



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Transportation and Capital Improvements

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Mike Frisbie, P.E.

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

### **SUBJECT:**

Establishment of a 15 Member City Bond Oversight Commission

### **SUMMARY:**

Transportation & Capital Improvements Department (TCI) is recommending the establishment of a 15 member City Bond Oversight Commission to oversee the completion of the City's 2017 Bond Program to ensure efficiency, equity, timeliness and accountability.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Joint City/County Citizens Bond Oversight Commission (CBOC) was created and adopted in 2003 through City Ordinance 2003-09-11-98146. The purpose of the Commission was to increase public confidence in the bond program delivery, increase communication and effectively coordinate future bond programs. The Commission was comprised of 20 appointed members, 10 of which were appointed by the City and 10 appointed by the Bexar County Commissioner Court. Each member served two year terms, but no longer than three consecutive terms (6 years) and Bexar County residence was required. The CBOC oversaw the City's 2007-2012 and 2012-2017 Bond Programs.

In May 2015, the Governance Committee voted to convene an Ad Hoc Committee on Board and Commission Sunset Review, in accordance with Sec. 2-541 of City Code. The Ad Hoc committee met three times to develop recommendations to sunset, consolidate, modify, or review the City's 92 boards and commissions. During this process, staff analyzed the legal basis of all boards and commissions, gathered data about vacancies and meeting frequency, gathered staff input, and surveyed members of several boards and commissions. Based on

analysis and feedback from the Ad Hoc committee, staff recommended the sunset of seven boards/commissions one of which included CBOC.

On June 27, 2017, Councilmember Manny Pelaez issued a Council Consideration Request requesting the establishment of a 33 member City Bond Oversight Commission (CBOC) that would oversee the implementation of the City's 2017 Bond Program to ensure efficiency, equity, timeliness and accountability. During the Governance Committee meeting held on August 30, 2017, the Transportation & Capital Improvements (TCI) staff presented their recommendation of the appointment of an 11 member CBOC. The Governance Committee requested an alternate CBOC composition size somewhere between 11 and 33 members.

## **ISSUE:**

On May 6, 2017, the voters passed all six propositions of the 2017-2022 Bond Program which included 180 projects. In June 2017, staff briefed the City Council on the 2017-2022 Bond Implementation Plan which included the recommendation of the establishment of a City Bond Oversight Commission (CBOC) to oversee the completion of the bond program.

As similarly done with the 2007 and 2012 Bond Programs, TCI recommends the establishment and continuation of a City Bond Oversight Commission to sustain the public's confidence in the delivery of the City's Bond Program, provide transparency and increase communication.

Based on the feedback received during the August 30, 2017 Governance Committee meeting, staff has revised their recommendation for the appointment of a 15 member CBOC. The recommended 15 member CBOC will be comprised of:

- One (1) Committee Chair appointed by the Mayor;
- One (1) Vice-Chair appointed by the Mayor;
- Three (3) individuals each appointed from and representing the Parks & Recreation Board, the San Antonio Public Library Board, and the Bexar Regional Watershed Management Committee appointed by the Mayor; and
- Ten (10) individuals representing the ten City Council districts with one appointed by each City Council member.

To ensure a diverse representation from each of the respective districts, TCI recommends consideration of the appointed City Council District members to be from the group of 160 appointed citizens that served on the 2017 Community Bond Committees.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

As an alternative, Governance Committee could recommend to not to proceed with creation of a CBOC.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this briefing.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

TCI recommends the appointment of a 15 member City Bond Oversight Commission comprised of a chair and vice-chair appointed by the Mayor, three individuals each appointed from and representing the Parks & Recreation Board, the San Antonio Public Library Board, and the Bexar Regional Watershed Management Committee appointed by the Mayor, and 10 individuals appointed by the City Council; and that the CBOC recommendation be forwarded to the full City Council for consideration of approval.