

City of San Antonio



Minutes

Transportation and Mobility

2021 – 2023 Council Members

Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6

Mario Bravo, Dist. 1 | Teri Castillo, Dist. 5

Ana Sandoval, Dist. 7 | Clayton Perry, Dist. 10

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

1:30 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

Members Present: Melissa Cabello Havrda, *Chair*
Teri Castillo, *Member*
Ana Sandoval, *Member*
Clayton Perry, *Member*

Members Absent: Mario Bravo, *Member*

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of minutes for the March 21, 2022 Transportation and Mobility Council Committee meeting.

Councilmember Perry moved to Approve the minutes from the March 21, 2022 Transportation and Mobility Council Committee meeting. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cabello Havrda, Castillo, Sandoval, Perry

Public Comment

Briefing and Possible Action on

2. A briefing on the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Grant Application debrief from the U.S. Department of Transportation.
[Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation]

Transportation Director Tomika Monterville provided an overview of the RAISE Grant submission and status. She reviewed the debrief of the RAISE Grant submission and noted that the COSA grant was recommended for approval. Monterville reviewed the grant criteria and review process, the recommended rating details and data feedback sought by the Department of Transportation, the RAISE 2022 criteria and application due dates. She provided an overview of the next steps for future RAISE Grant application submissions to include A call for projects.

Chair Cabello Havrda asked for clarification on whether the feedback provided on the application would have been included and would it have resulted in a grant award. Monterville stated that the review body did not provide that information but that good information was provided for future grant applications which were available to apply for on an annual basis. Chair Cabello Havrda asked if a future project had been identified for future RAISE Grant application. Monterville stated that the Sidney Brooks Project at the Brooks Development Agency was the key project identified for future applications. Monterville also noted that the multi-modal regions identified projects would also be considered in the future.

Councilmember Castillo asked if there were any other entities in the San Antonio area that would be applying for a RAISE grant. Monterville stated that the City of Shavano Park was considering an application but that they had decided not to apply due to the City's pending application. Castillo requested that the Committee be kept abreast of any possible applications from area entities.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if the Committee had been briefed on the Zarzamora Street and Brooks City projects. Monterville confirmed that both projects had been briefed to the Committee. Assistant City Manager Rod Sanchez asked for clarification on whether the Committee wanted to receive an update on all possible project options. The Committee agreed that a list of all possible projects was sought. Councilmember Sandoval reiterated the importance of being briefed on any projects being considered within Bexar County.

Councilmember Perry asked if this being the City's first application, was that the reason that they were not approved for an award. Monterville stated that the RAISE Grant process was a highly competitive process and that this was the first time that the City had submitted an application. Councilmember Perry asked if any other Texas entities had been awarded in this round of RAISE Grants. Monterville stated that four awards were granted to Texas projects and that she would provide the specifics on the awarded projects to the Committee. She did note that the Texas Department of Transportation had partnered in those awarded projects which was instrumental in obtaining an award.

Councilmember Perry expressed his concern on the dollar amount spent on the consultant used to submit the RAISE Grant application. Councilmember Perry reiterated that Committee Members should be provided the opportunity to submit City projects to be considered at the MPO level. Assistant City Manager Sanchez stated that the City would work closer with area partners to identify projects and that staff would incorporate Committee feedback and look at lessons learned from this year's submission.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if there was an identified process for approval of these types of grant submissions. Assistant City Manager Sanchez stated that he would provide an overview of the process for the Committee's review.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. A briefing on the Major Thoroughfare Plan, a component of the City of San Antonio Comprehensive Master Plan. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation]

Transportation Director Tomika Monterville provided an overview of the City's Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) which was initially adopted in 1978. She noted that the nature of the Plan was to generally identify the City's and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) area transportation locations and projected growth and noted that it was time to re-evaluate the plan to assure that it met the current and future need. Monterville reviewed the previous amendments to the MTP and timeframe and reasons for the amendment updates. Monterville stated that it was important to review the MTP as a whole and not only for amended areas. She reviewed the amendment timeline which was expected to take at least four months. Monterville stated that the amendment study would include several already implemented City Plans.

Chair Cabello Havrda asked if other City's had been done by other major City's. Monterville stated that a comprehensive update would look at all development services plans which were important to address. Assistant City Manager Sanchez stated that the current plan was over 40 years old and a tremendous amount of changes had occurred within the City to include the ETJ, flood plain, and other development services areas.

Chair Cabello Havrda asked what data was included in the MTP and if it included fatality data. Monterville stated that an update was needed to address needed amendments and it was important to review all available data. Chair Cabello Havrda asked for periodic briefings on the status of the plan development.

Councilmember Sandoval asked when the San Antonio River Authority had provided maps for consideration of the Plan. Assistant City Manager Sanchez stated that updated flood plain maps would be reviewed for this process. Councilmember Sandoval asked that the goals of the MTP be reviewed and included in this process.

Councilmember Perry asked how the different transportation plans were being reviewed. Assistant City Manager Sanchez stated that staff would identify the priority pillars and planed to be reviewed. Councilmember Perry stated that a number of amendments had been made in the past and was why a wholistic view was still needed. Monterville stated that amendments only addressed certain "pockets" of the plan but that it was important to address the entire identified needs of the Transportation Plan and flood plain. Assistant City Manager Sanchez reiterated the importance of addressing the Plan comprehensively to make sure the City did not "back itself into a corner" in addressing the City's needs.

Councilmember Perry stated that he thought it would be difficult to add a new major thoroughfare in San Antonio. Assistant City Manager Sanchez stated that the Plan could address expansion of current thoroughfares and possible new roads or geographical impacts. Councilmember Perry expressed his concern regarding the cost of the Plan.

Councilmember Castillo asked when the SA Tomorrow Plans would be completed. Monterville stated that the timeline would be confirmed and provided to the Committee. Councilmember Castillo asked what the fiscal impact was for the comprehensive review of the Plan. Monterville stated that in the past a single quadrant review had cost \$250,000 and she anticipated that a comprehensive review was estimated to cost \$1 million.

No action was required for Item 3.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.

Approved

Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair

Respectfully Submitted

Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk