

City of San Antonio



Minutes Transportation and Mobility Committee

2021 – 2023 Council Members

| Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6 | Teri Castillo, Dist. 5

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

Monday, October 31, 2022

1:30 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The Transportation and Mobility Committee convened a regular meeting in the Media Briefing Room in the City Hall Building beginning at 1:34 PM. Deputy City Clerk Aurora Perkins took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Committee Members present:

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

Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from the September 20, 2022 Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to Approve the minutes from the September 20, 2022 Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting. Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cabello Havrda, Castillo, Sandoval, Perry
Absent: None

Public Comment

Briefing and Possible Action on

2. Briefing by VIA Metropolitan Transit on the Advanced Transportation District (ATD) plan for the use of the reallocated sales tax, commonly referred to as the Keep San Antonio Moving (KSAM) plan. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director,

Transportation Department]

Jeff Arndt, VIA Metropolitan Transit President, provided an overview of the Advanced Transportation District (ATD) Plan and a comparison of the previous Plan. He noted that 1/8 of one cent reallocated sales tax commonly referred to the Keep San Antonio Moving (KSAM) Plan. He stated that the general public voted for Proposition A which developed the KSAM Plan and reviewed the components funded by the collected tax.

Arndt reviewed the ATD II Program and stated that the Penny Sales Tax allocation for 2026 would be allocated for innovative transit solutions such as the VIA Link on-demand service zones expansion through key corridors. He stated that the funding would approximately be \$40 million per year and would be used along with Federal funding to enter into resolutions and agreements to expand the KSAM. He stated that VIA asked for the City of San Antonio support of the ATD II Program in pursuing Federal funds.

DISCUSSION

Chair Cabello Havrda stated that it was important to look at transportation as a regional solution and required community support of associated programs. She asked what the next steps were in expanding a West/East sector components. Arndt stated that funding would need to be allocated by the City and Bexar County and stated that funding from Bexar County had been allocated.

Councilmember Perry asked for clarification on VIAs request for a Resolution of support. Arndt stated that a Resolution for support was needed for Federal funding request for each request application under ATD II. Councilmember Perry expressed concern of the needed Resolutions since voters had already agreed to funding at the polls. Arndt stated that the Federal application process still required additional Resolution documentation.

Councilmember Courage asked what estimated sales tax projections would be for upcoming years. Assistant City Manager Rod Sanchez stated that he would provide estimates to the Committee after consulting the Chief Financial Officer.

Councilmember Castillo stated that she supported the submission of Resolutions for Federal funding requests. She noted that expanded rapid transit was greatly needed in the East/West corridor and asked what streets in the East/West corridor were identified for expansion. Arndt stated that staff had recently identified streets and would provide that data to the Committee. Councilmember Castillo requested that communications and input be sought from stakeholders and impacted individuals/businesses under eminent domain.

Councilmember Sandoval thanked VIA for their presentation and stated that she was supportive of the ATD II program and needed Resolutions for Federal funding. She asked how Councilmembers could support the ATD II program expansion. Arndt stated that County and City support be formalized with interlocal agreements for support of expansion needs. Assistant City Manager Sanchez stated that the ILAs were currently at the staff level and would be ultimately brought to the Committee for approval.

Councilmember Sandoval asked for clarification on leverage funding. Arndt stated that leverage

funding would need to be identified for allocation to the ADT programs. Councilmember Sandoval noted that ATD II was voted at a much higher level by voters but that more funding was received under property taxes. She asked if additional property tax funding be used for transit

Chair Cabello Havrda noted that she understood concerns from Councilmember Courage on the need for additional resolutions. Assistant City Manager Sanchez stated that discussion with City of San Antonio and VIA attorneys to discuss resolution need or requirements for Federal funding applications.

No action as taken on this Item.

3. Briefing and possible action on the City's Sidewalk Improvement Programs and sidewalk network. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Anthony Chukwudolue, Deputy Director of Public Works, provided an overview of the Sidewalk Program network data, network current conditions and prioritization scoring matrix and gap miles. Chukwudolue stated that there were currently 1,593 gap miles for sidewalks within the City of San Antonio. He reviewed gaps per Council District and gap miles in vicinity of parks in the City.

Chukwudolue expanded on sidewalk prioritization scoring matrix and gap miles and the categorizing of prioritization from Level 1 through 5. He noted that the goal of the FY2023 Sidewalk Program was to enhance the connectivity of the sidewalk network by building new segments where gaps exist and restoring deteriorated areas to usability. He stated that it was anticipated to address 129.03 total sidewalk miles of sidewalks between 2023 and 2027 under the IMP Sidewalk Program to include those in the vicinity of parks. He highlighted the Braun Road Sidewalk program.

DISCUSSION

Chair Cabello Havrda asked for clarification on whether areas that had no sidewalks were included in the gap data. Chukwudolue stated that those areas were included in the gap miles. Chair Cabello Havrda asked how often deteriorating sidewalks were evaluated. Chukwudolue stated that the first analysis was completed in 2019 and that staff was currently assessing how often to review existing sidewalk deterioration. Chair Cabello Havrda noted that there were many areas in all districts had deteriorating sidewalks and she asked for a map of sidewalk gap priority areas be provided to the committee.

Councilmember Castillo asked for clarification on scoring matrix components. Chukwudolue reviewed the components and why each was allotted scoring percentages. Councilmember Castillo stated that "zero car household" data be further analyzed and taken into consideration for overall safety.

Councilmember Sandoval asked for clarification on gap mile analysis provided. Chukwudolue clarified overall sidewalk gap data and sidewalk gaps in the vicinity of parks. Councilmember Sandoval stated that at the CHEC Committee had addressed accessibility to parks and asked that sidewalk gap data be provided to that committee.

No action was taken on this Item.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM.

APPROVED

Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk