

**TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018
10:00 AM
MEDIA BRIEFING 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> ; Mike Frisbie, <i>Director of TCI</i> ; Art Reinhardt, <i>Assistant Director of TCI</i> ; Lilly Banda, <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 April 16, 2018 Transportation Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Palaez moved to approve the Minutes for the April 16, 2018 Transportation Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Brockhouse entered the meeting at this time.

2. Briefing on Neighborhood Traffic Calming Initiatives used by the City's Transportation and Capital Improvements Department. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director/City Engineer, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Art Reinhardt reported that the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Initiatives helped to address concerns in which driver behavior was a factor. He stated that the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department (TCI) used a host of Traffic Calming Tools and Techniques to ease traffic. He noted that the Traffic Calming Handbook was designed to decrease operating speeds and traffic volumes by affecting changes in driver behavior. He added that the program included several appropriate features used in different scenarios. He stated that there were five essential elements for a safe transportation system:

1. Education
2. Encouragement
3. Engineering
4. Enforcement
5. Evaluation

Mr. Reinhardt stated that in FY 2018, \$1 million was included in the budget for Traffic Calming Initiatives. He noted that traditionally, the City had relied on the Neighborhood Access Mobility Program for speed bumps. He added that the funding was divided into Material and Equipment; Engineering Services; and Construction.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that two-third of the property owners that resided on a street were required to sign an application for a request of Traffic Calming Tools. He noted that if there was a community concern for Traffic Calming Measures; staff would research prior documented concerns for that area. He added that they used a scoring system to prioritize eligible Traffic Calming Projects.

Mr. Reinhardt reported that there had been six projects completed and six projects were under design. He stated that TCI was partnering with the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) to distribute nine-portable radar speed trailers for the SAPD SAFE Program.

Chairperson Saldaña asked how long the Traffic Calming Handbook had been available. Mr. Reinhardt responded that it had been available for the past five years and was updated in March 2018. Chairperson Saldaña asked of the expenses for Traffic Calming Measures. Mr. Reinhardt replied that the expenses varied on the type of Traffic Calming Measures applied.

Councilmember Gonzales stated that adding bike lanes could be a multiuse Traffic Calming Measure.

In response to Councilmember Sandoval, Mr. Reinhardt stated that the applications could be used for any Traffic Calming Measures and that TCI received about 60 applications per year. He noted that if the application had not been funded after five years; the application was removed from the list.

No action required for Item 2.

3. Briefing and update 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 cannot be constructed with their development project. [Peter Zanon, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director/City Engineer, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Art Reinhardt stated that the current Unified Development Code (UDC) allowed for exemptions from building sidewalks if certain criteria were met and that there was no exemption criteria provided in the UDC for bicycle facilities. He noted that the creation of a Sidewalk Mitigation Fund and a Bicycle Facilities Mitigation Fund would amend the UDC to form a fund that would require developers to pay a fee if there were compelling reasons why the required sidewalk or bicycle facilities could not be constructed with their development project.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the contribution into either fund would not exceed the proposed development's Roughly Proportionality Determination. He noted that TCI would manage the collection and spending of funds in a Council District. He added that the Housing Commission recommended that the Mitigation Funds be reduced in proportion to the number of affordable housing units that a developer built.

Chairperson Saldaña stated that the Mitigation Fund was an opportunity to increase funding in areas that had limited construction funding and that the capital would be most impactful if it was applied citywide.

Councilmember Brockhouse suggested that the funds stay in the Council District that the developer invested in. He stated that he was in support of the Bicycle Facilities Mitigation Fund but did not support the Sidewalk Mitigation Fund.

Councilmember Peláez stated that he was not in full support of the Mitigation Fund because he needed a better understanding of the Programs. He noted that he would support it being presented to the Planning Commission for review.

Councilmember Brockhouse requested that the two items be voted on separately.

Councilmember Brockhouse moved to have the Bicycle Facilities Mitigation Fund presented to the Planning Commission for review. Councilmember Peláez second the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to have the Sidewalk Mitigation Fund presented to the Planning Commission for review. Councilmember Peláez second the motion. The motion for the Sidewalk Mitigation Fund carried by the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Peláez, and Saldaña

NAY: Brockhouse

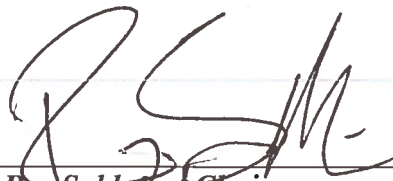
ABSENT: Sandoval

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Alicia K. Beckham,
Office of the City Clerk


Rey Saldaña, Chairman

