

**TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019  
12:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

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| <b>Members Present:</b> | Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair, <i>District 4</i><br>Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i><br>Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, <i>District 6</i><br>Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i><br>Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i>   |
| <b>Members Absent:</b>  | <i>None</i>  |
| <b>Staff Present:</b>   | Councilmember Roberto C. Treviño, <i>District 1</i> ; Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Lori Houston, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; John Jacks, <i>Director of Center City Development and Operations Department</i> ; Leticia Saenz, <i>Deputy City Clerk</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i> |
| <b>Others Present:</b>  | <i>None</i>  |

**1. Approval of the Minutes for the December 17, 2018 Transportation Committee Meeting.**

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve the Minutes for the December 17, 2018 Transportation Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Brockhouse seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmembers Gonzales and Peláez entered the meeting at this time.

**2. Consideration of Applicants to the San Antonio Bike Share Board of Directors (3 Slots)**  
[Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

John Jacks stated that the City of San Antonio appoints three Board of Directors to the San Antonio Bike Share. He noted that the Office of the City Clerk received 25 applications for the three slots that were for 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year terms of office. He added that at the request of Chairman Saldaña; the Center City Development Office provided their three recommendations to the Transportation Council Committee.

- Clay Swenson-1-year term, Council District 8
- Susan V. Roberts-2-year term, Council District 9
- Peng M. Ng-3-year term, Council District 1

Mr. Jacks reported that staff recommended that eligible applicant criteria include experience operating a nonprofit organization; variety of personal backgrounds; diverse representation; and no unpaid citations and taxes, outstanding warrants or code compliance violations. He stated that Peng M. Ng had a strong background in finance and development. He noted that Dr. Susan Roberts' experience was in business development and fundraising. He added that Clay Swenson had experience in auditing, project management and finance.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if the applicants had been interviewed. Mr. Jacks stated that staff had interviewed the candidates.

Councilmember Brockhouse moved to approve the staff recommendation to appoint Clay Swenson, 1-year term; Susan V. Roberts, 2-year term; and Peng M. Ng, 3-year term, to the San Antonio Bike Share Board of Directors and forward to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Sandoval seconded that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. A briefing and possible action on the six month Dockless Vehicle Pilot Program.** [John Jacks, Director, Center City Development and Operations]

John Jacks reported that in 2018, the City Council adopted a six month Dockless Vehicle Pilot Program which created a permitting structure and operational rules for dockless vehicles. He stated that there were adopted regulations established for riding and parking the dockless vehicles. He noted that the application fee was \$500 and the permit fee per vehicle was \$10. He added that the projected revenue for six-months was \$164,500.

Mr. Jacks stated that seven companies had obtained permits to operate under the Pilot Program. He noted that in December 2018, the average daily deployment was 6,563; the number of vehicles permitted was 9,500; and the average daily deployment of permitted vehicles was 69%. He added that there were 12,000 scooters and 2,000 E-Bikes permitted to operate.

Mr. Jacks stated that deployment ridership totaled 1.2 million and there were 293,000 rides in December 2018. He noted that at the start of the Pilot Program, staff provided education and outreach to the community. He added that the City would be installing decals to display designated parking and that parking violations could be reported to 311SA.

Mr. Jacks stated that San Antonio Parking Enforcement and Centro San Antonio's Ambassadors had corrected 15,000 scooters and impounded 70 scooters. He noted that 556 violations had been reported to 311SA and that enforcement staff were assigned to address parking and deployment violations. He mentioned that the permitted operators had two hours to correct any scooters reported with parking violations and one hour to correct any scooters reported in prohibited areas.

Mr. Jacks reported that there was ongoing data collected during the Pilot Program. He stated that there were 78 injuries reported to 9-1-1. He noted that 52 of the injuries required transportation to the hospital and 25 of the injuries did not require transportation to the hospital. He highlighted the following issues that were identified:

- Riding, parking and deployment in prohibited areas
- Underage riding
- Multiple people on a scooter
- Deployment in violation of the ordinance
- Vehicle not picked up at night
- Event impact

Mr. Jacks stated that the proposed amendments were necessary during the Pilot Program and that amendments would be required after the Pilot Program. He noted that staff recommended adjustments to the Pilot Program for consideration by the full City Council.

Chairperson Saldaña asked if the Committee could take action on the amendments or would the full City Council be required to vote on the amendments. Lori Houston stated that the Committee could vote on a moratorium to delay action being taken by the full City Council. She

noted that there were amendments that had to go before the full City Council because those amendments were directly related to the ordinance. Chairperson Saldaña asked how long the Pilot Program had been in existence. Mr. Jacks replied that the Pilot Program was implemented in mid-November. Lori Houston responded that the Pilot Program would end in April 2019 and staff would present recommendations to the full City Council in May or June 2019.

Councilmember Peláez stated that he was not in favor of the scooters and that they were pointless from an environmental perspective. He noted that there was an excessive number of scooters throughout the City and they should be prohibited. He suggested that staff create a concession model that acknowledges both the City and the Company to have stake in the City's Enforcement and Cleanup.

Councilmember Brockhouse stated that he had not received positive feedback on scooters and that they lacked regulations. He noted that he was concerned with the vast growth and that there were not enough accountability measures for the scooters. He added that if the companies did not follow the guidelines; they should lose their permits. He suggested that staff implement regulations that scooter companies would be held accountable for and that he was not in support of instrumenting law enforcement to monitor scooter violations.

Councilmember Gonzales suggested that the City not impose heavy regulations but provide a welcoming environment and accommodations to new technology that offered alternative modes of transportation. She highlighted that there was a small number of injuries and no fatalities from riding a scooter. She requested data that indicated the number of individuals that traveled on scooters to take the place of automobile rides. She stated that scooters could be positive alternative modes of transportation if the City accommodated them. She recommended that staff create a simple way for the City to conduct business with the scooter companies.

Councilmember Sandoval stated that the City should invest in resources to embrace the scooters. She suggested that staff scale back from issuing permits until the City was able to match the resources required for the current scooters.

Councilmember Peláez asked if Geofencing could be used to limit the use of scooters in residential areas. Mr. Jacks stated that the City could require companies to provide Geofencing. Councilmember Peláez suggested that staff consider having tow companies available to impound scooters.

Councilmember Treviño stated that a mobility officer would be able to assist with issues concerning E-Bikes.

Chairperson Saldaña stated that he was in support of Councilmember Peláez's recommendation for the City to develop a concession model.

Councilmember Peláez moved to approve a moratorium on scooters and to forward amendments to the ordinance to the full City Council. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Saldaña, Brockhouse, Sandoval, and Peláez

**NAY:** Gonzales

## **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

***Respectfully Submitted,***

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***Rey Saldaña , Chairman***

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***Alicia K. Beckham,  
Office of the City Clerk***