

**TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
3:00 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, B ROOM**

Members Present:	Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Brockhouse, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i> Councilmember Manny Pelaez, <i>District 8</i>
Members Absent:	<i>None</i>
Staff Present:	Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Mike Frisbie, <i>Director of TCI</i> ; Art Reinhardt, <i>Assistant Director of TCI</i> ; Jose De La Cruz, <i>Director of Innovation</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Jeanne Geiger, <i>Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</i>

1. Approval of the Minutes for the August 28, 2017 Transportation Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Sandoval noted that the name “Terracon” should be corrected in the minutes. Councilmember Pelaez moved to approve the Minutes of the August 28, 2017 Transportation Council Committee Meeting as corrected. Councilmember Sandoval second the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Gonzales entered the meeting at this time.

2. Briefing on the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) call for projects scoring criteria for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Art Reinhardt reported that the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) served Bexar County, Guadalupe County, Comal County and a portion of Kendall County. He stated that the MPO used the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to prioritize federally funded transportation projects. He noted that the TIP consisted of a four-year financial list of projects that would be updated every two years and amended quarterly. He added that the current TIP covered fiscal year 2017-2020. He mentioned the type of projects:

- Added capacity
- Operational Improvement
- Bicycle and pedestrian lanes
- Other planning studies and transit

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the minimum construction cost was \$1 million and the cash match would be 20%. He noted that the call for projects would only reimburse construction costs. He added that the funding source for TIP was the Surface Transportation Program-Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM), and that the estimated funding for the TIP was \$170 million for fiscal years 2019-2024. He mentioned that the MPO developed a scoring system evaluated by the Technical

Advisory Committee (TAC), Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC), and the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC).

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the project submittals would be due to the MPO by December 4, 2017. He noted that the Projects would be scored by the MPO Committees in January 2018 and the MPO would host public events in February 2018. He added that in March 2018, the MPO Policy Board and TAC would review the proposals with action occurring in April 2018. He stated that the approved TIP would be due to TxDOT in May 2018.

In response to Chairperson Saldaña, Jeanne Geiger stated that it may appear that added capacity projects receive the bulk of funding because they are grand projects. Chairperson Saldaña stated that adding capacity could imply to developers to expand in an area; as a result, creating more congestion. Mr. Reinhardt noted that it was important to manage the current congestion and plan for future growth. He added that the City could not continue to build without other modes of transportation.

In response to Councilmember Gonzales, Mike Frisbie stated that the funds that the MPO received remain in the Alamo District and allocated to different agencies. He noted that adding capacity did not only apply to vehicles but to all modes of transit. He stated that implementing managed lanes did not remedy traffic congestion. Councilmember Gonzales suggested that staff identify expenses associated with added capacity and highway improvements.

Councilmember Sandoval recommended that staff provide the City Council a summary of each category of funding and the amount of funding each category receives. She suggested that staff provide the amount of funding to date for each category. She noted that she was in support of splitting the categories into separate transportations modes because it was hard for pedestrian projects to compete against added capacity projects. She asked if the calculations for project scoring came from the MPO Bylaws. Ms. Geiger responded that the scores were determined by a set of parameters and procedures given to the Technical Advisory Committee to make the final decision. In response to Councilmember Sandoval, Ms. Geiger stated that the Surface Transportation Program-Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) provides funding for Commute Solution Projects. She mentioned that the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) administers \$267,000 of the STP-MM and that 85% of the STP-MM was federally funded.

Councilmember Peláez asked if there were funding opportunities for studies that focus on how people behave. Ms. Geiger stated that a behavioral study could be submitted to the MPO for funding but would be determined by the Policy Board. Councilmember Peláez asked which streets would be eligible for projects. Ms. Geiger replied that the streets had to be Federally Functionally Classified and that local street would not qualify. In response to Councilmember Peláez, Ms. Geiger mentioned that projects are submitted to the MPO by agencies. She noted that the MPO did not make recommendations on projects but that the MPO's role was to facilitate and provide technical support on projects.

Councilmember Brockhouse suggested that staff research the result of adding capacity bike and pedestrian lanes.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that the voters approved the Proposition 7 Constitutional Amendment for Transportation Funding that allowed funding for added capacity lanes and no funding for mass transit. She asked of the amount of funding the City requested from the MPO. Mr. Reinhardt stated the City would be requesting \$50 million for projects.

Councilmember Brockhouse suggested that the Committee discuss equity or where the funding is needed the most. He stated that the Committee would advocate those needs to the MPO.

In response to Councilmember Sandoval, Ms. Geiger stated that the STP-MM could be used for planning, capital, or operational needs. She noted that it was the most flexible source of funding for mass transit. Councilmember Sandoval stated that equity in transportation should provide access and opportunity to diverse modes of transit.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing and Committee Brainstorming on First Mile/Last Mile and other Transportation Concepts. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Jose De La Cruz, Chief Innovation Officer, Office of Innovation]

Jose De La Cruz stated that the challenge was that vehicles miles traveled (VMT) per capita were rapidly increasing. He noted that 42% of households had one or less vehicles; and that 8 out of 10 commuters drove alone. He added that 614,000 jobs were accessible in 30 minutes and that 9,500 jobs were accessible by a 30-minute transit trip.

Mr. De La Cruz stated that by 2040, VMT would double. He noted that if the vision was to offer customers an alternative mode of transportation it would have to be convenient. He added that maximizing existing assets; ensuring future transportation choices; and managing demand and mobility as a service were opportunities to provide customers a convenient alternative mode of transportation.

No action was required for Item 3.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rey Saldaña , Chairman

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Office of the City Clerk*

