

**ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AD HOC COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016  
2:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>Co-Chair, District 4</i> Councilmember Ray Lopez, <i>Co-Chair, District 6</i> Alex Briseño Victor M. Boyer Darryl Byrd Sid Martinez
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Brad Parscale Patti Radle James Lifshutz
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Mike Frisbie, <i>Director of TCI</i> ; Terry Bellamy, <i>Assistant Director, TCI</i> ; Anthony Chukwudolue, <i>Assistant Director, TCI</i> ; Christie Chapman, <i>Interim Assistant</i> <i>Director, TCI</i> ; Denice F. Trevino, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
<b>Others Present:</b>	Jeffrey Arndt, <i>President and CEO, VIA Metropolitan Transit</i> <i>Authority</i> ; Keith Hom, <i>Deputy CEO, VIA Metropolitan Transit</i> <i>Authority</i> ; Brian Buchanan, <i>Senior Vice President of Development,</i> <i>VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority</i> ; Leroy Alloway, <i>Director,</i> <i>Local Government and Community Relations, VIA Metropolitan</i> <i>Transit Authority</i> ; Eloy Laque, <i>Government Relations and Policy</i> <i>Analyst, VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority</i> ; and Clay Smith, <i>ATD</i> <i>Director, VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority</i>

**Call to order**

Co-Chairman Saldaña called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of Minutes for the April 21, 2016 Advanced Transportation District Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**

Alex Briseño moved to approve the April 21, 2016 Advanced Transportation District Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. Victor M. Boyer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Committee discussion on the amount of City funding, if any, that could be provided to VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA), the corresponding impact to VIA's level of service and the implication on the City's capital improvements program and service levels. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]**

Peter Zanoni stated that the last Advanced Transportation District (ATD) Ad Hoc Committee Meeting is scheduled June 1, 2016 and that the full City Council would have an all day work session on the budget on June 8, 2016. He noted that the Committee would want to have any recommendations ready to present to City Council on June 8, 2016.

Co-Chairman Saldaña stated that the Advanced Transportation District Ad Hoc Committee Meeting was created to assist in solving the concerns of VIA Metropolitan Transit's (VIA) Operational Funding. He believed that VIA would benefit with more funding and that he had discussed this concern with City Council Colleagues. He stated that the concern for supporting VIA is that they would utilize the money for infrastructure at the city level. He noted that sidewalks were challenging to reduce because of the need for them in the city. He stated that he would propose that the Committee leave a portion of ATD Funding for sidewalks, totaling \$5 million. He stated that he supported to give VIA the remainder of the ATD Funding of approximately \$10 million to assist VIA in closing their operational gap.

Victor M. Boyer asked if the sidewalk funding in Scenario 3 was the same as the sidewalk funding from Scenario 2. Christie Chapman explained the following four ATD Revenue Reallocation Scenarios:

Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
Debt Service	Sidewalks	Non-Traffic Signal Projects	All ATD Revenue
\$3,030,350	\$5,099,611	\$9,631,228	\$15,916,989
Re-allocate Debt Service payment funding to VIA	Re-allocate sidewalk funding to VIA	Re-allocate sidewalk, bike facilities & bus pads funding to VIA	Re-allocate all ATD revenue to VIA
		Re-allocate Debt Service payments to VIA	
Debt Service Payments will end in FY 2018	27 Projects 1 Fulltime Position	54 Projects 2 Fulltime Positions	131 Infrastructure Projects 24 Fulltime Positions (FY 2016)

Ms. Chapman explained that Scenario 3 included all non-traffic signal projects such as sidewalk, bike facilities and bus pads.

Alex Briseño asked how VIA would utilize the \$3 million currently allocated to Debt Services. Jeffrey Arndt stated that any funding that is received would be used for operational costs.

Co-Chairman Lopez suggested out of the 27 Sidewalk Projects there could be alternative linear sidewalks created as an alternative to sidewalk access. He stated that creating alternative linear sidewalks could save money and not create discontent in the community.

Alex Briseño noted that establishing linear sidewalks in neighborhoods could be funded from Parks Linear Trail and Drainage funds.

Co-Chairman Lopez suggested that connecting neighborhoods to transit stations with linear Trails could be funded from the Linear Trails dedicated sales tax revenue. He recommended that staff attain alternative ways to fund the Sidewalk Projects so that no community is impacted from the removal of a Sidewalk project.

Co-Chairman Saldaña asked of the total revenue that was brought in from ATD. Mr. Zanoni stated that it was \$15 million a year.

Co-Chairman Lopez stated that there could be alternative ways to leverage outside funding from other projects to use on sidewalks.

Darryl Byrd asked what \$10 million would give customers as it relates to bus service. Mr. Arndt stated that the first option would be to utilize the money on improving bus frequency between the hours of 6am to 6pm. He stated that the second option would be to fund the service of one to two corridor BRT Services. Mr. Byrd asked which service would benefit more people. Mr. Arndt stated that increasing route frequency services would benefit more people.

Sid Martinez requested that staff develop a map of the City's 130 Infrastructure Projects and the 24 Fulltime Positions that came out of the ATD allocations.

Mr. Martinez also stated that there are several federal programs that require a match for federal grants with a current availability of \$30 million in grants.

Mr. Briseno mentioned that VIA could free up \$2.3 million to enhance VIA operations if the City transferred \$2.3 million in ATD money to VIA to leverage \$30 million in Federal funding for sidewalks. He also stated that the City could transfer the \$2.3 million out of its ATD sidewalk budget and coordinate sidewalk projects with VIA.

Mr. Briseño asked that staff provide a strategy that would allow VIA to collaborate with other entities on projects to leverage more funding. Mike Frisbie stated he would have an analysis at the June 1, 2016 meeting.

Terry Bellamy stated that the Multimodal Planning Document addressed other funding options to be explored by policy makers in the future. He stated that the document revealed how the funding could be used. He stated that the document referenced the protection of BRT Services, connect to sidewalks and the improvement of transportation. He stated that staff spoke to the community on how to utilize the funding in the future and how they would pay for it. He stated that the suggestions from the community were tax increment financing and overlay taxing districts for transportation zones. He stated the community discussed how to move people in areas that do not provide public transportation.

Co-Chairman Saldaña stated that VIA would develop a report on how they would use the funds. He stated that staff would provide a report on the leverage of Federal Monies for sidewalks, as well as a geographical map of the ATD 130 Infrastructure Projects and the 24 Fulltime Positions at the June 1, 2016 meeting.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*



**Denice F. Treviño**  
**Office of the City Clerk**



**Rey Saldaña, Co-Chair**



**Ray Lopez, Co-Chair**