

SALT LAKE CITY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the December 1, 2014 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Cheryl Heying, Chet Cannon, Hal Johnson, Rachel Otto, Shaun Jacobson, Steve Woods, Robin Hutcheson and Whitney Ward.

Absent from the Transportation Advisory Board were: Andrea Olson, Cathy Liu, Daniel Page, Lamar Ewell and Reid Ewing.

Also present were Jamie Clark, Katie Lewis, Russell Weeks, Becka Roof, Amy Pufahl and Spencer Taylor

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 Rachel Otto.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests – Rachel welcomed everyone and the guests introduced themselves.

Public Comment – Jamie Clark from Enterprise Car Share said they are having an inversion special beginning in January for their members. It's free to join and then members will enjoy discounted rates from January 1st to March 31, 2015.

Motion: Cheryl Heying moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting. Chet Cannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Cheryl Heying moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting. Shaun Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Meeting Law Training

Katie Lewis-Salt Lake City Attorney's Office

Katie Lewis from the City Attorney's office gave the Board their required annual open meeting law training. The basic principle under state law is that a meeting of a public body has to be open to the public unless it falls under an exception as indicated by that law. She went over public notice requirements and said a topic raised by the public can be discussed in a meeting however no final action can be made. She discussed the proper way to handle group contact outside of TAB Meetings. The city has adopted an ordinance allowing electronic meetings but the rule is that there has to be a majority of a quorum of the board physically present in order to have electronic participation.

Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan Draft Review

Becka Roof

After extensive public outreach and stakeholder involvement, the Transportation Division spent the summer assembling a draft plan. A tremendous amount of feedback

was received and was used to improve the materials that have been developed so far and a lot of time went into creating a high quality draft plan showing the City's modernization of their approach to walking and bicycling within the city. The draft plan is now ready for a comprehensive formal public review so Transportation can determine if they have accurately portrayed the feedback received so far. What the Board is being provided with today is a walkthrough of what the plan contains in the hopes that it will help expedite their review. Becka let the Board know they can view the Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan on the www.walkbikeslc.com website. The comment period is through December 17th and everyone is encouraged to go to open city hall to comment. The plan is expected to go to the Planning Commission in January for their review. The Board was given a copy of the executive summary and Becka gave them an overview of the plan and explained how this coincides with the Complete Streets policy. The executive summary starts off with the vision, goals, a note on complete streets as one of the reasons we're updating the plan, why we should invest in walking and biking. There are graphics and pictures for each of the different sections so it's good high level summary of the plan. She went over the table of contents and gave a brief explanation of each section. Once the plan is adopted, the City moves into a project development phase where they select priorities and the begin work on conceptual design. Then cost estimates will be developed for the projects that they're developing and run them through the City's Capital Improvement Program. Robin requested that the Board members pass the link to access the Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan to all of their networks so the plan and the opportunity to comment on the plan can reach as many as possible.

General Updates & Announcements

BAC – Shaun Jacobson

Shaun reported that Transportation is taking the BAC's recommendation regarding the striping and parking of 500 North behind the Capitol. The parking will be changed from parallel to back in angled parking with a bike lane behind. This is being done in conjunction with a UDOT resurfacing project. Robin asked at what point the BAC would be ready to bring their recommendation to TAB regarding bicycling on sidewalks. Shaun said they are quite close, they have their recommendation draft finalized and the BAC is planning on voting on it at their next meeting. They have also engaged and received a letter in support of their recommendation from the Downtown Alliance. The BAC will send information for TAB to review in advance of this item being placed on the TAB agenda.

General Updates - Robin

The City will be changing out the internal components of the parking meters and retrofitting the stations beginning next week, likely finishing the second week of January. This should address all of the problems they have been having with the current parking meter system. In addition to completely changing out the inside of the machines, the display will be changed so the visibility will be better. Robin said there will not be any additional cost to complete this as a portion of the original contract had not yet been

paid so the City is using those resources to complete this project. Robin also discussed scheduling and future agenda items with the Board.

Mountain Accord Project-Idealized Systems

Robin Hutcheson

The comment period for the Mountain Accord Project is still open regarding the idealized systems and in January there will be public open houses on the 10th and 11th. The Board discussed this project but had some concerns over the clarity of information presented to them which they said makes it difficult to comment on. They would like to see a few changes in presentation, for example: an executive summary and a better display of information. It is very difficult to comment at this point because there are so many options and would be easier if they could see the plusses and minuses of each plan and how they work together to solve problems. It seems like certain things are at odds and it's hard to put them together but they are hoping when they see the overlay it will make more sense and help them see how things interact together. Robin said right now it's a process of looking at some cause and effect and some tradeoffs as each of the idealized systems gets overlaid with one another

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2014. Tentative future agenda items include: Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan, Downtown Streetcar Alternatives Analysis, BAC Sidewalk Recommendation, Mountain Accord Project, McClelland Trail and the Transit Master Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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