

City of San Antonio



Meeting Minutes Street, Bridges & Sidewalks Advisory Board

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

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

6:05 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: 9 members attended
- Non-Attendance of Advisory Board Members: 1
- 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 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 June 25, 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 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 provided an overview of his presentation, which included the scoring evaluation criteria used for the 2022 Bond Program beginning with Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks, Drainage & Flood Control, Parks & Recreation, and Facilities.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Razi provided an overview of the Scoring Guiding Principles and the maximum points for each category; Connectivity 20 points; Public Health & Safety 20 points; Resiliency 20 points; Equity 20 points; Funding Commitment 10 points; and Project Feasibility 10 points, which concluded Razi presentation.

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 how evaluation criteria was ranked.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that it is zero (0) to five (5) points for each of the four (4) Categories to equal the 20 points.

Art Downey (D9) – Inquired who will be on the evaluation panel?

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that city staff will score each of the proposed projects.

Jonathan Melendez (D10) – Inquired on what a passing score would be?

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that there is not a “passing score” but higher the score, the project would rank higher.

Art Veliz (D1) – Inquired on what percentages is subjective, and what percentage are analytical?

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that it would be difficult to put an actual percentage because it’s a ranking score.

Art Veliz (D1) – Responded that they would need examples as information seems more subjective.

Jonathan Melendez (D10) – Asked how much bond dollars are we estimating for next Bond, and when does the Bond get approved?

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Razi responded we would go through bond history and the bond would be approved by Summer 2026.

Matthew Baiza (D7) – Asked if we take surrounding infrastructure conditions into account.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Razi responded we have the Streets Maintenance Program (SMP), and that the Bond is for larger infrastructure projects.

Matthew Baiza (D7) – Had inquired on equity and if PWD separate scoring on street and drainage.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Razi responded that PWD scores each street and drainage projects interpedently.

Suzanne Baker (D3) – Inquired on evaluation criteria, more specifically, demographics.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that yes, we have demographics on the projects.

Suzanne Baker (D3) – Inquired if Cool Pavement for the Bond.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that SMP uses the Cool Pavement Program vs Bond.

Suzanne Baker (D3) – Inquired if bus stops would be part of the Bond.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that PWD would coordinate with VIA to see what the need is versus building large bus stops.

Art Veliz (D1) – Inquired for 2022 Bond projects that had shortfalls, would they be part of the 2027 Bond.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded for those projects, PWD would design to available budget, and add the project for consideration as part of the 2027 Bond.

Eduardo Reyes (D4) – Commended Razi and referenced “Leveraged Funding” on slide 7. Mr. Reyes also inquired if PWD could start design before project is approved.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that we would be ideal to have all the funds needed.

Jonathan Melendez (D10) – Inquired if the scoring guidelines are set in stone, and if we need to speak with Council Offices.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded that we can gather feedback from Board and possibly incorporate some revisions. Razi also responded that PWD would brief Board first.

Jonathan Melendez (D10) – Inquired what happens when districts have less or more scores.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded PWD would review those projects.

Michael Kennick (D8) – Inquired if the Board will see a breakdown of the scores.

Art Downey (D9) – Inquired who will use the scoring criteria.

Razi Hosseini (PWD) – Responded PWD would provide the recommended projects.

Mark Camann (D5) – Stated he wants more sidewalks/drainage.

Eduardo Reyes (D4) – Would like feedback on long-term increase return on investment, and decrease in pedestrian fatality.

John Bailey (Chair) – Spoke on how much infrastructure is needed and asked if PWD have a timeline on the bond process.

III. Announcements

John Bailey (Chair) – addressed the Board if the 3rd Tuesday were suitable for all members. The Committee members collectively agreed to the new date.

IV. Next Steps for City Bond Oversight Commission Process

Advisory Board to review scored projects.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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