

**TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2018
3:30 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, C 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 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> ; Arthur Reinhardt, <i>Assistant Director of TCI</i> ; Melissa Ramirez, <i>Assistant Director of Development Services Department</i> ; Christina De La Cruz, <i>Programs Manager of TCI</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	<i>None</i>

1. Approval of the Minutes for the February 19, 2018 Transportation Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Brockhouse moved to approve the Minutes for the February 19, 2018 Transportation Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Peláez entered the meeting at this time.

2. Briefing on the establishment of a Sidewalk Mitigation Fund and a Bicycle Facilities Mitigation Fund allowing developers to pay a fee if there are compelling reasons why the required sidewalk or bicycle facilities could not be constructed with their development project. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director/City Engineer, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Councilmember Gonzales entered the meeting at this time.

Art Reinhardt reported that the Sidewalk Mitigation Fund and the Bicycle Facilities Mitigation Fund would amend the Unified Development Code (UDC) to create two funds that permitted developers to pay a fee as an alternative to building sidewalks and bike facilities. He stated that in the UDC; Developers are required to construct sidewalks on any street and bike facilities located on arterial and collective streets. He noted that there were five Sidewalk Exemptions that would apply to newly developed property but no exemptions for Bicycle Facilities.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that staff would establish a Fund that would be reserved for sidewalks and bike facilities projects city-wide. He noted that they were presenting the Item to the Planning Commission in April 2018 and to the full City Council in May 2018 for approval. He added that staff would like to institute UDC Exemptions for Bicycle Facilities. He mentioned that the contributing amount to the Sidewalk Mitigation Fund would be based on the cost of a standard 4-foot or 6-foot sidewalk; and that the contributing amount to the Bike Facility Mitigation Fund would be based on the cost of a 10-foot multi-use path with planting strip or a 13-foot multi-use path without planting strip.

Citizens to be heard

Chairperson Saldaña called upon the citizens to heard.

Mel Feldman spoke in support of funding for his nonprofit transportation business called San Antonio Senior Shopper Shuttle (SASSS).

Councilmember Peláez suggested that staff present the Item to the Mayor's Housing Policy Task Force because they would look at issues that impede on quality housing development. He stated that he did not want to add any more fees for low income housing development. He noted that he found it difficult to support the Sidewalk Mitigation Fund and the Bicycle Facilities Mitigation Fund without knowing its success rate in other communities.

Chairperson Saldaña asked of the net that would be generated into the Funds over one year. Mr. Reinhardt responded that the variances from years 2016 and 2017 for the Sidewalk Mitigation Fund would have averaged \$500,000 over one year and that the Bicycle Facilities Mitigation Fund would have averaged \$120,000. He noted that the funds would help to produce one to two projects a year.

Councilmember Brockhouse stated that he was not supportive of the Sidewalk Mitigation Fund or the Bicycle Facilities Mitigation Fund. He noted that the mitigation did not benefit the developer. He added that he was not in support of a developer contributing to the Funds or that Funds from each district be spent city-wide. Mr. Reinhardt responded that there could be opportunities to keep the Funds that would be generated from a particular City Council District in that District.

Councilmember Sandoval acknowledged staff for attempting to create funding sources to improve the sidewalks. She noted that sidewalks were a demand in her City Council District.

Christina De La Cruz stated that the fees for Bicycle Facilities Mitigation Fund would apply to larger developers and that fees from the Sidewalk Mitigation Fund would apply to all developers.

Councilmember Sandoval suggested that staff present to the Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods for direction and input.

Councilmember Peláez stated that he also was not in support of the Funds being spent elsewhere in the City.

Executive Session

Chairperson Saldaña recessed the Transportation Council Committee into Executive Session at 4:42 p.m. for deliberations to discuss legal issues relating to amending Chapter 33 of City Code pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Chairperson Saldaña reconvened the meeting at 5:48 p.m. and stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Alicia K. Beckham,
Office of the City Clerk


Rey Saldaña, Chairman

