

**TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019
3:00 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

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 Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i>
Staff Present:	Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Art Reinhardt, <i>Interim Deputy Director of Transportation and Capital Improvement</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	None

1. Approval of the Minutes for the February 18, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve the Minutes for the February 18, 2019 Transportation Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Brockhouse seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Peláez entered the meeting at this time.

2. Briefing on the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) call for projects on 15 proposed projects and programs totaling an estimated \$60.4 million for funding consideration through the FY 2020-2022 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program. [Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Interim Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Art Reinhardt stated that the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) included Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties, and a portion of Kendall County. He noted that Bexar County was designated non-attainment by the Environmental Protection Agency and that Bexar County was eligible for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding. He added that the funding would start in FY2020 and should Bexar County enter attainment by year 2022; the funding would no longer be distributed.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the proposed projects and programs totaled an estimated \$60 million. He noted that the call for projects had requirements to be met to qualify for the CMAQ and that it could be reversed through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). He provided descriptions of the projects and programs:

- CoSA Transportation Demand Management Programs
- Sustainability / Health Education & Outreach Program
- Bicycle Master Plan Update
- Medical Center Green Street (Hamilton Wolfe/Ewing Halsell)
- Abe Lincoln Bicycle Facility
- Five Palms Bicycle Facility
- Citywide Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Traffic Signal Optimization
- Rittiman Rd at UPRR Crossing Overpass

- Binz Engleman at UPRR Crossing Overpass
- Westover Hills Blvd/Military Dr. Turn Lanes
- US281 at Basse Rd/US281 at Jones-Maltsberger (TxDOT)
- VIA Programs: Frequency, Vanpool, & Mobility on Demand

Mr. Reinhardt stated that staff recommended that the FY 2020-2022 CMAQ Program be forwarded to the full City Council for approval on March 21, 2019. He noted that staff would work on completing the scoring process to submit by April 1, 2019. He added that the MPO would host public outreach in June 2019 and in July or August; the MPO would decide which projects to recommend.

Chairperson Saldaña asked what entity was providing funding sources to the CMAQ. Mr. Reinhardt stated that TxDOT would receive the funding for the CMAQ from the Federal Government.

Councilmember Brockhouse stated that he did not understand the statistical data on how bicycle lanes alleviated congestion. He asked how \$13 million was allocated for Bike Lane Projects. Mr. Reinhardt stated that staff received feedback from City Councilmembers and constituents. Councilmember Brockhouse asked if the Bike Lane Projects would be recommended by the MPO. Mr. Reinhardt replied that not all projects listed would be recommended by the MPO.

Chairperson Saldaña asked of the difference between a 1.5 mile and .8 mile bike lane. Mr. Reinhardt stated that the difference was if the street had to be widened for installation of the bike lanes.

Councilmember Peláez moved to forward the FY 2020-2022 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program to the full City Council for approval. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.


Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rey Saldaña, Chairman



Alicia K. Beckham,
Office of the City Clerk