

# City of San Antonio



## Minutes Transportation and Mobility

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**Monday, March 21, 2022**

**1:30 PM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

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

**Members Absent:** None

### Approval of Minutes

#### 1. Approval of minutes for the February 15, 2022 Transportation and Mobility Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to Approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 Transportation and Mobility Council Committee meeting. Councilmember Bravo seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Aye:** Bravo, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval

**Absent:** Perry

### Public Comment

No Public or Written Comments were submitted for the meeting.

### Briefing and Possible Action on

**Item 4 was addressed at this time.**

**4. Briefing on the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update process and potential list of unfunded MTP (long range plan) projects.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Razi Hosseini provided an overview of the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and reviewed the MTP background, COSA unfunded Projects and timeline for MTP public presentations and update.

Chair Cabello Havrda asked how each Council District was involved in providing input to the MTP. Hosseini reviewed conducted discussions with Councilmembers and Community Members. Chair Cabello Havrda asked for clarification on how the projects were identified and the reasoning for projects. Assistant City Manager Rod Sanchez stated that there was still opportunity for Councilmembers to provide feedback and recommendations for additional projects.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if the full list of projects was provided to the Committee and asked for a list to be provided in order to take action on the Item. Hosseini stated that a full list would be provided. Councilmember Sandoval asked for clarification on the ranking process of projects and that the process be provided. Hosseini briefly discussed the vetting process. Councilmember Sandoval asked when the next round of projects would be reviewed for Federal funding. Hosseini stated that projects could be added to the Bond Program and other available funding. Assistant City Manager Sanchez stated that this presentation was the first of several discussions to identify projects and City Council feedback would be incorporated in the selection of projects.

Chair Cabello Havrda asked when the project listing would be finalized to the MPO. Hosseini stated that the project list was due by the end of March 2022.

Councilmember Castillo asked for clarification on projects listed for funding and if other projects could be further identified. Hosseini confirmed that projects could still be identified for funding consideration.

Councilmember Perry asked if the project list included items that were below the funding line for Bond Projects. Hosseini stated that the list did include those items. Councilmember Perry asked for clarification on constrained budget requirements from the MPO. Hosseini stated that projects listed were identified with funding constraints and were for long range planned projects. Councilmember Perry expressed his concern of only listing projects with funding constraints and stated that all requested projects be identified and should be designed as soon as possible so to begin construction when funding was identified. He asked for further discussion on the process. Assistant City Manager Rod Sanchez stated that additional briefings with City Council in the

coming two months would be held.

Councilmember Bravo asked for additional information on projects within his Council District.

Councilmember Sandoval asked that the Committee be able to provide feedback on the criteria for review of projects. Councilmember Sandoval asked for clarification on the definition of constrained. Monterville replied that constrained applied to projects that could be considered but were unfunded. Tamika Monterville, Transportation Director, clarified that the projects for consideration were Federally required to have a fiscally constrained plan to submit to the MPO. Sandoval asked that sidewalk expansion cost estimates be considered as an identified project. Councilmember Sandoval asked of the relationship between TxDOT and the RMA. Sanchez stated that as the project developed, staff would work on a better relationship.

Chair Cabello Havrda expressed her concern that many of the City Councilmembers that were on the MPO would not be present at the upcoming meeting and requested that the MPO delay the meeting.

Councilmember Perry expressed his concern regarding the possible tunnel from Downtown to the Airport and its implications.

**2. Briefing on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and eligible Federal Aviation Administration grant programs to support infrastructure projects at the San Antonio International Airport.** [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

Jesus Saenz provided a briefing on the Bipartisan Infrastructure (BIL) and eligible Federal Aviation Administration grant programs to support infrastructure projects at the San Antonio International Airport. Saenz reviewed the background of programs, current status of infrastructure projects, Near Term Development Plan for 2022-2025, future terminal development through 2030, and an overview of available Airport Federal funding to include the BIL and the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). Saenz reviewed the FY 2022 AIP and BIL grant program submittals and the infrastructure included in the applications, the timeline of proposed Terminal Development Program implementation and next steps of the proposed infrastructure improvements.

Chair Cabello Havrda stated that she was in support of proposed infrastructure improvements but expressed concern regarding the impact to travelers at the Airport. Saenz stated that the Airport was currently adding gates in anticipation of any construction impact to travelers during the proposed construction. Cabello Havrda asked if there were improvements to security standards. Saenz confirmed that there were security and IT improvements in the proposed projects.

Councilmember Perry asked where funding was coming from for the proposed projects and asked for the funding plan associated with the projects. Saenz stated that a funding plan had been developed and he would schedule meetings with Councilmembers to review the plans. Councilmember Perry asked for clarification on the proposed international gates and associated

improvements and funding. Saenz stated that the need for larger aircraft at the facility would require additional improvements and he would brief City Councilmembers as updates were available.

Councilmember Bravo asked for clarification on the need for longer runways. Saenz stated that the need arised from longer international flights and the excess weight of fuel needed for the longer flights required longer runways for take off capabilities.

No action was required for Item 2.

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

Leo Gomez provided a briefing on the Brooks Development Authority submission for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant to include the RAISE Grant background and update on the Proposed Sidney Brooks Complete Street Project. Gomez noted that the Sidney Brooks Project was estimated to cost \$22-\$25 million and he reviewed the specific proposed capital improvements, economic impact and timeline of the Project.

Chair Cabello Havrda noted the importance of the Sidney Brooks Project and asked of the total costs of the proposed improvements. Gomez stated that the total cost of the entire improvements was \$32 million with some of the improvements being covered by the Bond Program and then \$22-25 million under the Grant.

Councilmember Perry asked for clarification of the current fund balance available for the project and what funding would be provided from the TIRZ. Gomez stated that the TIRZ could possibly cover the project but if funding was provided by the RAISE Grant, TIRZ funding could be utilized for other neighboring projects.

Councilmember Perry asked how the Sidney Brooks Project was identified for Grant Submission. Gomez stated that the project was identified by the Community Roundtable Committee. Assistant City Manager Jeff Coyle clarified that the Roundtable included large community stakeholder representation from organizations such as VIA, San Antonio River Authority, TXDOT, and similar entities to make sure that any projects be identified for grant submission. Councilmember Perry expressed his concern that the City would be able to submit a project for possible funding and the opportunity for the City to be able to identify other projects within the City. Assistant City Manager Rod Sanchez provided clarification on process and identification of projects. Councilmember Perry requested more information on the current project for his review. Tomika Monterville provided additional background on the process.

No action was required for Item 3.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.

**Approved**

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***Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair***

**Respectfully Submitted**

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***Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk***