

# City of San Antonio



## Meeting Minutes Street, Bridges & Sidewalks Advisory Board

**Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**City Tower Concourse B 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

### **6:05 P.M. - Call to Order, City Tower Concourse B Room**

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

- Attendance of Advisory Board Members: 6 members attended
- Non-Attendance of Advisory Board Members: 5
- Head count of general attendance: 3
- Razi Hosseini, P.E., R.P.L.S., Director/City Engineer; Jessica Shirley-Saenz, Assistant to the Director, and Brenda Navarro, Senior Management Analyst 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 April 16, 2024, meeting. Mr. Veliz motioned for the approval of the minutes.

**John Bailey (Chair)** - Inquired if there were any citizens to be heard, to which Jessica Shirley-Saenz replied that there no citizens to be heard.

**John Bailey (Chair)** - Opened the meeting at 6:09 P.M. and introduced both the Public Works Director and Transportation Director to begin tonight's presentations.

**Catherine Hernandez (Transportation)** – Ms. Hernandez started her presentation by welcoming everyone and providing an overview of the topics for the evening. She then discussed the background of Transportation projects and explained that Capital Improvements had been divided into two new departments: Transportation and Public Works Department.

Ms. Hernandez discussed how Public Works oversees the maintenance and Bond projects, whereas, the Transportation Department oversees the Planning, Vision Zero, and Safety.

**Cat Hernandez (Transportation)** – Ms. Hernandez discussed the establishment of the Vision Zero Action Plan in 2016. The plan includes over 50 key actions aimed at achieving zero fatalities on our roadways. It also involves creating a new High Injury Network (HIN), revising the list of key actions, and developing a list of 20 priority corridors with countermeasure options.

**Cat Hernandez (Transportation)** – Ms. Hernandez discussed the Bike Network Plan (BNP) and its timeline, which is an update to the 2011 Bike Plan. The 2011 Bike Plan serves as a comprehensive guide to bike facility design and implementation, and the BNP is an action plan aimed at making San Antonio a more bike-friendly community. Ms. Hernandez outlined the timeline, which consists of three phases: Phase 1, titled "Riding in San Antonio"; Phase 2, titled "Vision for Riding in San Antonio"; and Phase 3, titled "Action Plan." The timeline spans two years, from 2023 to 2025.

**Cat Hernandez (Transportation)** – Ms. Hernandez discussed Transportation Recommendations and how the plan will recommend preferred roadway designs, requirements to amend speed limits and signalized crossings, changes to the Unified Development Code (UDC), and changes to the legal operation of bikes in San Antonio. Ms. Hernandez further discussed the next steps, which involve using Roundtable Discussions to collaborate with developers, colleges/universities, area school districts, the public health/disability community, and neighboring suburban communities.

Ms. Hernandez concluded her presentation by stating that the implementation would begin in Fall 2024, utilizing the "Project Prioritization Tool" (which projects to do first), Design Guide to set clear standards, and "Review and Update" using UDC and Design Guidance Manual.

Cat Hernandez concluded her presentation and turned it over to Razi Hosseini with PWD.

**Razi Hosseini (PWD)** - Began his presentation with welcoming everyone and provided an overview of his presentation, which included updates on the 2017/2022 Bond Programs and Street Maintenance and Sidewalks Programs as well as some other various other city funded projects. Summarized below are the various programs Razi Hosseini (PWD) addressed:

### **Street Maintenance and Sidewalk Maintenance Programs (SMP)**

Razi explained Public Works maintains 4,242 miles of roadway and manages and maintains an average of 10% annually due to budget restrictions, but of those, 78% is in Fair to Excellent Condition (Grades A-C) and the other 22% are in either poor or failed condition (Grades D-F). Razi stated that the FY 2024 Budget for Street Maintenance Program is \$116 Million, and of that, a total of \$102 Million is distributed based on 100% condition and is not equally divided amongst the Council Districts. Of this amount, \$14 Million, 50% is based on condition, and 50% based on size. For those streets that are outside of the 100% (meaning in bad condition) additional funds can be allocated toward improvements.

### **Sidewalks Program**

Razi moved on to the Sidewalk Program Network is 5,417 sidewalk miles, which consists of 1,445 gap miles, and 22% are in poor to failed condition (Grades D-F). The FY 2024 Budget is \$21.5 Million, which provides \$14.5 Million to cover 29 gap miles that are either 50% based on equity atlas or 50% based on gap miles; and the remaining \$7 Million will be used for 43 useable repair miles that are either 50% based on equity atlas or 50% based on distressed miles. Razi provided a usable mile's status of 16.07 miles gap construction, and 7.48 miles are sidewalk repairs for a total of 23.55 miles.

### **Traffic & Other Capital Improvements**

Razi discussed as part of the FY 2024 Budget, a total of \$700,000 was funded for up to 100 Radar Feedback Signs; and \$300,000 funded for up to 100 Flashing Stop Signs for a total budget of \$1,000,000. Additionally, Razi stated a total of \$550,000 for Neighborhood Accessibility and Mobility Program

(NAMP) funds are available for each Council District. Listed below is a more information on each of the programs and their current statuses.

### **Traffic & Safety Operations Improvements**

Razi presented that a total of 30 + in-house traffic evaluations are complete with design and construction of other identified projects, such as raised pedestrian median and crossing, traffic signage, and updated pavement markings.

### **Flashing Stop Signs (\$300K)**

The \$300,000 allocated in the FY 2024 Budget, is to approve and replace up to 100 existing stop signs with flashing stop signs, enhance signs that provide motorists additional visual reminders to stop, and locations identified through the coordination with each of the Council District offices using the following established criteria:

- Location had 3 more crashes within past three years.
- Average daily traffic for at least one entering roadway exceeded 1,500 vehicles per day (2.5 vehicles per minute)

### **Flashing Stop Signs**

Razi presented that as of May 2024, a total of 34 intersections were identified with 16 signs installed, and remaining signage has been ordered and once delivered will be installed. Razi stated the estimated completion of this program would be end of Summer 2024.

### **Radar Feedback Sign Program (\$700K)**

Razi briefed the members on the location criteria for this program, which includes:

- average speed exceeds speed limit by 5+ mph;
- average daily traffic exceeds 500 vehicles per day;
- two or more speed-related crashes within past 3-years;
- existing curve warning sign with an advisory speed of 5 mph or more less than posted limit;
- quarter mile or more distance between existing traffic control devices;
- high number of speeding offenses identified by SAPD;

Razi provided a status as of April 2024, a total of 5 signs and construction nearly complete on 23 more locations. Remaining signage has been ordered and once delivered will be installed. Razi stated anticipation of completion would be end of Summer 2024.

### **Neighborhood Access & Mobility Program (NAMP)**

As part of this program, a total of \$550,000 per Council District. For projects to be eligible for this program, they must include a community requested infrastructure improvement to address safety, multi-modal transportation, connectivity, and roadway functionality within the public right-of-way or on city property.

Razi provided a status as of May 2024, a total of 87 projects were selected or \$4.6 Million.

### **2017 & 2022 Bond Program**

Razi presented that Public Works is 97% complete or under construction for the 2017 Bond Program, with 10 projects remaining in construction through 2024. Razi also highlighted some of the larger complex projects, such as the Broadway Corridor, Zona Cultural Street Projects (Commerce, San Saba and Santa Rosa), and South Alamo.

For the 2022 Bond, a total of 93% of projects are under design or under construction. Public Works has completed six projects (Greater Love Multigenerational & Recreation Center, Wheatley Heights Sports

Complex (D2), District 7 Parks Shade enhancements (D7) as well as a good number of projects slated to complete design and begin construction in FY 2025.

### **Project Delivery Improvements | Contract Refinements**

Razi briefed the members on Project Delivery Improvements that have been implemented, such as Responsible Bidder's Ordinance; Memorandum of Understanding with Utilities; and Continue Contracting Best Practices.

### **Grant Program Funding**

Razi concluded his presentation by briefing the members in the total amount of \$36.5 Million in Grant Program Funding has been awarded for the following projects:

- Rittiman Road & Gibbs Sprawl Road Overpass
- Ackerman Road Reconstruction (IH-10 Access Road to Texas National Guard Installation)
- Market Street/Dolorosa Cycle Track
- Citywide Traffic Signal Optimization
- Citywide Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements
- Culebra Road Corridor (General McMullen to Loop 410)

## **II. Commission Discussion**

**John Bailey (Chair)** – Thanked Cat Hernandez and Razi Hosseini for their presentations and addressed the Advisory Board if there were any questions to Cat Hernandez and/or Razi Hosseini (PWD).

**Art Veliz (D1)** – Inquired to Ms. Hernandez on how the information is communicated to improve bike lanes on 410 to McCullough.

**Cat Hernandez (Transportation)** – Responded they are aware of the neighborhood and TxDOT is improving Loop 410 to McCullough, but to filter the requests through Public Works (Razi) to be included in the Bike Network Plan.

**Art Downey (D9)** – Inquired about Project Manager work.

**John Bailey (Chair)** – Inquired when will Bike Network be adopted.

**Cat Hernandez (Transportation)** – Replied when locations are identified, Transportation will work with private development and IMP/Bond Network to show major thoroughfare to determine what type of bike facility and priority. Anticipate to take for City Council approval by Fall 2024.

**Mark Camann (D5)** – Stated if we compare with other cities “How does San Antonio leads the state and standout from other cities?”

**Cat Hernandez (Transportation)** – Ms. Hernandez replied that Transportation collaborates with the City by building relationships and rapport with residents, which is huge for the city. This creates an engagement process/input, which other cities are looking at doing.

**Matthew Baiza (D7)** – Thanked Ms. Hernandez for her presentation, and asked how does she envision the implementation for the next bond.

**Cat Hernandez (Transportation)** – Ms. Hernandez replied by working early on in the design process.

**III. Announcements**

No announcements.

**IV. Next Steps for City Bond Oversight Commission Process**

No announcements

**V. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m. by John Bailey (Chair).