

**TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019
2:00 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present:	Councilmember Roberto Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, Chair, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i>
Staff Present:	Rod Sanchez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Razi Hosseini, <i>Interim Director of Transportation & Capital Improvements</i> ; Art Reinhardt, <i>Interim Deputy Director of Transportation and Capital Improvement</i> ; Valerie Esparza, <i>Administrative Service Manager of San Antonio Police Department</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	David Frost, <i>VIA Metropolitan Authority</i> ; Bryan Martin, <i>Bike San Antonio</i> ; Robert Gonzales, <i>Taxi Cab Operator</i>

1. Approval of the Minutes for the August 19, 2019 Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda moved to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2019 Transportation and Mobility Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Perry entered the meeting at this time.

2. Briefing and possible action on the status report of the Traffic Analysis related to the Lower Segment of the 2017 Bond Broadway Corridor Project. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Interim Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements].

Mr. Hosseini presented the Traffic Analysis Summary for the Broadway Corridor Project. He reported that the project was divided into the following three segments:

- Lower Segment from Houston Street to IH 35 containing 72-78 feet right-of-way with a budget of \$27 million which was currently 40% completed;
- Upper Segment Phase 1 from IH 35 to Mulberry Avenue containing 80-100 feet right-of-way with a budget of \$28.5 million were in the process of hiring a consultant firm;
- Upper Segment Phase 2 from Mulberry Avenue to Hildebrand Road containing 100 feet right-of-way with a budget of \$5 million which covered the cost for the concept design only.

Mr. Hosseini outlined and described the improvements planned for each of the segments of the project. He stated that 122 feet right-of-way was required to include accommodations in the Complete Streets Policy. He noted that the Lower Segment would not contain a bike lane due to the limited right-of-way of 78 feet. Mr. Hosseini described various design alternatives along

with the projected trade-offs to the Lower Segment if a bike lane was added. He explained the bike lane route for Broadway Street and the proposed changes for Avenue B to McCullough.

Mr. Hosseini stated that staff recommended proceeding with the current design which included four lanes, on-street parking, utility lane, wide sidewalk with tree-line, and protected bike lanes on Avenue B. He noted that the installation of bike lanes on Broadway Street could potentially result in the following:

- Traffic congestion due to traffic lane reduction;
- Narrower sidewalks and reduction of trees;
- Create unsafe conditions for transit users and bikes.

Chairwomen Gonzales stated that the presentation had not addressed any of the specific questions asked by the Council Committee at the last meeting. She referenced a letter that was sent to the Department with various questions to be answered at today's meeting.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked why Avenue B was the safer option for Broadway. Art Reinhardt responded that there was an analysis completed for Broadway Street that indicated a growth rate of 35% over 20 years due to redevelopment and transportation.

Public Comment

Bryan Martin noted that he was in favor of protected bike lanes on Broadway from Houston Street to Hildebrand.

Chairwoman Gonzales requested that Staff provide answers to all questions submitted by the Committee Members in writing and provide them prior to the next meeting.

No action required for Item 2.

3. Briefing on the Transportation Advisory Board, including an overview of the current structure and potential improvements to become more multimodal. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Interim Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Mr. Reinhardt provided a presentation on the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). He stated that the Board's function was to review licensing and permits, review staff recommendations, conduct hearings, and make recommendations to City Council. He noted that a quorum was difficult to achieve with the many current vacancies. He reported on the structure and function used by other city's transportation boards and commissions. He provided the following options from the research to transition the TAB's focus on all modes of transportation:

- Create an advisory board to focus on multimodal transportation;
- Assist advocacy and public involvement regarding City policies;
- Create Subcommittees to handle specific issues;
- Change the composition of the TAB Members.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that recommendations to the composition of the TAB would be provided at a future meeting and requested feedback from the Committee Members.

Public Comment

David Frost spoke in support of Staff's recommendations to review the composition and role of the TAB.

Robert Gonzales expressed his concern regarding the attendance of the TAB members.

Chairwoman Gonzales questioned the future role for the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC). Mr. Reinhardt stated that the BMAC served as a regional board that provides input to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for the entire region, not specific to San Antonio. He explained that the TAB would be similar but would concentrate on issues and policies specific to San Antonio.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda questioned if the Voting Members on the TAB were specific to a District. Valarie Esparza outlined the process for appointing TAB Members to the Board. Mr. Reinhardt added that if the structure of the Voting Members was amended the changes would require City Council approval by Ordinance.

Councilmember Perry questioned how the proposed changes would affect Uber and Lift. Mr. Reinhardt stated that transportation network companies would not be affected since they are governed by the State.

Chairwoman Gonzales noted the challenges the TAB had with quorum issues and recommended a process change to forward potential issues to the Transportation and Mobility Committee.

Rod Sanchez stated he would form a committee with stakeholders and individuals involved with the TAB to propose recommendations and then bring it back to the Committee for discussion.

No action required for Item 3.

Adjourned

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Shirley Gonzales, Chairwoman

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