

City of San Antonio



Meeting Minutes Street, Bridges & Sidewalks Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 18, 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: 5
- Razi Hosseini, P.E., R.P.L.S., Director/City Engineer; Luis Maltos, P.E., Assistant Director, Stephanie Flores Rice, Interim Assistant to the Director, and Haley Taylor, Interim Special Projects Manager, and Brenda Navarro, Senior Program 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 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 6:05 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 projects, Marbach Road, Perennial Drive, Judson Road (potential 2027 Bond), Chandler Road (potential 2027 Bond), Seeling Channel, Phase 4, District 5 Regional Parks, Carver Branch Library, and South Flores Police Substation.

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.

Eduardo Reyes (D4) – Asked on scoring guide and experience are used to score/

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that is knowledgeable on location and existing conditions.

Luis Maltos (PWD) – Luis also added that feasibility is taken into account and possibly look at other options, if needed.

James Baiza (D7) – Asked what happens scoring is done?

Art Veliz (D1) – Made a comment that 20 on Connectivity seems too high.

Suzanne Baker (D3) – Inquired on why Chandler Road was selected?

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that Chandler was not selected, but chosen to score as a potential project for the 2027 Bond project.

John Bailey (Chair) – Asked on how are conflicts handled?

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that PWD will look at alternatives, such as reducing lanes, provide flashing lights or mid-block crossings.

Eduardo Reyes (D4) – Asked what tools do we have to making corridors safer?

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that we would look at reducing congestion or look to make wider lanes.

Luis Maltos (PWD) – Luis also responded to Mr. Reyes question with PWD looking for operational type improvements (i.e., flashing pedestrian lights, etc.)

Matthew Baiza (D7) – Asked what is the tension between new roads versus existing lanes?

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that the Bond does not pay for maintenance only new roadway construction.

Eduardo Reyes (D4) – Asked how the F-Streets were bond money.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that F-Streets are part of the 2022 Bond Program, but are used for total reconstruction of the roadway.

John Bailey (Chair) – Inquired on the bond process and how people promote projects. What is the correct process.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that PWD held four (4) public input meetings and one (1) tour for each of the propositions. Razi further stated that a new project couldn't be added unless one proposed project is removed from consideration.

Art Veliz (D1) – asked how is a project put on the list before a public hearing?

Art Downey (D9) – Responded to Mr. Veliz inquiry by stating that over the years the Councilman hosts public meetings to gather what type of projects their constituents wanted and would prioritize them.

John Bailey (Chair) – Asked if it would be a good idea if each Council member started this type of process?

Matthew Baiza (D7) – Also added that mailers are sent out to residents asking what type of projects residents are looking for and ask for their feedback.

Matthew Baiza (D7) – Commented that there needs to be other ways to engage the community more.

Eduardo Reyes (D4) – Asked if we could define the different funding sources for different projects (traffic, overlay, etc.)

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that these types of projects are funded with General Fund dollars.

Michael Kennick (D8) – Asked how Smart Streets with real time signals and lights.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that PWD has over 1,400 traffic and signals that also have batteries to help keep them functioning if power goes out.

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 April 22, 2025.

IV. Next Steps for City Bond Oversight Commission Process

Advisory Board to review Details of each category, Tools that are used without a Bond Program.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.