

City of San Antonio



Meeting Minutes Street, Bridges & Sidewalks Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

6:00 PM

City Tower Concourse A Room

Street, Bridges & Sidewalks Advisory Board

A majority of appointive members, other than ex officio, shall constitute a quorum.

	John Bailey, Chair		
Arturo Veliz	District 1	David Zachary Magallanez	District 6
Jamie Coleman	District 2	Matthew Baiza	District 7
Suzanne Baker	District 3	Michael P. Kennick	District 8
Eduardo Reyes	District 4	Arthur Downey	District 9
Mark Camann	District 5	Jonathan Melendez	District 10

6:00 P.M. - Call to Order, City Tower Concourse A Room

Advisory Board Chair, John Bailey called the meeting to order:

- Attendance of Advisory Board Members: 10 members and 1 Chair attended
- Non-Attendance of Advisory Board Members: 0
- Head count of general attendance: 3
- Razi Hosseini, P.E., R.P.L.S., Director/City Engineer; Stephanie Flores Rice, Interim Assistant to the Director, and Haley Taylor, Interim Special Projects Manager were present.

I. Opening Comments and Meeting Procedures by Mayoral

The meeting was called to order and opening comments were made by Chair John Bailey who addressed the Board members for the approval of the minutes from March 18, 2025, meeting. Mr. Downey motioned for the approval of the minutes.

John Bailey (Chair) - Inquired if there were any citizens to be heard, to which Stephanie Flores Rice replied that there no citizens to be heard.

John Bailey (Chair) - Opened the meeting at 6:03 P.M. and requested Razi to begin presentation.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) - Began his presentation with welcoming everyone and presented on the scoring evaluation criteria used for the 2022 Bond Program and alternative funding mechanism for capital infrastructure projects.

Razi concluded his presentation and turned meeting back to John Bailey (Chair) for open discussion.

II. Commission Discussion

John Bailey (Chair) – John thanked Razi for his presentation and addressed the Advisory Board if there were any questions to Razi Hosseini.

Mark Camann (D5) – Asked about the City's cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation on projects that are under their control.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that there were a few projects that have experienced delays such as Roosevelt Ave, Probandt St., and Broadway.

Eduardo Reyes (D4) – Asked about the distribution of heavy traffic and the effect it has on the roadways.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded in heavily trafficked areas and areas, reinforced concrete material is used and are designed for a longer life span.

Michael Kennick (D8) – Noted that scoring is 1 of 5 factors and asked about the scoring's significance and if funds are distributed evenly throughout the city.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that City Council and the community's support are a major factor in a project's overall success and that funds are distributed citywide so that the bond is more likely to pass.

Mark Camann (D5) – Asked what changes the committee could offer to improve the process as he was supportive of the current methodology and factors used to consider projects.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that an improvement staff was recommending for the Funding Commitment criteria to be worth 20 points and removed Project Feasibility as a criteria based on the committee's feedback.

John Bailey (Chair) – Inquired about connectivity and how it aligns with City plans.

Eduardo Reyes (D4) – Asked about long-term planning, economic development, rail lines, and expansion.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Discussed the Major Thorough Fare Plan and the challenge of balancing needs for today, the growth that has occurred over the last 10 years, and future growth.

Mark Camann (D5) – Noted long range planning is challenging due to not knowing where businesses are planning to develop.

John Bailey (Chair) – Asked if private and public projects can be placed on hold if inflation costs increase beyond the project's budget.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that we pass the bond for five years and at the end of the cycle our commitment is to be 90% complete or under construction so we have to continue to deliver to meet that goal.

Arturo Veliz (D1) – Inquired about the scoring system and suggested using a curve scoring methodology to eliminate subjectiveness. There was then committee discussion regarding voter turnout in the northside districts vs. the southern districts.

Matthew Baiza (D7) – Inquired about the timing of construction, smaller vs lengthier and the distribution between propositions.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that staff looks for various types of projects to propose for the bond and to include multi-phased projects across multiple bonds for funding. There was committee discussion regarding northern districts having more traffic related projects while the southern districts typically have more drainage and public safety facility type projects.

Mark Camann (D5) – Moved to endorse the scoring criteria change which replaces the Project Feasibility criteria with the Funding Commitment criteria.

Arturo Veliz (D1) – Seconded the motion.

Committee Voted - All were in favor. None opposed.

Arturo Veliz (D1) – Commented on VIA's portion of the Advanced Transportation District (ATD) sales tax.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that the City supports VIA and included \$5 million in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget to support design and construction to include pedestrian improvements along the North/South and/or East/West Advanced Rapid Transit (ART) corridors.

Eduardo Reyes (D4) – Commented on issues with manholes rising above the street level.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that while it is SAWS responsibility to construct their manholes properly the City will assist with leveling up the roadway around the manhole.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) - Concluded the questions and answers to the Board and handed the meeting back to John Bailey (Chair).

III. Announcements

John Bailey (Chair) – addressed the Board for discussion topics for the next meeting on June 17, 2025.

IV. Next Steps for City Bond Oversight Committee

Advisory Board to review Streets Maintenance Program.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.