



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Transportation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Catherine Hernandez

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Multimodal Transportation Commission

SUMMARY:

Ordinance creating the Multimodal Transportation Commission to provide input and recommendations to City Council on policies and other issues affecting vulnerable road users.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On January 30, 2025, City Council adopted the Bike Network Plan. With the adoption, City Council also approved requiring the creation of a Transportation Commission that would provide input and recommendations to City Council on policies and other issues affecting pedestrians, bicyclists and other road users.

In addition to the Bike Network Plan, City Council also adopted the 2024 Complete Streets Policy and the 2024 update to the Vision Zero Action Plan in September 2024, and recently adopted the Transit-Oriented Policy Framework in December 2024. All of these policies recommended a committee to provide input and recommendations for policies and other implementation steps.

On March 18, 2025, the Transportation and Infrastructure Council Committee considered the item and recommended the following composition that would include council district representation and “at large” members that represent organizations and agencies for a total of 13 members.

Council District 1	Council District 8
Council District 2	Council District 9
Council District 3	Council District 10
Council District 4	Mayor
Council District 5	VIA
Council District 6	AAMPO
Council District 7	

To fill City Council District appointments, the committee also recommended required categories when considering appointments that are sensitive to the goals of the city for a safe, connected, multimodal transportation network. Transit riders and cyclists will bring experience to the commission to help address these needs. A traffic engineer category provides the engineering perspective when considering road designs that accommodate road users. The committee also recommended requiring a member that serves the disability community. To be consistent with the Texas Transportation Code, it is recommended that this category be titled “Transportation disadvantaged” which state code defines as elderly, persons with disabilities, and low-income individuals. This allows flexibility in the recruitment and selection of this category. The recommendation includes the proposed number of representatives (a total of 6) within these categories with the following backgrounds:

- 2 - Transit Riders
- 2 - Cyclists
- 1 - Traffic Engineer
- 1 – Transportation disadvantaged

For the remaining five (5) open City Council District appointments, consideration can be given to members with backgrounds representing or working in the following:

- Affordable Housing
- Children
- Development Community
- Environment
- Health & Quality of Life
- Non-Motorists
- Urban Planning

ISSUE:

The Multimodal Transportation Commission responsibilities are proposed to be as follows:

1. Advisor to Transportation Department Director on exceptions to the Complete Streets Policy.

2. Recommending body for reviewing and updating policies, procedures, and plan metrics, benchmarks and amendments to City Code.
3. Receive regular updates on Transportation Department plans, policies and projects.

The Commission would meet at a minimum quarterly, and as needed. Staff of the commission would be the responsibility of the Transportation Department. Resources may need to be identified to handle agenda coordination, meeting logistics, posting requirements, and minutes.

It is recommended that terms align with City Council terms.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could choose not to create a commission, however, this would not be consistent with recommendations in the Bike Network Plan, Complete Streets Policy, Vision Zero Action Plan, or Transit-Oriented Policy Framework.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with this item.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the creation of the Multimodal Transportation Commission.