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DEPARTMENT: Transportation Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Update on the Bike Network Plan.

SUMMARY:

Update on the Bike Network Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In September 2011, the San Antonio City Council adopted the San Antonio Bike Plan + Implementation Strategy – an update of the Bicycle Master Plan, originally adopted by City Council in April 2005 as a component of the 1997 City Master Plan. In 2022, City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement to provide consultant services for the update and development of a Bike Network Plan (BNP).

Our 1st Phase of Public Engagement lasted from May 1 – September 31, 2023. The goal of the 1st phase was to gauge residents and visitors, both bike riders and non-bike riders, level of bike safety,

their current issues regarding our current bike system, and what they want to see from the BNP. To gain the observations of our residents, we conducted and collected almost 1,700 surveys. To help disseminate our survey, we attended 15 public events throughout all 10 of our council districts. Included in these public events was our first “Let’s Ride” biking engagement event, which occurred at two trailheads along the Salado Creek Greenway, Voelker Homestead and Walker Ranch. We also hosted our first meeting with each of our stakeholder groups: Health Impact Assessment Working Group (HIA), Internal Advisory Committee (IAC), Mobility Working Group (MWG) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). By the completion of the efforts during this phase, we were able to establish our existing conditions, goals, and visions for the BNP. Lastly, we made our BNP-dedicated website available to the public. This website includes our mission, highlights our press releases, informs visitors of upcoming events, allows users to submit an event for us to participate in, allows visitors to research our outreach results, and illustrates, in great detail, San Antonio’s existing bike facilities (sabikenetwork.com).

During the 2nd phase of Public Engagement, which lasted from October 1 – December 31, 2023, the BNP pivoted to ask our residents and visitors their perceived opportunities for the improvement of our bike network. This included educating our residents and visitors on the different types of bike facilities that could be used on our system and observing how, when, and why they would travel by bike. During this phase, we conducted and compiled over 1,100 survey responses from our residents and visitors at 11 public events in all 10 of our council districts. This would include our 2nd “Let’s Ride” biking engagement event, this time at two Leon Creek trailheads, Cathedral Rock and O.P. Schnabel. We also hosted our 2nd HIA, IAC, MWG, and TAC meetings during this phase. We used these survey responses, and feedback from our various committees and working groups, to help form our Existing Conditions Report and Health Impact Assessment, which was drafted through early-2024.

As of April 2024, we are embarking on our 3rd, and final, phase of Public Engagement. During this phase, we will use data we’ve compiled in the past two phases, release a new survey, and hold our final few committees and working group meetings. This final phase, which will last from April 1 – August 31, 2024, will help us begin to form our final Bike Network Plan. We plan on attending 18 events for Public Engagement, including one last “Let’s Ride” event in May and multiple pop-up events throughout the summer. Our last survey was released on April 7 at Siclovía, we revealed the first draft of the recommended bike network. From there, residents and visitors were able to comment on the recommended network, which will be used to tune the network into its final form. Lastly, we are in the process of applying for a Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Demonstration & Implementation grant. This grant will help us establish our quick build program, Quick Builds for Safe Communities. We’ve received buy-in from multiple internal departments, who see the quick build program as a necessary tool for our transportation system.

Looking forward, the Final Bike Network Plan will be drafted by January 2025. Throughout early-2025, we will present the Draft Final Bike Network Plan to our HIA, IAC, and TAC for considerations and revisions and public comment. This will culminate into the completion of the Final Bike Network Plan, which we will then take to City Council for adoption in April 2025.

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