

City of San Antonio



Minutes

Transportation and Mobility Committee

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

Tuesday, June 21, 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 1:33 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*
Mario Bravo, *Member*
Teri Castillo, *Member*
Clayton Perry, *Member*

Members Absent: Ana Sandoval, *Member*

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of minutes for the May 13, 2022 Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting.

Councilmember Castillo moved to Approve the minutes of the May 13, 2022 Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting. Councilmember Bravo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cabello Havrda, Bravo, Castillo, Perry

Absent: Sandoval

Public Comment

None.

Briefing and Possible Action on

- 2. Briefing and possible action on the Multi-Modal Corridor Study Evaluation Criteria used to inform decision-making associated with the selection of potential corridors for transportation studies.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation]

Chair Cabello Havrda stated that Items 2 and 3 would be taken together.

Tomika Monterville, Transportation Director, provided an overview of the multi-modal corridor studies conducted and the recommendations of the proposed corridors and criteria used to identify those corridors. Monterville reviewed the methodology used in the study to include data provided by VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA). She stated that 13 corridors were evaluated based on nine criteria items and she provided materials reviewing the criteria for each of the corridors. She stated that the corridors proposed were Harry Wurzbach Road, Marbach Road and West Avenue. She provided data on the recommendation determination.

Monterville reviewed the proposed recommendations which was for the Committee to accept the evaluation criteria and approval of the three corridors to be studied for the remaining AAMPO TxDOT Multi-Modal Corridor Study. She reviewed the next steps in the process for acceptance and approval by the full City Council.

DISCUSSION

Chair Cabello Havrda asked Deputy City Clerk Perkins to read a letter submitted by Councilmember Sandoval which she read and the letter was included in the minute record.

Chair Cabello Havrda asked what the next steps were once these projects were brought forward to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Monterville stated that once these projects were approved, it was recommended that the solicitation would need to go further and then study other projects in 2023 and 2024.

Monterville stated that she appreciated Councilmember Sandoval's comments related to equity and safety and that those factors were considered along with the additional criteria for the identified feeder corridors. She also noted that VIA ridership data was very telling and that Bond Project funding was also key in addressing future design and recommendations. Monterville also stated that community input was essential in this process.

Councilmember Castillo stated that she appreciated the criteria presented and the projects recommended but expressed concern that General McMullen was not being considered for the study. She asked if there was an opportunity to create a grading scale for corridor projects. Monterville stated that she did not recommend a grading scale but that a complete study should be conducted such as the criteria used for this study. Monterville acknowledged that the Committee's recommendations would be considered and brought forward.

Councilmember Castillo recommended that General McMullen be prioritized for a corridor study in the FY2023 proposed or future listing.

Councilmember Bravo asked if other tools could be identified for consideration of multi modal corridor projects such as Vision Zero. He stated that he needed additional information to better understand recommendations in the future. Monterville stated that additional data would be included in a future tool kit.

Councilmember Perry moved to recommend and forward the proposed multi-modal transportation corridor selection criteria for use by the Transportation Department. Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cabello Havrda, Bravo, Castillo, Perry
Absent: Sandoval

3. **Briefing and possible action on the roadways recommended for the three \$1 million Multi-Modal Corridor Studies funded by the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO)/Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation]

Councilmember Perry moved to recommend and forward the proposed multi-modal transportation corridor selection criteria for use by the Transportation Department. Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cabello Havrda, Bravo, Castillo, Perry
Absent: Sandoval

4. **Briefing and possible action to apply for a United States Department of Transportation Safe Streets for All Grant.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation]

Transportation Director Tomika Monterville provided an overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) submittal for the United States Department of Transportation Safe Streets for All Grant. Monterville reviewed the grant criteria and consideration of the Vision Zero pedestrian crossing funding for grant match requirements. She stated that staff was seeking approval to submit the grant for the Vision Zero High Injury Network Mid-Block Crossings and Safety Campaign.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Castillo asked if stakeholders would be given an opportunity to provide input on intersections and projects to be considered. Monterville stated that community engagement was crucial in the process and opportunities would be coordinated for participation.

Councilmember Perry asked for clarification on the criteria used in identifying cross walk projects. Monterville reviewed data collected and how it was used for the design of proposed projects.

Councilmember Perry noted that 13 projects were moving forward but that there were 28 projects identified as potential projects. Monterville stated that the 15 other projects identified were still being evaluated due to inclusion in future bond projects or the Capital Improvement Project (CIP). Councilmember Perry stated that Bond projects should include crosswalks and should not be supplemented by these funds. Councilmember Perry stated that Culebra Road should not be a part of the discussion since it was included in the Bond Program. Sanchez stated that once a Bond project was completed, there might not be a need for crosswalks.

Councilmember Perry asked for clarification on the total costs for construction and design. Monterville stated that she would provide that information.

Councilmember Bravo asked how performance measures would be identified. Monterville stated that stakeholder engagement would be conducted with VIA ridership and street pedestrians and spoke to how engagement would be delivered.

Councilmember Castillo asked if the crosswalks on Zarzamora Street were in design or under construction. Monterville stated that she would provide that information.

Councilmember Bravo moved to recommend and forward the application for a United States Department of Transportation Safe Streets for All Grant to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Castillo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cabello Havrda, Bravo, Castillo, Perry
Absent: Sandoval

5. Consideration of At-Large Applicants to the Airport Advisory Commission (9 Slots).
[Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

Chair Cabello Havrda stated that the Committee would review and recommend applicants for nine available seats to the Airport Advisory Commission (AAC). She thanked Councilmembers Perry and Bravo for serving on the subcommittee to make recommendations for the nine vacancies. Chair Cabello Havrda reported that the AAC was comprised of 19 members appointed by City Council for staggered two-year terms. She stated that applicants would be interviewed from the following categories:

- Aviation Industry – one slot
- Business Community – two slots
- Community – three slots
- Federal Aviation Administration – one slot
- Ground Transportation Industry – one slot
- Travel and Tourism Industry – one slot

Chair Cabello Havrda reviewed the process for candidate consideration and the interview process. The candidates considered were as follows:

Business Community

- Jeff Fair
- Paul William Bishop
- Jeremy Roberts
- Mark Ramirez

Aviation Industry

- Mark Fessler
- Christopher Medina (submitted written statement)
- Samantha Lopez (submitted written statement)

Community

- Deborah Omowale Jarmon (submitted written statement)
- Roger Dillard (submitted written statement)
- William (Pat) Garrison (submitted written statement)
- Shirish Gupte (submitted written statement)

The following candidates were interviewed by the subcommittee and recommended for appointment: Earl Jackson – FAA Category

- John Grisell – Ground Transportation
- Mayra Levy – Travel & Tourism

Chair Cabello Havrda recessed the meeting at 3:24 PM to enter Executive Session to discuss candidate recommendations.

Chair Cabello Havrda reconvened the meeting at 3:39 PM and stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Councilmember Perry moved to recommend and forward the following appointments to the Airport Advisory Commission for the remainder of unexpired terms of office ending on March 18, 2024 Reappointing Mark Fessler as Aviation Industry Representative, Rogers Dillard, William Pat Garrison, and Deborah Omowale Jarmon as Community Representatives, Earl Jackson Jr. as Federal Aviation Representative, John Grisell as Ground Transportation Representative, and appointing Jeffrey Fair and Jeremy Roberts as Business Community Representatives to the Airport Advisory Commission. Councilmember Bravo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Cabello Havrda, Bravo, Castillo, Perry
Absent: Sandoval

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM.

Approved

Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk