

SALT LAKE CITY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the February 2, 2015 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Andrea Olson, Cheryl Heying, Chet Cannon, Daniel Page, Hal Johnson, Lamar Ewell, Rachel Otto (via telephone), Robin Hutcheson, Shaun Jacobson and Tyler Fisher.

Absent from the Transportation Advisory Board were: Cathy Liu, Reid Ewing, Steve Woods and Whitney Ward.

Also present were Phil Sarnoff, Cris Jones, Becka Roof, Alexis Verson, Amy Pufahl, Julianne Sabula, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Elliot Setzer, Laynee 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 4:02 p.m. by Cheryl Heying.

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

Public Comment – There were no public comments

Motion: Shaun Jacobsen moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting. Chet Cannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

200 West Project Review

Colin Quinn-Hurst

Colin gave an update on the 200 West Project which has been in the works for a couple of years. This project was planned for summer of 2014 however since Questar will be replacing a gas main that is basically along the same extent of this project, the City delayed the project until the Questar project is completed. The design will be roughly the same as the 300 South design with some modifications and will be going from North Temple to 900 South. Communication with every business owner, resident and property owner within the corridor regarding the project is occurring. Colin showed some picture examples of what they will be doing along this corridor and said they are working on how to do the intersection of 200 West and 300 South as this will be the City's first intersection where two protected bicycle lanes meet.

Transit Master Plan Introduction

Julianne Sabula

Julianne gave the Board an introduction to the Transit Master Plan including examples and the outcomes of other cities that have done transit master plans. There are many detailed plans and corridor projects but the City started hearing from the public that they desired to understand how the future of transit in SLC would work. The City Council had a workshop and developed some goals for transit and together with the

Transportation Division developed a scope of work. That scope of work includes looking specifically at transit within Salt Lake City since there are already entities that do regional transit planning. The objective is to look at improving transit in a much smaller unit of geography without compromising the regional network. There are several goals in this plan that the City Council has developed which are also in sync with the Mayor's Livability Agenda and UTA Board goals. A Transit Master Plan for the City will increase safety and reliability for its residents as the population grows. Businesses are generally supportive as well since it can bring more people to their doors without them having to accommodate parking and other issues that come with people arriving in vehicles. Good transit access helps incentivize development, accommodates a variety of income ranges, and provides access to jobs. The plan will show places where there should be connections, where there are priority corridors, and how the system can be better integrated. Ultimately they are looking for an increase in people riding transit within the City. There will be extensive public outreach as the plan is developed where they will gather priorities and goals to help them develop criteria by which they will measure alternatives for the plan. This will be a collaborative effort which will include SLC, UTA, the University of Utah, UDOT, as well as others.

Bicycling on Sidewalks

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Shaun Jacobsen said the BAC is recommending that the current ban on bicycle riding on sidewalks within the Central Traffic District be repealed. The main reason for that is that they feel all users should be encouraged to ride their bikes downtown and there are certain groups who don't feel comfortable riding on the roads. This was reviewed by a BAC subcommittee over the course of six months and this recommendation was proposed, voted on and approved by the entire Committee in the hopes that it would be presented to the City Council at some point for their consideration. There is a current ordinance in place that protects pedestrians so the BAC feels like having bicyclists ride in a responsible manner at a reasonable speed will still be conducive to a safe environment for pedestrians. He listed numerous other reasons why the Committee felt this ordinance should be repealed. Cheryl asked what input they had gathered from outside entities. The group contacted the Downtown Alliance which represents many different members of the downtown community. Robin suggested they contact other groups that may be affected by this ordinance change and offered to help make a list for the BAC so they could contact additional appropriate and interested parties. Robin said she would also like a chance for the Transportation staff to review the proposal. The Board recommended that this be turned over to Transportation to work with both the BAC and the TAB to work through this process.

Mountain Accord Project

Laynee Jones

Laynee introduced herself and gave an update on what progress has been made on the Mountain Accord Project since she last presented to TAB. She strongly encouraged the Board members to not only look at the new blueprint on their website and leave comments themselves but also spread the word to everyone they know who cares about the future of the mountains. The current proposal is a blueprint that has four major components. The first component which is the most important is to protect and

preserve the mountains; the second is transit and getting people moving within the mountains via mass transit. The third and fourth components are recreation and economy.

General Updates & Announcements – The Utah Bike Summit will be held on April 10th at the Academy Square in Provo and the keynote speaker will be mountain biking legend, Gary Fisher. Early registration is now open at bikeutah.org. Last week, a proposal was submitted for City Council consideration, to continue the Hive Pass. They have been asked for funds to support a revision which will be a cost sharing model in which the resident will pay 50% of the cost, the City 30% of the cost and UTA 20% of the cost. Robin thanked the Board members for their work and recommendations on the Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan which has gone through the Planning Commission Hearing process. The next step is to be scheduled again with the Planning Commission to hopefully get their formal recommendation and then on to the City Council. The Wasatch Front Regional Council's Regional Transportation Plan is out for public comment and the Board is encouraged to check their website and prepare some comments either individually or as a Board

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2014. Tentative future agenda items were not discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

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