



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Razi Hosseini

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Sunset City Bond Oversight Commission and Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Board Related to 2017 Bond Program & Establish a Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:**

City staff recommends sunsetting the City Bond Oversight Commission (CBOC) and Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Board (NIAB) Related to the 2017 Bond Program and seeks approval to establish an 11-member Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks Advisory Committee.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On May 6, 2017, the voters passed all six propositions of the 2017-2022 Bond Program, which included 180 projects. As similarly done with the 2007 and 2012 Bond Programs, City staff recommended the establishment and continuation of a City Bond Oversight Commission (CBOC) to sustain the public's confidence in the delivery of the City's 2017 Bond Program, provide transparency and increase communication. Also created was the Neighborhood Improvements

Advisory Board (NIAB) to serve in an advisory capacity to provide ongoing citizen feedback to the City of San Antonio throughout the implementation of the voter-approved \$20 million 2017 Neighborhood Improvements Bond Program.

Since May 2017, the City has continued to work on improving transparency and communication efforts related to the City’s Bond Program. The Public Works department implemented and updated monthly the Bond Program dashboard accessible through the City’s website to present funding, scheduling, and project statuses of all 2017 Bond projects. Additionally, staff briefs and presents as appropriate to various boards and commissions, including the full City Council through B-Sessions or scheduled council district meetings on the status of the 2017 Bond Program.

With the adoption of the 2022 Bond Program, staff analyzed current processes, boards, and commissions and gathered staff and former board and commission member input. Based on the completed analysis and information received, staff recommends to sunset the CBOC and NIAB.

**ISSUE:**

To ensure transparency and oversight of the current and future City Bond Programs, the staff is recommending continuation of a Bond dashboard, annual briefings to full City Council, leveraging existing and establishing two new boards to provide oversight of the Bond propositions as follows:

<b>Proposition</b>	<b>Oversight</b>
Proposition A - Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks	(New) Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Advisory Board
Proposition B - Drainage & Flood Control	(New) Storm Water Management Advisory Board
Proposition C - Parks & Recreation	Parks & Recreation Board Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board
Proposition D - Library Facilities	San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees
Proposition D - Cultural Facilities	Historic and Design Review Commission
Proposition E - Public Safety Facilities	Public Safety City Council Committee
Proposition F - Affordable Housing	San Antonio Housing Commission

Leveraging the existing boards, including the San Antonio Housing Commission, Parks & Recreation Board, Linear Creekway Advisory Board, SA Public Library Board, Historic & Design Review Commission, and creation of new the Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks (SBS) and Storm Water Management (SWM) Advisory boards will provide citizen appointed members meaningful and targeted work. This will provide a tailored focus and expertise on the projects these boards will already be familiar with.

The 2022 Community Bond Committee on Drainage and Flood Management recommended the creation of a citizen advisory body to support enhanced flood management within the City of San Antonio. Due to the complex nature of engineering principles and the City’s extensive drainage needs, which currently total \$3.2 billion, Committee members supported the establishment of a standing committee to review stormwater master plans and project scoring criteria. On May 25, 2022, the Governance Committee approved and referred the establishment of a Storm Water Management Advisory Board to the Planning and Community Development Committee. On

September 22, 2022, the Planning and Community Development Committee provided input and supported staff proceeding with presenting the establishment of the Storm Water Management Advisory Board to the full City Council for approval.

Similarly, staff recommends establishing an 11-member Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks (SBS) Advisory Board comprised of one Chair appointed by the Mayor; and ten individuals representing the ten City Council districts with one appointed by each City Council member. The SBS Advisory Board will:

- Monitor and track the progress and successful completion of approved and below-the-line projects included in the City's Bond Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Bond Proposition;
- Serve as communication ambassadors to review and advise City Council and City staff on how to improve outreach efforts to residents and businesses affected by construction and other communication initiatives related to streets, bridges and sidewalk projects as needed;
- Lead the community process with staff's assistance to define and prioritize projects for their respective district not already defined within the Bond brochure (such as pedestrian mobility);
- Ensure a transparent process in prioritizing future City street, bridge and sidewalk investments (project scoring criteria)

To ensure a diverse representation and familiarity with voter-approved bond projects from each of the respective districts, staff recommends considering appointing a member from the district appointed citizens that served on the Community Bond Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Committee.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this briefing.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

As an alternative, Governance Committee could recommend to not amend the City Bond Oversight Commission and Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Board and not create a new 11-member board specific to streets, bridges and sidewalks to provide oversight of the Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks Bond Proposition.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

City staff recommends sunsetting the City Bond Oversight Commission (CBOC) and Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Board (NIAB) related to the 2017 Bond Program and continuing with a Bond dashboard, annual briefings to full City Council, leveraging existing and establishing two new boards and leveraging existing boards to provide oversight of the current and future Bond Programs. Staff recommends sending this item to City Council A-Session for full City Council approval.