

# City of San Antonio



## Minutes

### Transportation and Mobility

2021 – 2023 Council Members

Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6, Chair

Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2 | Teri Castillo, Dist. 5

John Courage, Dist. 9

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

**1:30 PM**

**City Hall Complex**

The Transportation and Mobility Committee convened a regular meeting in the Council Briefing Room in the City Hall Complex beginning at 1:37 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*  
Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, *Member*  
Teri Castillo, *Member*  
John Courage, *Member*

**Members Absent:** None

#### Approval of Minutes

**1. Approval of minutes from the January 17, 2023 Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting.**

Councilmember Courage moved to Approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting. Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Cabello Havrda, McKee-Rodriguez, Castillo, Courage  
**Absent:** None

#### Public Comment

None.

#### Briefing and Possible Action on

**2. Briefing and possible action on the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Project Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio and VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Tomika Monterville, Director, Transportation]

Kammy Horne, VIA Transit Senior Vice President, provided an update on the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit (ART) North/South Project Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City and VIA. She provided an overview of the purpose of the ART Project, defined partnership and associated processes. Horne spoke to the key VIA responsibilities to include managing all elements of the projects and then spoke to the key City responsibilities which included liaison and internal coordination of the project.

Horne noted future agreements that would be developed as the ART Project progressed to completion which could include utility agreements. She provided an overview of next steps and the timeline in coordination with the City to include consideration in April 2023.

Councilmember Courage asked for clarification on long term support of the ART Project. Horne stated that the physical support of the project would be the responsibility of VIA but that coordination would be continuous with the City as needed. Councilmember Courage asked how the ART route was being finalized and what impacted the determination of the final route. Horne stated that analysis of the project had been conducted at the City, Federal and State level.

Councilmember Castillo asked if the southern portion of the ART would have opportunity for enhanced improvements. Horne stated that there were opportunities to possible enhancements in the future but currently there were not any vast improvements set for the southern sector. Assistant City Manager Rod Sanchez noted that the Transportation Department continued to analyze improvements to bike lanes and other mobility options with transportation partners and current programs.

Councilmember Castillo asked if there were properties that were being acquired for improvements to the ART. Horne stated that currently there was no need to acquire large parcels of property associated with the project.

Chair Cabello-Havrdá asked if there was data collection or audits associated with the Vision Zero Program. Horne stated that the project took into consideration all safety components. Chair Cabello-Havrdá asked that analysis and data be collected and provided to the Committee for further discussion.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked how continued maintenance of the ART would be paid for and managed. Assistant City Manager Sanchez stated that the route would fall under the right-of-way and would continue to be managed under public works improvement programs.

Councilmember Courage asked where the route would be expanded to. Horne stated that the route would not currently expand past Loop 1604. She noted that the route would follow the San Pedro corridor along the airport and would be updated based on future airport improvements and Texas Department of Transportation projects. Councilmember Courage noted his concern with traffic congestion and the need for continued planning and asked for additional

information to address congestion and traffic flows around the airport and along the ART. Horne stated that details would be brought back to the Committee.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. **Briefing on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program and Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Public Works Director Razi Hosseini provided an overview on grant funding opportunities under the Rebuilding America Institute with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. He provided an update on the Culebra Road Corridor RAISE grant FY 2022 transportation study and projected capital improvement segment of the roadway. He noted that the project was estimated to be \$10.7 million.

Hosseini provided an overview of the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TA) Program which would be used for the Old Highway 90 Phase 2 program. He noted that the project cost estimate was \$21.5 Million and the Market Street/Dolorosa Cycle Track Project was estimated to be \$10.3 million. Hosseini added that a third grant would be submitted for Citywide Accessible Barriers Removal Program for \$4 million. Hosseini summarized the timeline for both grant programs and the application process.

Chair Cabello Havrda asked if awarded, when construction would begin. Hosseini stated that the grants would cover planning associated with the projects and then projects would be funded under future bond projects. He noted that under the TA grants funding for construction could begin in July 2024. Chair Cabello Havrda noted her excitement for improvements to the Culebra Corridor which were greatly needed not only from her council district residents but other council districts as well. She noted that she was willing to lend her efforts to communicate support for the projects.

Councilmember Courage noted that the grant requests were large and asked if they were realistic results. Hosseini acknowledged that these were large requests but that 10% of the total grant funds available were earmarked for the Bexar County area.

Councilmember Castillo noted her hope that projects would be funded and the need for continued data to demonstrate the need for improvements.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked what the state of the City would be if funding for all these projects were awarded. Hosseini stated that vast improvements to sidewalks, street surfaces and landscaping would greatly improve the overall operation of the corridor.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. **Briefing on the award from the United States Department of Transportation as part of the Safe Streets for All Grant Program in the amount of \$4,400,000 to fund the design, construction, and safety campaign costs for the Vision Zero Program along Zarzamora**

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

Transportation Director Tomika Monterville noted that the City of San Antonio had been awarded \$4.4 million in grant funds under the Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Program. She stated that the funding would be used for projects on Zarzamora Street mid-block crossings and High Injury Network (HIN) Safety Campaigns. She noted that \$4.25 million would be used in mid-block crossing improvements and \$150,000 would be used on comprehensive safety and education workshops. Monterville stated that the goal of the funding was to make streets safer for both pedestrians and motorists.

Councilmember Castillo asked when the first phase of mid-block crossing improvements would begin. Monterville stated that improvements needed to be completed in two years but the goal was to be completed sooner under a design build process. Councilmember Castillo asked how enforcement of crosswalks and traffic targeted enforcement would be conducted. Monterville stated that enforcement had not been finalized but that future enforcement would be conducted in partnership with SAPD and adjusted as data was collected. Councilmember Castillo requested that her office be included in discussions of enforcement and safety campaigns. Monterville stated that meetings would be conducted with all impacted council districts.

Councilmember Courage asked what the cost would be for each individual mid-block crossing. Monterville stated that each crossing cost approximately \$350,000 for data collection, design of crosswalk and construction.

Chair Cabello Havrda congratulated the Transportation Team on the grant award and noted that improvements would be impactful. She asked if crosswalks would have lighting and other improvements. Monterville stated that specific improvements would be defined from data collection and specific to each crosswalk.

Chair Cabello Havrda asked if additional funding was still needed. Monterville stated that there was a need for funding for Vision Zero and other traffic safety challenges within the City. Monterville stated that it was important to continue to fund Vision Zero which would then positively impact public work future projects. She stated that safety assessments were needed for various corridors

No action was required for Item 4.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.

**Approved**

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***Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair***

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