

**TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018
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 Greg Brockhouse, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i>
Staff Present:	Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Mike Frisbie, <i>Director of TCI</i> ; Anthony Chukwudolue, <i>Assistant Director of TCI</i> ; Razi Hosseini, <i>Assistant Director of TCI</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Councilmember Roberto C. Treviño, <i>District 1</i>

1. Approval of the Minutes for the January 23, 2018 Transportation Committee Meeting

Councilmember Peláez moved to approve the Minutes for the January 23, 2018 Transportation Committee Meeting. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Brockhouse entered the meeting at this time.

2. Briefing on the current status of the sidewalk program and potential options for consideration to optimize the sidewalk program. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Anthony Chukwudolue reported that there were 5,032 miles of sidewalks with approximately 1,898 miles of gaps to be filled. He stated that the goal was to provide an alternative multi-modal option and enhanced pedestrian safety in line with Vision Zero. He noted that the focus was on sidewalk gaps, sidewalk hazard repairs and ADA Compliance, and a sidewalk cost sharing program. He added that the priority areas included:

- Schools
- Hospitals
- Libraries
- Parks
- Commercial Centers
- VIA Bus Routes
- Pedestrian Crashes

Mr. Chukwudolue stated that Transportation and Capital Improvements would complete all required improvements. He noted that to deliver more miles of sidewalk; there were three potential project alternatives for optimizing sidewalk delivery to better utilize the allocated funds. He provided detail on the three alternate options criteria.

Councilmember Treviño stated that sidewalks were a policy issue and that he would like for the City Council to create a plan to resolve the sidewalk problem.

Councilmember Gonzales asked why it took longer to complete the precast project. Razi Hosseini responded that it was the first time the City had ordered precast concrete. Councilmember Gonzales asked if precast was more expensive. Mr. Hosseini replied that it cost 20% more the second time the precast was piloted. He stated that the precast lasted longer because it was produced in a controlled environment. Councilmember Gonzales asked of the Safe Routes to School Funding. Mike Frisbie stated that it was approved through the federal government but it is now funded through Texas Department of Transportation. He noted that the City would compete if funding became available. Councilmember Gonzales suggested that the staff prioritize streets with the highest fatalities.

Councilmember Peláez asked if the City could use alternative material for sidewalks. Mr. Chukwudolue responded that the City had used alternative material in the past and could use it in the future.

Councilmember Brockhouse asked that staff provide data on the current conditions of the sidewalks in the City.

Chairperson Saldaña stated that he wanted the item to return to the Committee. He asked staff of the liabilities and risk factors related to the repairs of City sidewalks. Mr. Chukwudolue responded that the City Attorney's Office had more expertise of the legal factors associated with the risks. Chairperson Saldaña suggested that a City Attorney be present when this item is brought back to the Committee.

Councilmember Treviño stated that Sec. 29-11 of the City Code was not the problem but that the language in the Chapter 3, Paragraph 13, and Item 11 of the Charter needed to change. He noted that the City did not have a policy or a plan for sidewalk development and asked that the Committee discuss the issues that were required to address the issues of the City's sidewalks.

Chairperson Saldaña asked staff to return with a timeline for the three project alternatives.

No action was required for Item 2.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rey Saldaña , Chairman

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