomorrow night the City Council will finalize their CIP part of the budget and then the City will start the CIP projects for next year. Transportation will bring their CIP list to the Board for input.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for November 7, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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