

**ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016
11:00 A.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, B ROOM**

Members Present:	Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>Co-Chair, District 4</i> Councilmember Ray Lopez, <i>Co-Chair, District 6</i> Alex Briseño Eddie Aldrete Patti Radle Darryl Byrd
Members Absent:	Brad Parscale; Victor M. Boyer; James Lifshutz; Sid Martinez
Staff Present:	Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Martha Sepeda, <i>Acting City Attorney</i> ; John Woodruff, <i>Director of Management & Budget</i> ; Mike Frisbie, <i>Director of Transportation & Capital Improvements</i> ; Christie Chapman, <i>Interim Assistant Director of Transportation & Capital Improvements</i> , Alexander Perkowski, <i>Office of the Mayor</i> ; Tim Salas, <i>City Council District 4</i> ; Alexander J. Pytel, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Jeffrey Arndt, <i>President and CEO, VIA</i> ; Keith Hom, <i>Deputy CEO, VIA</i> ; Brian Buchanan, <i>Senior Vice President, VIA</i> ; Shawna Russell, <i>VIA</i> ; Leroy Alloway, <i>VIA</i> ; Arturo Herrera, <i>VIA</i> ; Eloy Laque, <i>VIA</i>

Call to Order

Co-Chairman Saldaña called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes for the June 1, 2016 Advanced Transportation District (ATD) Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Alex Briseño moved to approve the June 1, 2016 Advanced Transportation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes. Co-Chairman Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Briefing and Possible Action on

2. Committee Discussion and possible Committee Action 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.

Co-Chairman Saldaña highlighted the charge of the Committee and asked for a review of the presentation given by VIA at the previous meeting.

Mr. Brian Buchanan presented on how additional funding could make a positive impact to VIA Services such as improving major transit corridors. He noted that funding would be provided by both VIA and the City with phases of implementation centered around funding from Fiscal Year 2018. He provided a general map of proposed Service Routes and noted that 60% of existing ridership would benefit from the proposed Services Routes. He added that one of the main objectives was to decrease 60-minute service times to 30 minutes in major corridors. He mentioned that the decreased wait time would increase ridership. He stated that corridor improvements would be implemented for VIA's PRIMO Service and would move more people through corridors at a faster rate. He detailed the corridors identified for improvements and the General Line Service Routes. He reported that over 26 million annual riders were within ¼ mile of the proposed Service Plan. He discussed phased Implementation Options and offered Rider Testimonials.

Co-Chairman Lopez asked which components of SA Tomorrow addressed public support regarding additional VIA Services. Mr. Peter Zanoni reported that SA Tomorrow contained two relevant components: the Comprehensive Plan and Multimodal Plan. He stated that both were initiated with community engagement and that residents overwhelmingly wanted better options for Multimodal Transportation such as light rail, better bus service, dedicated bus lanes, and bus rapid transit. Mr. Mike Frisbie added that with another million people expected to move to the San Antonio Area; road and infrastructure development was critical. He noted that significantly more gridlock would occur without any transportation improvements. He stated that Mass Transit would play a huge role in San Antonio's future.

Co-Chairman Lopez asked for clarification on Ballot Language relating to the implementation of the Advanced Transportation District Funding. Ms. Martha Sepeda reported that the Ballot Language was fairly concise and contained a provision relating to other advanced transportation purposes. She stated that the City was to commit to sidewalks, roads, and other physical projects which had been implemented. Co-Chairman Lopez stated that there needed to be some methodology to ensure public support in order to avoid violation of public trust. Mr. Jeff Arndt replied that public support would hopefully be forthcoming after public outreach efforts. He added that the Item would go to the Transportation, Technology, and Utilities (TTU) Council Committee before being presented to the full City Council for consideration. Mr. Zanoni added that the Budget was prepared with a two-year perspective and that the City Manager would present the Budget in August. He noted that the TTU Council Committee was scheduled to meet on August 10, 2016.

Ms. Patti Radle moved to recommend the allocation of \$10 million to VIA and retention of \$5 million for sidewalks. Mr. Alex Briseño seconded the motion. He suggested additional public outreach and communication. He highlighted recent improvements at Redland Road and discussed additional challenges such as congestion, air quality concerns, sprawl, encroachment along the Recharge Zone, and more Fire and Police Services. He noted that investments in Multimodal Transportation would help address congestion and discourage urban sprawl. He added that the City and Community would need to come together in order to initiate comprehensive change. He recommended \$100 million in Bond Funding in addition to General Funding and to provide a commitment for future funding. Mr. Mike Frisbie reported that the total investment in sidewalks was \$37 million for the current Fiscal Year and provided by 6 different funding sources.

Mr. Darryl Byrd added his support and discussed how San Antonio could provide high impact transportation options. Ms. Radle asked for clarification on recommendations provided by the Committee. Mr. Briseño noted that City Staff could provide recommendations on how to utilize the remainder of the funding not allocated to VIA. Ms. Radle specified that her motion recommended the transfer of \$10 million without diminishing the investment of at least \$5 million in sidewalks. The motion, seconded by Mr. Briseño, carried unanimously by those present.

Ms. Radle recommended that future Bond Funding for sidewalks not be diminished. Mr. Frisbie noted that future allocations would be difficult to predict as major projects compete for funding. Mr. Briseño stated that sidewalks were not a charge of the Committee and that the City Council retained the power to determine the amount of funding. He suggested that the Committee provide a strong recommendation to retain sidewalks as a major funding priority. Ms. Radle stated the need to keep sidewalks as part of the narrative.

Co-Chairman Saldaña asked Mr. Zaroni for assistance in finalizing the language of the motion.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rey Saldaña, Co-Chair

*Alexander J. Pytel,
Office of the City Clerk*

Ray Lopez, Co-Chair