

**TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019
3:30 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present:	Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i>
Staff Present:	Peter Zanoni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Edward Guzman, <i>Deputy City Attorney</i> ; Lori Houston, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Art Reinhardt, <i>Interim Deputy Director of Transportation and Capital Improvement</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Blanca Laborde, <i>Bird</i>

1. Approval of the Minutes for the March 18, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve the Minutes for the March 18, 2019 Transportation Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. A briefing on the Dockless Vehicle Pilot Program. [John Jacks, Director, Center City Development & Operations]

John Jacks reported that the City was near the end of the Dockless Vehicles Pilot Program and that the Program created both a permitting structure and operational rules. He stated that there was stockholder and community involvement. He noted that there were seven permitted vendors to manage dockless vehicles in the City with 16,100 permits total. He added that staff had communicated to vendors that educating the community was part of the Pilot Program.

Mr. Jacks stated that in the past six months there had been a total of 1.85 million rides. He reported that the rides peaked in December 2018 and then dropped in January and February 2019. He noted that Alamo Plaza, La Villita, and Hemisfair Park were the three in which scooters were prohibited and that data indicated that parking occurred within these prohibited areas. He added that the majority of ridership had occurred after 1:00 pm and that ridership decreased toward the end of the day.

Mr. Jacks stated that 800 people had participated in a survey the department issued with 43% of respondents noting they ride dockless vehicles occasionally. He added that over 50% said they would either use their personal vehicles, Uber, Lyft, or taxi in lieu of using a dockless vehicle.

Mr. Jacks stated during the midpoint of the Pilot Program; the full City Council amended the operation of scooters from 6am to 11pm. He noted that the dockless vehicles parked in prohibited areas would be collected without notification. He added that the full City Council ratified the moratorium to accept more applications.

Mr. Jacks stated that there were 147 accidents and that 88 of those individuals were transported to the hospital. He noted that there were 243 warnings issued and 72 citations written. He added that the Centro Ambassadors had corrected over 43,000 dockless vehicles.

Mr. Jacks reported that Senate Bill 549 was being considered and would prohibit riders from riding on streets with speed limits above 35 miles per hour (mph) and that did not have multiuse trail or bike lanes. He noted that the bill would place a maximum speed limit on dockless vehicles to 15 mph if a rider was standing and 20 mph if a rider was sitting. He added that that the bill was passed out of the Senate Committee.

Mr. Jacks stated that the staff recommendation was to identify three operators through a Request for Proposals (RFP). He noted that 5,000 dockless vehicles would be divided amongst the three operators and would include an agreement to increase the number of vehicles if ridership demands expand. He added that a new firm would be allowed to enter the agreement if there was new innovation.

Mr. Jacks stated that the goal of the RFP would be to reduce vehicles, and protect sensitive areas. He noted that the RFP would ask each vendor to stress safety and include data in their proposal. He mentioned that staff would preset the item to the full City Council at a B Session on May 15, 2019 and would request that the full City Council adopt amendments and endorse the RFP on May 30, 2019.

Mr. Jacks stated that upon City Council approval; the RFP would be issued in June 2019 and would be awarded in either August 2019 or September 2019. He noted that staff would be requesting that the existing permits be extended so that all permits expire on the same date. He added that the amendment would require a 50% reduction in the number of permits for companies that have over 1,000 vehicles.

Chairperson Saldaña asked of the highest deployment of dockless vehicles. Mr. Jacks stated that the average deployment was 6,563. Chairperson Saldaña asked why warnings and citations were issued. Mr. Jacks responded that the most common violations issued were for two persons being on one vehicle, illegal parking, or riding in prohibited areas. He noted that the revenues collected from citations would be used to pay Officers to concentrate on dockless vehicle violations.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that she did not support an RFP Process.

Chairperson Saldaña suggested that staff to develop an RFP Process to address the concerns of the vehicles.

Councilmember Sandoval asked how many dockless vehicles each vendor deployed a day. Blanca Laborde stated that Bird's focus was to optimize operations and not deploy dockless vehicles that were not being used. She noted that they had 4,500 permits; however, deployed 1,400 a day over the last month. Councilmember Sandoval asked why Bird had 4,500 permits but deployed 1,400 a day. Ms. Laborde replied that less dockless vehicles were being deployed to reduce clutter, and reduce potential damage to vehicles. She noted that data identified that less vehicles were being ridden. Councilmember Sandoval suggested that staff eliminate the time restrictions on the dockless vehicles and that dockless vehicles not be allowed on sidewalks.

Councilmember Sandoval added that the RFP would allow the City the opportunity to get the best companies and would ensure recovery costs. Lori Houston stated that there would be a fee per vehicle passed onto the vendor and that the City was increasing fees to cover City Expenses.

In response to Councilmember Gonzales, Mrs. Houston stated that awarding an RFP to three vendors would allow staff to build a strong working relationship with the vendors. She noted that the selected vendors would be paying a fee per scooter that covered City Expenses.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to forward the Dockless Vehicle Pilot Program to the B Session for discussion on how the vehicles interplay with SA Tomorrow, Connect SA, Housing and the City's Climate Action Plan. Chairperson Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Sandoval and Saldaña

NAY: Gonzales

ABSENT: Greg Brockhouse and Manny Peláez

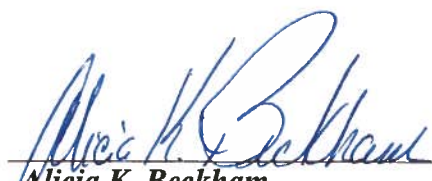
Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rey Saldaña , Chairman



Alicia K. Beckham,
Office of the City Clerk

