

**TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018
3:00 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present:	Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i> Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i>
Members Absent:	<i>None</i>
Staff Present:	Peter Zanoni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Anthony Chukwudolue, <i>Assistant Director of TCI</i> ; Art Reinhardt, <i>Assistant Director of TCI</i> ; Christina De La Cruz, <i>Programs Manager of TCI</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	<i>None</i>

1. Approval of the Minutes for the March 27, 2018 Transportation Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve the Minutes for the March 27, 2018 Transportation Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Briefing on the development of a City Sidewalk Master Plan. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Anthony Chukwudolue provided a briefing on the development of City Sidewalk Master Plan Project Alternatives. He stated that the City had 5,032 miles of sidewalks and 1,900 miles of existing gaps to be filled. He noted that staff wanted to maximize the allocated funds to construct new sidewalks, close gaps in the sidewalk network, repair existing sidewalks, and construct pedestrian ramps in compliance with the 2009 Americans with Disabilities Act.

Councilmember Brockhouse entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Chukwudolue provided a summary of Alternative A, Alternative B, and Alternative C. He stated that Alternative A would cost \$90 per linear foot if staff continued its current construction process. He noted that Alternative B would cost \$50 per linear foot if staff constructed fewer infrastructure elements. He added that Alternative C would cost \$70 per linear foot if staff modified the current construction process.

Mr. Chukwudolue stated that the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department hired AECOM Consultants to assist in developing a set of criteria to select sidewalk projects. He noted that the Sidewalk Master Plan Goals were to:

- Develop scoring criteria to prioritize gas and repairs
- Develop estimates for repair and construction of new sidewalks
- Identify and align funding sources
- Develop annual implementation plan 2040

Mr. Chukwudolue reported that Selection and Prioritization Criteria was used to score the required sidewalk improvements and construction alternatives. He stated that staff recommended that discussion be continued in a Transportation Council Committee or City Council B Session.

Councilmember Gonzales suggested that staff place pedestrian crossing above school crossings on the Selection and Prioritization Criteria. She stated that she was in support of Alternative A because she would like for the sidewalks to be constructed correctly.

Councilmember Sandoval stated that she concurred with Councilmember Gonzales and that staff should rank pedestrian crossing higher than school crossings on the Selection and Prioritization Criteria. She noted that she was open to ideas on how to offer safer pedestrian crossings until safe sidewalks were constructed. She requested that staff provided a briefing on traffic calming initiatives.

Councilmember Brockhouse stated that he was in support of Alternative C because he admired the opportunity for flexibility. He noted that he agreed that pedestrian crossing should be ranked higher than school crossings and that hospital pedestrian crossings should be ranked lower than their current position. He added that he would like funds to be allocated to each City Council District for sidewalks.

Councilmember Peláez suggested that staff remove the obesity data from the Selection and Prioritization Criteria because it may be overshadowing the safety data. He added that there may not be a need for sidewalks around malls and should be taken in to consideration in the Selection and Prioritization Criteria.

Councilmember Sandoval requested that staff have a meeting with her to identify Council District 7 sidewalk needs.

In response to Councilmember Gonzales, Mr. Chukwudolue stated that the communities that did not want sidewalks were not included in the sidewalk gap data.

Councilmember Sandoval requested that staff collect a Selection and Prioritization Criteria for each City Council District so that each Councilmember could prioritize sidewalks in their District.

Chairperson Saldaña stated that he was in support of Alternative A because it would be the Councilmember that citizens communicate their concerns to if sidewalks were not constructed safely and correctly.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and initial findings of the TDM Working Group created in response to a Council Consideration Request (CCR) to consider the creation a City program for developing and executing TDM strategies.
[Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director/City Engineer, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Art Reinhardt reported that in response to Chairperson Saldaña and Councilmember Sandoval's Council Consideration Request, the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department (TCI)

recommended establishing a working group with partner agencies and commuters who would focus on multimodal transportation. He stated that the City and several partner agencies had established programs that focused on promoting multimodal transportation but there was not a singular robust program that focused on Transportation Demand Management (TDM). He noted that the working group would review the feasibility of creating a singular TDM Program for San Antonio. He added that the working group was created to examine existing challenges and opportunities; future coordination efforts; and the additional resources needed for implementing a comprehensive TDM Program in San Antonio.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the TDM Working Group consisted of transportation professionals, professionals from influential San Antonio Organizations, technology professionals, and alternate commuters. He noted that the TDM Working Group had met three times. He added that at the third meeting, the Working Group focused on analyzing the top ideas and strategies to determine potential benefits, challenges or barriers to implement, and resources needed to execute the idea.

Mr. Reinhardt provided the the top 12 ideas from the surveys and stated that the ideas fell within three categories:

1. Infrastructure and Investment
2. Employer and Employee
3. Policy and Regulation

Mr. Reinhardt stated that a longer term goal would be to create a San Antonio Transportation Management Association (TMA) to have a single entity promoting the reduction of the one-person one-vehicle daily commute pattern. He noted that the TMA was a quasi-governmental entity that was primarily a non-profit entity that may function with the support of a governmental entity. He added that the TMA would promote and would assist in implementing TDM strategies.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that to further review this idea, TCI recommended continued meetings with the TDM Working Group to consider the feasibility of creating a Transportation Management Association and report back to the Transportation Council Committee.

Councilmember Peláez stated that he liked the TCI recommendation but was concerned with creating another group to achieve the goals of the recommendation. Mr. Reinhardt responded that the reason for creating a TMA would be to focus mainly on TDM and that there was not an agencies that had this as a primary focus.

Councilmember Sandoval suggested using funding from an existing source to support Transportation Demand Management Initiatives.

Councilmember Brockhouse requested that when the TMA was formed; updates from the TMA be presented to the Transportation Council Committee.

Chairperson Saldaña requested that staff have the TDM Working Group identify agencies that would be able to assist with the top 12 ideas from the surveys.

No action was required for Item 3.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rey Saldaña , Chairman

*Alicia K. Beckham,
Office of the City Clerk*