

SALT LAKE CITY

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the August 3, 2009 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Scott Atkinson, Joel Ban, Milton Braselton, Randy Dixon, Brian Doughty, Jim Jenkin, Tim Harpst, Keith Jensen, Jonathan Springmeyer, Alama Ulu'ave, and Xuesong Zhou.

Also present were Kevin Young, Dan Bergenthal, and Kelly Gillman.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairman Keith Jensen. Keith asked for approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2009 meeting.

Motion: Jim Jenkin moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2009 meeting. Jonathan Springmeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan Bergenthal explained to the Board the expanded bicycle route planning and installation work that is going on in the city. A map showing the existing bike lanes and the bike lane installations proposed for summer/fall 2009 was handed out. Dan said most of the proposed bike lanes can be installed by adding striping, but there are some locations where parking will need to be removed from one side of the street or green striping indicating a shared lane will need to be installed. Board members asked Dan various questions about bike lane locations and installation. Dan said the goal is to meet the City's "Complete Streets" initiative and include bike lanes on all streets where reasonably possible. With the completion of the bike lanes proposed for 2009 there will be 40 lane miles of new bike lanes added. Dan said the City is working to install up to 50 new bike racks this year.

Dan Bergenthal explained to the Board the trail system planning and installation work that is going on in the city. A map showing the existing trail system and the trails proposed for summer/fall 2009 was handed out. Design work on the Jordan River Trail (JRT) from Redwood Road to the north City limits is being done, with North Salt Lake looking to complete the connection to the Legacy Parkway trail. The North Temple to 200 South section of the JRT has UPRR track that needs to be crossed. It still needs to be determined whether crossing the UPRR track can be at grade or must be grade separated. Dan said work is being done to see what should be done with the 900 South rail corridor. A public open house was held to discuss the issues. A majority of people support putting in a trail, while some want the corridor used for housing. Alama Ulu'ave expressed concern regarding the safety and maintenance of a trail. Keith Jensen passed out a draft of a letter he had written to Mayor Becker recommending the 900 South rail corridor be rezoned as open space. Keith said he wasn't sure that open space was the right rezone choice, but was looking for a way to ensure the corridor is preserved for alternative means of transportation. Keith expressed concerns and issues regarding a trail in the corridor, which included maintenance of the trail, the perception that trails increase crime in the area, and the added cost to the City to install and

maintain the trail. Keith said he would continue to refine the draft letter and bring it back to the Board for their review.

Dan Bergenthal discussed the pedestrian safety issues being worked on in the City. HAWK beacons are being added on 1300 East and as part of the City Creek Center project. New pedestrian push buttons are being installed at signal locations. These new pedestrian push buttons have a locking LED that informs pedestrians that the button has been pushed and a call for the signal phase to change had been sent to the system. Dan said the City is in the process of filling the vacant Pedestrian/Bicycle Coordinator position. Dan said he was looking at some new signs that have blinking LED lights along the edge of the signs, which are meant to bring more attention to the sign.

Under general updates and other business, Tim informed the Board that funding for bicycle facilities was secured as part of this year's budget. Approval was obtained to use some of this funding for seasonal staffing for bike lane and trail development.

Tim told the Board that a consultant team had been hired to do a finance plan and some preliminary engineering for the Sugar House street car project. Salt Lake City, South Salt Lake, and UTA are submitting an application for federal funding for this project. The consultant team contract is being extended to help with this effort.

Tim said the street overlay work for 1300 East between 500 South and 1300 South would begin in August. Favorable bids were received for the HAWK Beacons, with the work being completed this fall. The pedestrian flashers and driver feedback signs have been installed. A U of U class is reviewing the 2100 South to 3300 South section of 1300 East and will be providing the City with a report of their finding and recommendations.

Jim Jenkin brought up the issue of pedestrians at the 400 West/300 South intersection during the Farmers Market. There are high numbers of pedestrians at times, with many ignoring the pedestrian signals. Jim asked if something could be done to help this situation. Tim said this problem would be looked at.

Keith Jensen told the Board that in July the City Council held a work session regarding the taxi cab issue and invited him to attend and provide information regarding the Board's recommendations. Keith said the City Council seemed genuinely interested in the Board's input on this issue.

The next meeting of the Board was set for Monday, September 14, 2009. Tentative agenda items include review of the Downtown Alliance Parking & Transportation Committee's goals for a parking management entity, Safe Routes to School, and the 900 South Rail Corridor Recommendation.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.