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In Control: Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

DEPARTMENT: Transportation Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the Bike Network Plan.

SUMMARY:

Briefing on the Bike Network Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In September 2011, the San Antonio City Council adopted the San Antonio Bike Plan + Implementation Strategy – an update of the Bicycle Master Plan, originally adopted by City Council in April 2005, as a component of the 1997 City Master Plan. In 2022, City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement to provide consultant services for the update and development of a Bike Network Plan. The development of the plan includes elements such as Community Engagement, Recommended Network, Prioritization, Typologies and Policy Action Report.

The Committee was last briefed on the Bike Network Plan in April 2024. During that briefing, the Department provided an update of the first two phases of engagement which provided feedback to establish existing conditions, goals and visions for the BNP, and developed the Health Impact Assessment Report. These two phases resulted in over 2,800 survey responses from the community.

The project team has maintained a BNP-dedicated website throughout the project. This website includes the mission, highlights our press releases, informs visitors of upcoming events, allows users to submit an event for us to participate in, allows visitors to research our outreach results, and illustrates, in great detail, San Antonio's existing bike facilities (www.sabikenetwork.com).

The Transportation Department began the 3rd and final phase of Public Engagement in April of 2024, lasting until July 30th of 2024. The goal of Phase 3 was to educate the public on bike infrastructure typologies, display the recommended bike network and introduce a phased approach to build the network.

The Transportation Department identified the criteria needed to rank alternative routes, which would ensure that the Final Bike Network Plan would satisfy the communities' needs. The Transportation Department released our 3rd and final survey on April 7th at Siclovia, where we also revealed the recommended bike network. Respondents were able to select what type of cycling infrastructure they would like to see added to parts of the network and if protective barriers should be included on their selected route, as well as recommend alternative routes or routes that should be removed. The survey was closed on July 30th, signaling the end of our community engagement for Phase 3 and the Bike Network Plan in totality. The survey received 919 responses, which mentioned 483 roads that encompass our city's, and surrounding areas, road network(s). These responses were used to finalize the recommended network, by adding recommended facility type to the map, tuning the Bike Network Plan into its final form.

During the last phase of engagement, the Transportation Department was selected by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to be recipients for the Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Demonstration & Implementation Grant we applied for in May of 2024. This grant will help us establish our quick build program, Quick Builds for Safe Communities. The project has received buy-in from multiple internal departments, who see the quick build program as a necessary tool for our transportation system. This program will also allow for us to deploy bike facility applications prior to major road projects or in between bond cycles.

At the April committee meeting, the Department received feedback from the committee members about the timeline. As a result, the department worked to expedite the completion of the plan and is now completing the plan by January 2025, 4 months less than the original timeline.

In September 2024, the department presented our latest findings to our Health Impact Assessment Working Group, Internal Advisory Committee, Mobility Working Group, and Technical Advisory Committee. Our next steps include action from Planning Commission in December with Council consideration in late-January 2025. The components of the plan can be found at the following link: www.sabikenetwork.com. "Plan Updates" Tab includes Bike Facility Guidelines, Engagement

Report, Existing Conditions, Needs Assessment and Inventory Report, Health Impact Assessment, and the link for the “Draft Network” is the proposed future network in a GIS format.

On October 14, 2024, the BNP was brought to the Planning Commission Technical Advisory Commission (PCTAC) for Briefing and Action. PCTAC approved the BNP for advancement to Planning Commission Consideration, which met on December 11, 2024. The Planning Commission voted to adopt the Bike Network Plan and advanced to City Council for consideration.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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