

**TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
2:00 PM
CITY HALL**

Members Present:	Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Mario Bravo, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Teri Castillo, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Sandoval, <i>District 7</i>
Staff Present:	Roderick Sanchez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Katinka Howell, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Laura Reyna, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Tamika Monterville, <i>Director, Transportation Planning & Operations</i> ; Razi Hosseini, <i>Director, Public Works</i> ; Denice Trevino, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	None

Chairwoman Gonzales called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the May 28, 2021 Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the Minutes from the May 28, 2021 Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting. Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Public Comment

Written Testimony

There were no written comments submitted.

Live Testimony

There were no citizens registered to speak.

2. Briefing on the Transportation Department's programs and priorities for creating a safe, sustainable, and equitable multi-modal transportation system for San Antonio. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation Department]

Transportation Director Tomika Monterville stated that the department had a staff of seven and several positions were currently advertised. She indicated that prior to 2020, the department was Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) and beginning in 2021, TCI was split into two departments: the Public Works Department (PWD) and the Transportation Department (TD). She stated that the mission of the department was to create a safe, equitable and sustainable

multi-modal transportation system for all people in San Antonio. She reported that the department included the Transit Planning Team, the Transportation Project Management Team and the Strategic Team.

She stated that the Transit Planning Team Manager would lead the team in coordination with VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA) on daily operations, long-range plans, bus stop facilities, City of San Antonio (CoSA) construction projects and their impacts to bus service and collaboration with internal CoSA departments. She reported that the Long Range Planning Team Manager would lead the team in coordination with the Alamo Area MPO (AAMPO), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), VIA and other stakeholders and internal CoSA departments on long-range plans, grant (Federal and State) funding of multi-modal transportation projects. She stated that the Transportation Manager Team manager would lead the team in delivering all projects associated with design/construction of multi-modal projects (Vision Zero, SA Bikes) and would establish partnerships with internal and external project managers, engineers and planners to ensure completion of projects and integration into the Bond and other related Infrastructure Maintenance Plans (IMP). She stated that the department's focus areas included:

- Service delivery
- Strategic planning
- Data Analysis
- Project implementation
- Safety education

Ms. Monterville reported that major programs of the department included: 1) Vision Zero; 2) SATomorrow; 3) Commute Smart San Antonio; and 4) SA Bikes. She stated that the SA Tomorrow Plan would support the development of the SA Tomorrow Regional Activity Center and Strategic Area Plans through multi-modal and corridor transportation plans. She indicated that the goal of Vision Zero was to eliminate and reduce traffic fatalities and severe injuries and the goal of SA Bikes was to develop a safe and connected network of bicycle infrastructure. She noted that the goal of Commute Smart San Antonio was to increase opportunities for access to information and programs on alternative transportation, transit and other commuting options.

Ms. Monterville reviewed the current projects for 2021:

- Downtown/Midtown Bicycle Master Plan Update
- Bicycle facility upgrades (7)
- Planning studies (2)
- Vision Zero improvements (4)
- Railroad quiet zone studies (2)

Ms. Monterville reported that next steps included:

- Safe Streets Program
- Citywide Bicycle Master Plan Update
- Vision Zero Project implementation

- Supplemental funding opportunities
- Improve public outreach and relations

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda asked of the charge of the Committee. Ms. Monterville stated that the Transportation and Mobility Council Committee was designed to support all things related to transportation and the purpose of the Committee was to address items related to mobility in the built environment. Chairwoman Cabello Havrda requested quarterly work sessions involving Vision Zero, Bond goals and multi-modal opportunities.

Councilmember Perry asked of the five additional positions not included on the back-up slides. Ms. Monterville stated that the five positions were for a Public Relations Manager, a Special Projects Manager/Transit Planner, a Special Projects Manager, Marketing and Director.

Councilmember Castillo asked if there were proposed Unified Development Code (UDC) amendments that staff were reviewing regarding the long range Planning Team and the Transit Planning Team. Ms. Monterville stated that staff would be making recommendations to updates of the UDC to reflect the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) guidelines.

Councilmember Bravo asked of the need for a Parking Master Plan and should the City develop one with different parking maximums in different parts of the City. Ms. Monterville stated that it would depend on the land use and on the community. Ms. Monterville stated that parking studies were managed by other departments in the City. Assistant City Manager Roderick Sanchez suggested that staff review the parking requirements with him.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing on Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation Department]

Ms. Monterville stated that the focus of the current administration was on areas of persistent poverty, environmental sustainability, equity and multi-modalism. She indicated that staff met with its partners to identify how to take advantage of the grant opportunity and settled on the Howard Peak Greenway Trails. She indicated that the most important criteria for the grant was:

- Environmental Justice Screen
- Climate change
- Regional partners coordinated behind one project
- Local hire, union jobs and Project Labor Agreement (PLA)

Ms. Monterville reported that on July 10, 2021, the City of San Antonio applied for the RAISE Grant requesting \$25 million for engineering, right-of-way and construction funds to complete the Zarzamora Creek Greenway Trail (ZCGT). She noted that the trail was a 7.1 mile segment accessible, multi-use trail network adjacent to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Ingram Center. She

stated that the VIA Ingram Transit Center served 10 routes including three of the top 20 highest ridership routes in the entire VIA System.

Ms. Monterville stated that the ZCGT Project connected to what was once home to one of the largest populations of middle class, Mexican-Americans in the nation and would connect to a completed section of trail, expanding access for underserved communities. She added that the Ingram Road section (1.8 miles) of the Zarzamora Creek segment was considered a Vision Zero Severe Pedestrian Injury Area (SPIA) where over 15 pedestrian-related crashes occurred between 2015 and 2018.

Ms. Monterville reported that partners on the grant included but were not limited to:

- Bexar County
- San Antonio River Authority (SARA)
- VIA
- Neighborhood associations
- Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO)
- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
- Linear Creekway Advisory Board (LCPAB)
- Local Chambers of Commerce

Ms. Monterville stated that the short list should be available in October 2021 and award announcements would be made in November 2021.

Councilmember Castillo stated that she wanted to ensure that there were no negative consequences in the surrounding neighborhoods.

There was no action required for Item 3.

4. **Briefing on the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) call for projects FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process and lessons learned.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation Department]

Public Works Department Director Razi Hosseini reported that AAMPO included all of Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties and a portion of Kendall County. He indicated that as part of the AAMPO's planning process, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was developed cooperatively among the partner agencies to determine the allocation of Federal Transportation Funds for major roadway, highway, bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation and other projects.

Mr. Hosseini stated that the TIP was a four-year financially restricted list of transportation projects approved for Federal and State funding by the AAMPO Transportation Policy Board and was updated every two years and amended quarterly. He noted that on October 1, 2020, the AAMPO opened TIP program project calls for three separate funding source categories for funding consideration in FY 2023-2026:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

Mr. Hosseini reviewed the timeline and noted that the application was submitted in April 2021. He stated that 19 projects proposed by Transportation and Public Works Departments were approved by City Council on March 18, 2021. He reviewed the factors on which the projects were based on.

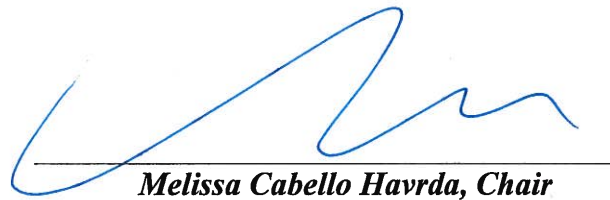
Chairwoman Cabello Havrda asked if the Committee could be notified of projects which were the goal of a City Board or Commission. Mr. Hosseini stated that it could.

Councilmember Castillo asked if any projects were selected that were tied to the number of fatalities. Mr. Hosseini replied that there were not.

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda stated that the next Committee Meeting would be held on October 19, 2021.

Adjourned

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.



Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair

Respectfully submitted,



Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk

