



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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SUBJECT:

Establishment of a Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Advisory Board and a Storm Water Management Advisory Board to provide oversight of the completion of the 2022 Bond Program projects included in the Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks and Drainage and Flood Control propositions.

SUMMARY:

Ordinance authorizing the establishment of a Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks Advisory Board and a Storm Water Management Advisory Board to provide oversight of the completion of the 2022 Bond Program projects included in the Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks and Drainage and Flood Control propositions.

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 from 2022 Community Bond Committee members and a City Council Consideration Request (CCR) issued by Councilmembers Sandoval and Castillo on March 25, 2022, staff recommends establishing an 11-member Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks Advisory Board and a 13-member Storm Water Advisory Board to provide oversight of the completion of the 2022 Bond Program projects included in the Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks and Drainage and Flood Control propositions.

ISSUE:

To ensure transparency and oversight of the current and future City Bond Programs, the staff is recommending the continuation of a Bond dashboard, annual briefings to the 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 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 Community Health, Environment and Culture Committee
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 give a tailored focus and expertise on the projects these boards will

already be familiar with.

Storm Water Management Advisory Board

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, ensure ongoing public engagement, improve education related to Storm Water programs and comprehensive proactive policies to address drainage issues.

Staff supports establishing a 13-member Storm Water Management Advisory Board (SWMAB) to enhance drainage-related engagement and planning composed of Council appointees.

The 13-member SWMAB will be comprised of the following:

- One (1) Committee Chair appointed by the Mayor (preferably a member who served on the 2022 Community Bond Committee for Drainage & Flood Management).
- Three (3) Individuals representing the Salado/Cibolo Creek watershed, each appointed from Council Districts 2, 9 and 10.
- Three (3) Individuals representing the Leon Creek/Medina River watershed each appointed from Council Districts 4, 6 and 8.
- Three (3) Individuals representing the Upper San Antonio River watershed each appointed from Council Districts 1, 3 and 5.
- One (1) Individual representing and appointed by Council District 7.
- One (1) Individual as an Environmental Representative appointed by the Mayor.
- One (1) Individual as a Development Community Representative appointed by the Mayor.

Staff also agreed with the recommendation denoted within the CCR that watershed working groups be utilized. The watershed working groups will be grouped based on the current watershed structure used by Public Works, resulting in three major drainage area work groups. A diagram illustrating the composition of the proposed SWMAB and watershed working groups is included in Attachment A. Associated environmental and development representatives will be invited to serve on each working group.

Because storm water management has a broad impact that affects multiple stakeholders, it is recommended that in addition to Public Works staff, liaisons be identified from the following community partners:

- Bexar County
- San Antonio River Authority
- San Antonio Water System
- Texas Department of Transportation
- United States Geological Survey

Liaisons will be expected to have representation at relevant committee and working group meetings to answer relevant questions and escalate any issues within their jurisdiction.

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.

Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Board

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 and citywide bike facilities);
- 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 district, staff recommends appointing a member from the district-appointed citizens that served on the Community Bond Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Committee.

On January 17, 2023, the Transportation & Mobility Committee provided input and supported staff proceeding with presenting the establishment of the Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Board to the full City Council for approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

As an alternative, City Council could recommend not creating the Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Advisory Board and/or Storm Water Management Advisory Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City's Budget as a result of this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends continuing with a City dashboard, annual briefings to the full City Council, establishing two new boards and leverage existing boards to provide oversight of the current and future Bond Programs.