
City of San Antonio Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Board Members Present:

George Mery
Ty Edwards
Eddie Rodriguez
Javier Trista
George Garcia
Nick Roberson

Board Members Absent:

Joey Pawlik
Daniela Serna
Robert Gonzales
Erica La Hood
David Strainge

Others Present

Rick Riley, Assistant Police Director
Gary Gilbert, Administrative Service Manager SAPD
James Kopp, Assistant City Attorney
Joe Herrera, Ground Transportation Unit Supervisor SAPD

Guests

Roll Call & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mery at 5:05 pm. A Roll Call followed, at least six (6) voting board members were present, and a quorum was established.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for May 22, 2024 TAB meeting

N. Roberson moved for approval; E. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

For: All **Against:** None **Abstentions:** None **Minutes Approved**

2. Public Comments:

Jack Finger
Stephanie Garcia Yellow Rose/HRH
Kathy Stephens Lollypop/Bluebonnet
Chris David Yellow Rose/HRH
Ernest Viesca Riverside Pedicabs
Mathew Estranda
Lisa Barnes Yellow Rose/HRH
Joshua Reyna Yellow Rose/HRH

Briefing and Possible Action on the following Items:

3. Update on the Transportation Advisory Board Recommendations to amend the ordinance 58134 (Function of the TAB), Ordinance 74977 (Chairperson requirements), and Ordinance 2009-05-21-0433 (Voting member categories of the TAB)

Mr. Garcia discussed the issue of what category member can serve as chairperson of the TAB.

Mr. Garcia discussed the process to present this item to City Council and asked Mr. Riley to provide the process of how this happens, Mr. Riley attempted to answer Mr. Garcia questions.

Mr. Gilbert stated that this item along with making recommendation to the Director of the Airport was reviewed by the TAB Sub-Committee, recommended by the TAB and those recommendations will be sent forward.

Mr. Gilbert also addressed a concern by Mr. Roberson about the TAB recommendation to remove the pre-employment drug testing requirement. He stated that this was discussed during the TAB Sub-Committee that is reviewing Chapter 33 and will be brought back to the TAB.

4. Update on the Council Consideration Request (CCR) to Phase out the Horse-Drawn Carriages in San Antonio:

Mr. Garcia stated that Councilperson Viagran told him that it was not her intent to eliminate the carriage industry and that she wanted to know what could be done to provide options for the carriage industry.

Discussion was held

Mr. Mery asked the carriage industry if they have attempted to reach out to the City Council members on the CCR. They stated that they have attempted to talk with each Council Person.

5. Discussion of the Handling of Vehicles-for-Hire during San Antonio's last Final Four Event.

Mr. Garcia stated that he wanted to start the discussion on how the City was going to handle the VFH traffic for such as a important event.

Mr. Mery brought up some of the issue that happened during the 2018 final four and mentioned that there is already a Final Four Committee working on the plans for April 2025.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the TAB board has the authority to make recommendations to the Police Department on Traffic issues or VFH issues, but the Alamodome has authority of how the parking lots are utilized.

6. Items for the Next Agenda:

- Horse Carriage CCR Update
- TAB Sub-Committee Update

7. Announcements:

None

8. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mr. Roberson and seconded by Mr. Edwards

For: All **Against:** None

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm

George Mery
TAB Vice-Chairperson

Gary J. Gilbert
Administrative Services Manager
Recorder/Transcriber of Minutes