

**TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018
3:30 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, B ROOM**

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> ; Erik Walsh, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Lori Houston, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Elizabeth Provencio, <i>First Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Veronica Garcia, <i>Interim Assistant Director of Center City Development and Operations</i> ; Jim Kopp, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	JD Simpson, <i>San Antonio Bike Share</i> ; Mel Feldman, <i>San Antonio Senior Shopper Shuttle</i>

1. Approval of the Minutes for the November 20, 2017 Transportation Committee Meeting

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve the Minutes for the November 20, 2017 Transportation Committee Meeting. Councilmember Peláez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the December 14, 2017 Transportation Committee Meeting

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve the Minutes for the December 14, 2017 Transportation Committee Meeting. Councilmember Peláez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Gonzales entered the meeting at this time.

Citizens to be heard

Chairperson Saldaña called upon the citizens to be heard.

Mel Feldman spoke in support of funding for his nonprofit transportation business called San Antonio Senior Shopper Shuttle (SASSS).

Councilmember Brockhouse entered the meeting at this time.

3. Briefing on the San Antonio Bike Share system and proposed amendment to extend the San Antonio Bike Share agreement and enable changes to the bike fleet. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; John Jacks, Director, Center City Development & Operations Department]

Veronica Garcia provided a briefing on the San Antonio Bike Share System. She stated that there was a proposed amendment to extend the San Antonio Bike Share Agreement through December 31, 2018 and introduction of a dock-less bike system. She noted that the San Antonio Bike Share was a 501c3 non-profit that manages and operates the B-Cycle System.

Ms. Garcia reported that B-Cycle has grown to 62 docking stations and 525 bikes; and has grown four times the number of bikes since 2011. She stated that the docking stations were located as far north as Brackenridge Park to Mission Espada. She noted that San Antonio Bike Share had increased funding and that they improved the user interface with a new mobile application. She added that the B-Cycle annual trips had increased yearly.

Ms. Garcia stated that San Antonio Bike Share wanted to introduce dock-less bikes to the City. She noted that unlike docked bikes; the dock-less bikes do not require a docking station, were GPS enabled, and App-based. She added that the benefit to the dock-less bikes was that there was zero investment required, use less space, convenient, and low cost for use.

Ms. Garcia stated that the challenges with the dock-less bikes were that the users could leave the bikes anywhere. She noted that the City of Dallas had problems with the dock-less bikes being left throughout the City. She mentioned that the City was interested in a dock-less pilot program that worked best for the City and San Antonio Bike Share.

Councilmember Sandoval asked of the agreement between the City and San Antonio Bike Share. Ms. Garcia responded that the agreement extended San Antonio Bike Share the ability to manage and operate B-Cycle on behalf of the City and to pilot a dock-less bike program.

Councilmember Peláez stated that dock-less bikes did not appear to be beneficial but he would support the pilot program.

Councilmember Brockhouse stated that he agreed with Councilmember Peláez and that he saw no need for a dock-less bike system. He suggested that the pilot program be tested outside of Hardberger Park.

Councilmember Sandoval suggested that staff explore dock-less bicycles in employer locations.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if B-Cycle was primarily used by tourists and visitors. JD Simpson responded that the original intent of B-Cycle was for health advantages because that was how funding was granted and stated that was the reason the bikes were stationed primarily in tourist areas. She noted with the success of the B-Cycle, they were capable of expanding into neighborhoods. She added that residents were also using the bikes as in conjunction with VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA) as their first mile/last mile commute. Councilmember Gonzales stated that she agreed with Councilmember Peláez and that the bikes needed to be contained.

Councilmember Peláez stated that he was interested in seeing data on B-Cycle because it could help reveal the locations where people gather.

Councilmember Brockhouse stated that he would like to see how B-Cycle could benefit first mile/last mile commute.

Lori Houston stated that staff would identify alternative users to propose the different type of local areas that would benefit from B-Cycle.

Chairperson Saldaña suggested that VIA would be an innovative partner for a solution to first mile/last mile commute.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve staff recommendation for a proposed amendment to extend the term through December 31, 2018 with automatic annual renewals and to include the option of introducing dock-less bikes. Councilmember Peláez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Discuss legal issues relating to amending the City Code pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Chairperson Saldaña recessed the Transportation Committee into Executive Session at 4:49 p.m. to discuss legal issues relating to amending the City Code pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Chairperson Saldaña reconvened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rey Saldaña , Chairman

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