

**TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019
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 Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Art Reinhardt, <i>Interim Deputy Director of Transportation and Capital Improvement</i> ; Doug Melnick, <i>Chief Sustainability Officer of the Office of Sustainability</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Jim Reed, <i>San Antonio Medical Foundation</i>

1. Approval of the Minutes for the January 22, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve the Minutes for the January 22, 2019 Transportation Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Brockhouse seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Briefing on the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) call for projects and the TCI recommendation to submit nine projects and programs totaling an estimated \$61.45 million for funding consideration through the FY 2020-2022 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Interim Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Art Reinhardt stated that Bexar County was eligible to receive Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding to assist in meeting transportation conformity requirement. He noted that CMAQ was a new Federal Funding Source allocated by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). He added that the funding would be available for FY 2020-2022 and would cease if the County achieved air quality attainment by FY 2021.

Mr. Reinhardt reported that CMAQ required a 20% local match and that the funding was for construction expenses only. He stated that the infrastructure projects submitted must have a minimum construction cost of \$1,000,000. He noted that the Funding Projection was \$60 million with \$20 million estimated per year. He added that the agencies inside Bexar County were eligible to receive funding.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that eligible projects and program expenses related to construction would be reimbursable and that all development costs were the responsibility of the local implementing agency. He noted that there was a scoring criteria for eligible projects and programs. He added that there were nine projects and programs proposed:

1. CoSA Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Programs
2. Bicycle Master Plan Update
3. Medical Center Green Street (Hamilton Wolfe/Ewing Halsell)
4. Citywide Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Upgrades

5. Citywide Signal Optimization
6. Rittiman Rd at UPRR Crossing Overpass
7. Binz Engleman at UPRR Crossing Overpass
8. Westover Hills Blvd/Military Dr. Turn Lanes
9. US281 at Basse Rd/US281 at Jones-Maltsberger (TxDOT2)

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the proposed projects and programs would have to be approved by the City Council in March 2019 prior to the April 1, 2019 submittal deadline. He noted that in July 2019, the MPO would select the projects and programs.

Chairperson Saldaña asked of the requirements for the local match. Mr. Reinhardt stated that it was 20% local match and 80% federal match for construction expenses. He noted that all development expenses were the responsibility of the agency. In response to Chairperson Saldaña, Mr. Reinhardt stated that the MPO would not grant funding to be utilized for adding or reducing roadway capacity.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that she would be supportive of the plan if there was more funding allocated to VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority. She asked if the nine proposed projects and programs were implemented; would air quality attainment be achieved. Mr. Reinhardt responded that the projects would positively affect air quality attainment by assisting in meeting transportation conformity requirements.

Councilmember Sandoval stated that she would like for more of the funding to be used for attributes directly related to air quality attainment. She asked if there were projects in the Bicycle Master Plan that were ready to be implemented. Mr. Reinhardt stated that there were no projects that fit the requirements of the MPO for CMAQ Funding. Councilmember Sandoval stated that she would like to meet with staff concerning Transportation Demand Management. She asked that staff return to the Committee with alternative air quality attainment proposals, for example, air quality education and programs that positively affect air quality. She noted that she would like feedback on tactics that other regions are using to reach attainment.

Councilmember Brockhouse requested that staff submit data to verify that bicycles reduce congestion noting that bike lanes were not the greatest need in the City.

Councilmember Peláez suggested that staff submit data that show how much emissions were reduced where there were bike lanes.

Chairperson Saldaña asked that staff return to the Committee on March 18, 2019 with alternative recommendations.

No action was required for Item 2.

- 3. Briefing on the six-month pilot program results for the installation of a rainbow-themed crosswalk at the intersection of N. Main Avenue and E. Evergreen Street, located in Council District 1, and staff presentation of a policy framework for a Community Crosswalk Program.** [Peter Zanon, Deputy City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Interim Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Art Reinhardt reported that on June 16, 2017, Councilmember Roberto Treviño issued a Council Consideration Request for the creation and installation of a Rainbow-Themed Pride Crosswalk

on N. Main Avenue at E. Evergreen Street. He stated that on August 2, 2017, the City Council Governance Committee approved a pilot program for the installation of a Rainbow-Themed Crosswalk at N. Main Avenue and E. Evergreen Street as recommended by the City Manager's Office. He noted that the City Council requested that the Department of Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) monitor the Crosswalk Installation for a six-month period and establish metrics to monitor the program. He added that the pilot period was July 2018 through December 2018.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that there were high occurrences of unsafe behaviors during the first 30 days and that there was no unsafe behaviors identified during the reviews at 90 and 180 days. He reported that there were positive and negative comments on Social Media for the first 30 days. He added that there had not been any vandalism documented and that they were not required to perform maintenance to the Crosswalk.

Mr. Reinhardt provided the policy framework of the Community Crosswalk Program Requirement. He stated that the Community Crosswalks may be sponsored by individuals or organizations that have a connection with the community where the proposed crosswalk would be located. He noted that the sponsor would be responsible for funding all or a portion of the proposed crosswalk and ongoing maintenance. He added that the sponsor would be responsible for conducting outreach, obtaining consensus from the community, signatures of support from adjacent property owners, and a letter of support from the City Councilmember representing the District in which the Community Crosswalk would be located.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the Community Crosswalk location should be considered at an intersection, designated pedestrian crossing, existing crosswalks that were controlled by a stop sign, traffic signal, or pedestrian hybrid beacon. He noted that the pavement must be in good condition and allow the materials to bond to the pavement to prolong the life of the Crosswalk. He added that designated school crosswalks were not eligible for the Community Crosswalk Program and that the Crosswalk could not be distracting to a driver.

Councilmember Pelaez asked if other organizations requested the themed crosswalks. Mr. Reinhardt stated that Central Catholic in District 1 had expressed interest in the Crosswalk.

Councilmember Brockhouse stated that he wanted all sponsors requesting a Community Crosswalk to have a fair opportunity regardless of their beliefs and ensure that the process was consistent.

No action was required for Item 3.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rey Saldaña , Chairman

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