

MINUTES
STREETS, BRIDGES & SIDEWALKS BOND COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011

6:00 PM

CLIFF MORTON DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER
1901 SOUTH ALAMO

Committee Members Present:	Frank Fonseca, J.C. Dwyer, Dona Liston, Jane Gonzalez, Jesse Cortinas, Andrew Anguiano, Irene Keller, Michael Tejada, Edward Cano, Mari Garza Bird, Millie Borelli, Cristina Castro, Luis Marotta, Susan Powers, Emil Moncivais, Richard Ramos, Sylvia Diaz, Bianca Maldonado, Jane Dubel, Ted Guerra, Jacob Dell, Jim Reed, Ken Lawrence, Jeff Webster, Mike Villyard, Jesse Herford, John Clamp, Chris Alderete, Co-Chair; and Duane Wilson, Co-Chair
Committee Members Absent:	Kelli O'Keefe, Aaron Seaman, and Ken Thomas
Staff Present:	Peter Zanoni, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> , Mike Frisbie, <i>Director of Public Works</i> , Maria Villagomez, <i>Budget Director</i> , Rosalinda Diaz, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs Chris Alderete and Duane Wilson.

I. Opening Comments, Roll Call, and Approve Minutes

Roll Call was taken. 2012 Bond Program Tri-Chair and Former Mayor Lila Cockrell was recognized.

A Motion and Second was made to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2011 Meeting. All Committee Members present voted in favor of approving the Minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Members discussed corrections that needed to be made in the November 14, 2011 Minutes.

A Motion and Second was made to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2011 Meeting with corrections. All Committee Members present voted in favor of approving the Minutes. Motion carried.

II. Bus Tour Summary

Co-Chair Alderete thanked the City Staff for their participation.

Peter Zanoni informed the Committee that City Council would hear Bond Committee recommendations on January 18, 2011 during the “B” Session. He invited Committee Members to attend the Meeting and noted that they would be recognized during the Meeting for their hard work. Mr. Zanoni reported on the Bus Tour taken on Saturday, December 3, 2011 and spoke on Projects to be funded. It was noted that the tour allowed for Committee Members to better understand staff recommendations.

III. Updates from November 14 Meeting

- a. Review Responses to Unanswered Questions from November 24th Bond Committee Meeting

Mike Frisbee spoke on the following items as requested by the Committee:

- District 1 Mobility
- Zarzamora Railroad
- Unfunded Projects Approach
- HemisFair Park

Mr. Frisbie highlighted requests submitted through the Project Request Form and recommended that an ongoing list be maintained. It was noted that City staff had discussed with the San Antonio River Authority ways to incorporate sustainability features into Street and Drainage Bond Projects. He clarified that no 2012 Bond funds would be used for the VIA StreetCar Program and that passage of the 2012 Bond Program would not result in a property tax increase.

IV. Citizens to be Heard

George Alejos, Affordable Housing Director representing the League of United Latin American Citizens, addressed the use of Bond funds for the VIA StreetCar Program. He requested that District 6 Committee Members communicate to Councilmember Ray Lopez that the VIA StreetCar Program was not in the best interest of the City.

Carri Baker-Wells was recognized at this time. Co-Chair Wilson reiterated that 2012 Bond Program funds would not be used to support the VIA StreetCar Program.

George Rodriguez, Texas Tea Party, voiced his distrust with City Government. He requested that an Election be held regarding transportation issues.

Bob Martin, Homeowner Taxpayers Association of Bexar County, noted his concern with the utilization of 2012 Bond funds for the VIA StreetCar Program. He requested that transportation issues be denoted separately on the May 2012 Ballot. Mr. Martin spoke on a Downtown Transportation Study being conducted by an Engineering Firm which would be available in May 2012. He noted that the same firm was also hired by VIA to assist with its StreetCar and Lightrail Program.

James Rodarte, Voters for Progress, requested that Committee Members consider funding City-wide Improvements at Union Pacific Railroad Crossings.

John Green with Trinity University requested support for funding Street Improvements along Hildebrand Ave between Shook and Highway 281. He highlighted safety concerns and needed improvements. Mr. Green noted that adjoining property owners would contribute financially to the Project.

Mr. Frisbie spoke on said request and noted that the total Project Cost would be \$2.3 million. Of this amount, \$1.2 million would be funded with 2012 Bond Program funds.

Art Downey spoke in support of the Hardy Oak Project from Stone Oak to Knights Cross. He highlighted how said Street Improvement Project would connect the community.

Lisa Bailey, speaking on behalf of Mildred Bailey, requested that the Committee fund the completion of the St. Charles Street Project. She highlighted needed improvements.

Gary Houston, Hays Street Bridge Restoration Group, requested funding for the Hays Street Bridge. He noted that said funding would be used for landscape.

Mr. Frisbee clarified that no funds proposed in the City's 2012 Bond would be used for the VIA StreetCar Program. He noted that the VIA StreetCar Program was funded separately by VIA, Bexar County, and City funds.

A suggestion was made to draft a letter to the public stating that no 2012 Bond Program funds would be used for the VIA StreetCar Program. The concern was that the 2012 Bond Program would fail if the public was not properly informed on how Bond funds would be utilized.

V. Evaluate and Obtain Consensus on Bond Committee Recommended Project List, to include Approval of Recommendations totaling \$340 Million

Mr. Frisbee outlined the Staff recommended changes for District 3, 5, and 7. For District 3, said changes included eliminating funding for the Pecan Valley Drive Project with money being allotted for the new Vestal Drive Project. District 5 changes included eliminating the Frio Street Project with money being adding to the Theo and Malone Project and allotted for three new Projects – Frio Street along UTSA Frontage Road, Cesar Chavez Corridor, and Frio City Road Sidewalk Project. For District 7, changes included reducing funds for the Callaghan Road Project with the intent to solicit federal funding for the entire Project. Funds from said Project would be used to fund new Projects – Bandera Road and Eckert Road Intersection, Bandera Road and Tezel Intersection, as well as Improvements along W. Huisache, W. Magnolia, W. Mistletoe, Wilson Street, and 36th Street.

A request was made to add the Woodglen Neighborhood Project and Gibbs Sprawl Road Project to the 2012 Bond Program listing. No action was taken on said request.

A Motion was made and Seconded to approve the Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks Bond Program as submitted by staff and amended by the Committee for \$340 million.

After discussion regarding funding allocations for District 7 Projects, a Friendly Amendment was made and approved for incorporation into the Main Motion to adjust funds for W. Magnolia to \$1,037,000, Wilson Street to \$1 million, and 36th Street to \$1.1 million. All Committee Members present voted in favor to approve the Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks Bond Projects as amended. Motion carried.

A request was made to utilize 2012 Bond Program surplus funds for additional Projects recommended within that Council District.

There being no further discussion, Co-Chair Alderete adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Co-Chair, Chris Alderete

Co-Chair, Duane Wilson

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosalinda Diaz
Office of the City Clerk

