

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

Friday, May 13, 2022

1:30 PM

City Hall

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

Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of minutes for the April 19, 2022 Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to Approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting. Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cabello Havrda, Bravo, Castillo, Sandoval

Absent: Perry

Public Comment

Briefing and Possible Action on

2. A briefing and action on the Culebra Road Corridor Study & the selection of Future Corridor Studies. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation]

Tomika Monterville, Director of Transportation, provided background and an update on the Corridor Study including a timeline and next steps. Monterville stated that three additional Corridor Studies meeting the multi-modal transit and safety goals of the Program had been identified by staff for community discussion including: Harry Wurzbach, Marbach Road, and West Avenue. Monterville explained that the studies would be conducted by one consulting firm selected through a high profile solicitation process.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Cabello Havrda asked if these projects were receiving any City funding. Monterville stated that the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) projects all required a 20% City match and those funds were already budgeted.

Councilmember Sandoval requested an update on the Culebra study in a future meeting. Monterville stated that more community engagement was planned and an updated would be provided next month. Councilmember Sandoval asked if the current scope of work would meet the need for the 2022 Bond project. Monterville stated that this information would be assessed and any additional work and related funding for the Culebra Corridor Study would be identified and potentially requested through the AAMPO. Councilmember Sandoval recommended using City funds rather than going through the AAMPO so the project did not get delayed. Councilmember Sandoval requested a comparison of these corridor studies and the work the Planning Department did. Monterville stated that the Planning Department focused on land use rather than mobility.

Councilmember Castillo asked who identified the potential new corridors. Monterville stated that the Transportation Department identified corridors that met the goals of the program and were small enough to be studied within the budget. Councilmember Castillo suggested adding General McMullen Corridor to the list. Monterville stated that the challenge was with the Advanced Funding Agreement and funding limits. Councilmember Castillo suggested using the City's budget to support a study of the General McMullen Corridor.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if any of the new corridors were in high equity areas and suggested an equity review of the potential projects in addition to the grant program goals.

Chair Cabello Havrda asked how the corridors were selected and what criteria was used to select them. Monterville stated that Marbach Road was selected because it was scheduled for construction in the 2022 Bond Program and Harry Wurzbach Road was considered due to the Ft. Sam Cemetery. Chair Cabello Havrda asked about the AAMPO deadlines for the studies. Monterville stated the Transportation Infrastructure Funding (TIF) grant commitment was to complete one corridor study annually. Chair Cabello Havrda recommended that the Committee

have more input on projects selected under the Program.

Councilmember Sandoval requested a list of criteria for selection of the corridors and a potential list of project identification criteria. Monterville said she would provide the criteria to the Committee including the equity tool. Rod Sanchez requested that the Committee approve the criteria at the next meeting.

Councilmember Castillo asked if the listed potential corridors were the only ones that could be considered. Chair Cabello Havrda requested a list of potential projects from the Department for consideration at the next meeting.

Councilmember Perry arrived at the meeting after the presentation and discussion on the Item so Chair Cabello Havrda requested a summary to be provided by Assistant City Manager Rod Sanchez. Councilmember Perry agreed with the approach so long as the deadline was met.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. A briefing on the City's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program.

[Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation]

Tomika Monterville, Director of Transportation, defined the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program as a study of all types of transportation modes and development of a policy that would help reduce environmental impact. Monterville explained that there was funding available in prior years that did not get spent due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Monterville shared key elements of the revised TDM Program that focused on travel patterns of City Tower employees, included industry best practices and made recommendations. Monterville provided a timeline for the TDM Program.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Cabello Havrda asked if there was a plan to bring back the van pool. Monterville stated that the study would consider implications and potential for all options.

Councilmember Sandoval provided context on the Council Consideration Request (CCR) which instigated the TDM Program stating that the timing of the CCR was shortly after Hurricane Harvey and a shortage of gasoline led Councilmember Sandoval to a goal of creating an infrastructure that would make the City organization more resilient so that it could become a model for private business. Councilmember Sandoval requested a timeline for the project. Monterville provided the scope and year long timeline and stated that she would return to the Committee to provide updates. Councilmember Sandoval requested that Council Aides be included in the study.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. A briefing on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant program Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation]

Tomika Monterville, Director of Transportation, provided background on the grant program including that, if awarded, the City would be required to provide a 20% match for this Federal Grant. She stated that the Notice of Funding Availability had not been released but the application did not require authorization from Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) or AAMPO. Monterville described eligible activities under the grant, including that the grant was for implementation, not planning activities, and provided a timeline for the grant. Monterville recommended applying for an Implementation Grant of \$7 million to complete construction of planned mid-block crossings that had \$5.2 million previously awarded.

Councilmember Sandoval asked what would happen to the funding already allocated by the City if the grant was successful and recommended it be reserved for Vision Zero. Assistant City Manager Sanchez stated that reallocations needed to go through a process with the Office of Management and Budget and brought before the full City Council for consideration.

Councilmember Bravo asked if the grant was limited to urban areas. Monterville stated that it was not limited to urban areas but implementation grants could only be provided to locations where there was a Vision Zero Action Plan. Councilmember Bravo noted that climate sustainability was part of the plan and asked if including trees in the medians could be considered. Monterville stated that the tasks were tied to many elements including climate and sustainability as well as safety which could include pedestrian refuge areas in the median with landscaping.

Councilmember Castillo said that bike lanes in Council District 5 were wide slabs of cement but hoped that sustainability could be considered to allow more trees to be planted along the street and in other projects to reduce the heat island effect.

Councilmember Sandoval expressed concern that adding this grant did not increase the funding for Vision Zero as there was already funding allocated and suggested applying for grants where the City lacked funding.

No action was required for Item 4.

Chair Cabello Havrda announced that the June meeting would be held in City Council Chambers to accommodate virtual attendance.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Approved

Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair

Respectfully Submitted

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk