

# City of San Antonio



## Minutes

### Intergovernmental Relations

#### 2021 – 2023 Council Members

Manny Pelaez, Dist.

8, Chair

Justin Rodriguez

Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2 | Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Dist. 4

Marialyn Barnard | Clayton Perry, Dist. 10

Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager

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**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Briefing Room**

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**Members Present:** Manny Pelaez, *Chair*  
Justin Rodriguez, *Co-Chair*  
Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, *Member*  
Marialyn Barnard, *Member*

**Members Absent:** Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, *Member*  
Clayton Perry, *Member*

#### Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from the April 22, 2022 meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez moved to Approve the minutes from the April 22, 2022 Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting. Commissioner Barnard seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Pelaez, Rodriguez, McKee-Rodriguez, Barnard

**Absent:** Rocha Garcia, Perry

## Briefing and Possible Action on

2. **Briefing on the State's 87th Legislature Interim Activity.** [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Sally Basurto, Director, Government Affairs]

Intergovernmental Relations Director Sally Basurto provided an update to the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature Interim Committee Hearings which included briefings on HB5 associated with House State affairs, House Transportation, Senate Transportation and Senate Finance issues. Basurto reviewed the status of State Broadband Office and Plan, House Transportation current and future transportation needs, transportation fatality contributing factors, and Senate finance discussions on inflation increases and impacts.

Basurto reviewed the upcoming Interim Committee Hearing items to include property tax relief and Senate business and commerce for cybersecurity laws in local government.

### DISCUSSION

Co-Chair Rodriguez asked if the expanded discussion had been held on the broadband subject and if the improvements were expanded in ARPA funding. Basurto stated that staff continued to have discussions with the Broadband Committee to discuss Federal funding options and how future legislature impacted broadband expansion. Co-Chair Rodriguez asked if funding gap concerns had been discussed within the Committee. Christine Wright stated that the Committee had not yet met but anticipated discussions in future meetings.

Chair Pelaez asked if the interim changes presented were the only interim items presented in the agenda. Basurto stated that there were others but the City was monitoring interim changes presented. Chair Pelaez asked if there were any items that addressed domestic violence. Wright confirmed that there was one item but that it had yet to be scheduled for a hearing. Pelaez requested that a list of all items be provided to the Committee.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. **Briefing on the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and related State Engagement.** [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Sally Basurto, Director, Government Affairs]

Government Affairs Director Sally Basurto provided an overview of the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and related State engagement in the areas of safe streets and Roads for All Program, and the State BIL Program selection process. She noted that the safe streets initiatives were supported by funding and were in line with City initiatives of Vision Zero and the Transportation Plan.

Transportation Director Tomika Monterville reviewed the Proposed SS4A Project under the

Vision Zero Initiative which included eight City Vision corridors identified as high pedestrian/cyclist injury corridors and addressed mid-block crossing needs. She stated that the Transportation Department proposed to submit an SS4A grant application for \$7 million for completion of mid-block crosswalk constructions.

## DISCUSSION

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez entered the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Barnard noted the increase in pedestrian deaths and stated that it was important to address the need for mid-block crossings.

Co-Chair Rodriguez asked how the costs were derived. Monterville stated that previous projects provided guidance on the costs and template associated with these projects to include lessons learned and safety. Co-Chair Rodriguez asked if, in identifying these corridors, were school crossings considered. Monterville stated that all factors were considered but that the corridors were identified using data on previous incidents and reports of injuries and deaths, population growth and other factors. Monterville stated that the Transportation Department was developing a Transportation Safety Pilot Program to address safety issues beginning with the Culebra Corridor.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez requested a map of the 28 mid-block crossings and corridors. Monterville stated that a map would be provided once finalized and staff would provide a report on each of the identified corridors.

Chair Pelaez expressed concern that the initiative only addressed corridors and no single block areas and asked how those areas could be addressed. Monterville stated that staff still addressed those areas and determined if transportation studies were required to be performed on those areas and staff had several tools in the transportation toolkit to address these individual areas. She stated that the Vision Zero Plan was also being reviewed and could include these single locations into the future action plan to address.

Basurto stated that there were five years of funding that would be available for grant opportunities and that staff would monitor each year's funding options to identify grant opportunities.

Basurto provided an update on the State BIL project selection process and stated that TXDoT was working to create a database system to identify which projects would be best for specific BIL grant opportunities. She stated that staff was looking to BIL grants to fill funding gaps on projects and not to be the sole/main source of funding for projects. Basurto stated that TXDoT would provide letters of support for projects that were on their system.

Chair Pelaez thanked staff for the work on this item.

No action was required for Item 3.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM.

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*Councilmember Manny Pelaez,  
Co- Chair*

**Respectfully Submitted**

*County Commissioner Justin Rodrigues,  
Co-Chair*

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*Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk*