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In Control: Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

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 and establishment of a Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY:

Staff briefing to Transportation & Mobility Committee on its recommendation to sunset the City Bond Oversight Commission (CBOC) and Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Board (NIAB) Related to the 2017 Bond Program and establishment of a new 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 updates 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 City dashboard, annual briefings to full City Council, leveraging existing and establishing two new boards to provide oversight of the Bond propositions as follows:

Proposition	Oversight
Proposition A - Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks	(New) Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Advisory Committee
Proposition B - Drainage & Flood Control	(New) Storm Water Management Advisory Committee
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 a new Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks (SBS) and Storm Water Management (SWM) Advisory boards will provide citizen appointed members meaningful and targeted work. Providing 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 Committee to the full City Council for approval.

Similarly, staff recommends establishing an 11-member Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks (SBS) Advisory Committee 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 Committee 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.

On December 13, 2022, the Governance Committee was briefed on staff's recommendation to sunset the City Bond Oversight Commission (CBOC) and Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Board (NIAB) related to the 2017 Bond Program; and continue with a City dashboard, annual briefings to full City Council, leveraging existing and establishing two new boards to provide oversight of the current and future Bond Programs. Governance Committee approved staff forwarding this item to the full City Council for approval on the next available City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this briefing.

ALTERNATIVES:

There is no alternative associated with this briefing.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends sunsetting the City Bond Oversight Commission (CBOC) and Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Board (NIAB) related to the 2017 Bond

Program, establishing two new boards, and leveraging existing boards to provide oversight of the current and future Bond Programs. This item will be heard at the next available City Council A-Session for full City Council consideration. Staff recommends continuing with annual briefings to full City Council and the use of a City dashboard.