

City of San Antonio
COMMUNITY BOND COMMITTEES
Report on E-mailed Project Suggestions
STREETS AND SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE

Report Period: 12/14/2006 - 1/21/2007

Total Suggestions per Report Period: 11

Total Suggestions-to-Date: 11

Date Received: 1/10/2007 **Project Title:** *Beacon Hill Improvements*

Submitted By: Cristina J Bazaldua

Project Description:

Reconstruct Street with curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, necessary signal modifications/improvements and necessary drainage.

Project Location:

Grant (Intersecting streets: Ashby, French, Russell & Craig).

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: To be determined

Date Received: 1/10/2007 **Project Title:** *Salado Tributary Greenway*

Submitted By: John M. Velasquez

Project Description:

Residents of lower East Terrell Hills neighborhood (west of Kingston) need access to new sidewalks and walking paths along Kingston Street from Eisenhower to Judivan. Currently, it is unsafe to walk along Kingston. These new paths and sidewalks would also enhance the beauty of the tributary that divides Kingston. The tributary continues southwest beyond Judivan dividing the upper and lower sections of East Terrell Hills neighborhood all the way to Holbrook where Holbrook merges near John James Park on Rittiman Road. Residents of this neighborhood also need new walking access to John James Park. Walking paths and sidewalks could be constructed along this tributary, and these paths/sidewalks could merge with Holbrook; thereby, giving access to John James Park without having to drive to the park. The previous bond election constructed a walking path from the corner of Eisenhower and Holbrook on the northern end, that extends south along the eastern side of Salado Creek, and ending under Rittiman Road near John James Park. There are few households with access to that walking path. The northern end is accessible by a single apartment complex. The southern end merges to a sidewalk that is not accessible to any households or apartments because there are no crosswalks along Rittiman at this point. In order to merge these neighborhoods, streets, and walking paths with the construction of new walking paths and sidewalks, additional drainage work may be necessary. Both the tributary and Salado Creek often rise during rainfalls, but only infrequently creating flood-like conditions. Ultimately, on the southern end, the project would need to construct new pathways north (and over Salado Creek) to reach the entrance to John James Park. Currently, sidewalks along Rittiman are too narrow, and the traffic frequently reaches speeds of 45-50 mph. A creative solution is needed for walkers to reach the park from Holbrook. Only an onsite tour can adequately demonstrate the complexity of this accessibility. I will gladly make myself available to conduct this tour.

Project Location:

The location is bordered on the north by Eisenhower Road at two points, Kingston and Holbrook. On the south, the project would connect existing walkways on Holbrook at Rittiman Road with new walking paths/sidewalks constructed along Kingston (which follows the Salado Creek tributary to Holbrook).

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Date Received: 1/9/2007 **Project Title:** *Prue Road*

Submitted By: Sue Snyder

Project Description:

Widen and straighten Prue Road. The street is hazardous in its current configuration.

Project Location:

Prue Rd. Extension from Babcock Rd. to Bandera Rd.

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: To be determined

Date Received: 1/8/2007 **Project Title:** *Bancroft Avenue Street Paving*

Submitted By: Alejandro Soto

Project Description:

Bancroft Avenue is an unpaved City street that marks part of the western boundary of Woodlawn Lake Park. The Woodlawn Lake Community Association believes that this street should be paved. Paving this street will improve drainage in the area, help define the Park boundary and enhance the development and the use of the area of the Park that borders on Bancroft Avenue, and divert traffic from the interior of the Park to its perimeter streets resulting in increased safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Project Location:

It is approximately the equivalent of two blocks long from West Craig and South Josephine Tobin to Woodlawn Avenue.

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: To be determined

Date Received: 1/8/2007 **Project Title:** *Widen DeZavala Road*

Submitted By: Sandra Rodriguez

Project Description:

The proposal (Project 1037 DeZavala Rd Phase 1 District 8) is for widening DeZavala Rd to five lanes. There is no provision for a safe way for residents of the Ridgehaven Subdivision to exit and enter our subdivision. We need either a traffic light or to keep the present acceleration lane. This is a very busy section of road and in the morning and at the night rush hours this road is very dangerous and very crowded. We need your assistance in this matter.

Project Location:

No specific location provided.

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Date Received: 1/3/2007 **Project Title:** *Curbs and Sidewalks*

Submitted By: Mary Laux

Project Description:

The 2500 to the 2800 blocks of Woodbury Dr. off of Nacogdoches to Salisbury do not have curbs, sidewalks etc. This is the ONLY street north of Loop 410 on to the Wurzbach Parkway that does not have these amenities. This was included in a project several years ago but the money ran out before all the work was completed. I have contacted my councilman many times with no results. Are we not important enough, have we not followed the rules, why can't we have sidewalks and curbs?

Project Location:

The 2500 to the 2800 blocks of Woodbury Dr off of Nacogdoches to Salisbury.

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: To be determined

Date Received: 1/3/2007 **Project Title:** *High Country III Sidewalk Project*

Submitted By: Donald E. Macaulay

Project Description:

Purpose is to provide a sidewalk from Misty Glen to the bus stop at the intersection of Lost Creek and Falcon Hill.

Project Location:

From Misty Glen to Lost Creek on the North side of Falcon Hill.

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: To be determined

Date Received: 12/30/2006 **Project Title:** *Kayton Avenue Curbing and Sidewalks*

Submitted By: Douglas W. Hutchings

Project Description:

Please consider the replacement or repair of curbing and sidewalks along Kayton Avenue from S. New Braunfels to Clark. The condition of curbing and sidewalks is terrible or does not exist. Out of desperation, several homeowners have incurred considerable expense to make them passable and useable. People cannot walk on the sidewalks, strollers for children and wheel chairs cannot be used. This is a dangerous safety issue as several people have fallen, or they are forced to walk into the traffic on the streets. School children are not able to use the side walks and are forced to walk to school in the traffic. Repairs or replacement must be done immediately. Thanks for your consideration.

Project Location:

Kayton Avenue from S. New Braunfels to Clark.

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Date Received: 12/29/2006 **Project Title:** *King William Area Historic Street and Sidewalk Improvements*

Submitted By: Travis Capps

Project Description:

The King William District of Downtown is a major walking tourism destination for the City and has further undeveloped potential. First, bury all power lines and reconstruct the streets (and cross streets) using brick on King William, Madison, and Guenther and around the King William park (this is similar to the improvements on part of S. Alamo near S. St. Mary's and on S. St. Mary's intersection at Brackenridge High School). Not only will the brick streets provide a return to historic streets but will also provide speed deterrence better than speed bumps and be more in historic keeping. The King William Neighborhood Association should be approached about participating in some of the funding. Second, the sidewalks and curbs in the neighborhood are in poor shape. There is at least one area missing sidewalk sections completely (at Madison and E. Guenther intersection). Also, the ADA access is very poor. Since lots of tourists come through the neighborhood, we should make it ADA accessible. For the "walking tour" of the neighborhood on the maps handed out, wheelchairs would have to be used in the streets. Also, the City could promote ADA events for SA Conventions and have the King William Neighborhood as one of the historic tours available for the side tours. Lots of benefits to enriching the neighborhood not to mention that the neighborhood provides a substantial tax base to the City (and also property values could increase as a result of the neighborhood improvements).

Project Location:

King William District of downtown starting around King William park (at top of District) and King William and Madison streets and E Guenther street from the San Antonio River bridge to S. Alamo (and the small cross streets between King William and Madison and to S. Alamo).

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: To be determined

Date Received: 12/20/2006 **Project Title:** *Americans with Disabilities Sidewalk*

Submitted By: Pete Hernandez

Project Description:

Request a new Americans with Disabilities Act sidewalk be considered for Ingram Road. There are some sections of an old sidewalk that are present but in very bad shape. Children and the handicap, Senior citizens apartments utilize these areas. Please consider this request.

Project Location:

On the north side of Ingram road across from the Forrest Hills Library which is next door to the Elementary School. The starting intersection is Benrus and Ingram Road to Chesterhill to Wheatfield and Ingram Road.

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Date Received: 12/15/2006 **Project Title:** *Old Spanish Trail Auto Highway Bicycle Route*

Submitted By: Charlotte Kahl

Project Description:

Street striping of a bicycle lane along San Antonio corridor of the Old Spanish Trail auto highway or building of an off road hike and bike trail adjacent to the San Antonio Old Spanish Trail corridor. This bicycle route would complete the San Antonio link of the proposed 3000-mile Old Spanish Trail Hike and Bike Route from Florida to California. It also meets nearly all of the selection criteria for 2007 Bond Projects: connectivity, funding leveraging, street improvements, district proportionality, health and welfare, etc.

Project Location:

The Old Spanish Trail auto highway corridor through Bexar County comes into San Antonio from the east in District 2 along FM 78 to 410. West of 410 it follows Seguin Rd. past the Salado Creek Linear Park trailhead. It then follows IH-35 to turn south onto New Braunfels Ave. and then west onto Houston St. In District 1 the Old Spanish Trail progresses west on Houston St., north on N. Flores St. and out Fredericksburg Rd. to Balcones Heights. Beyond Balcones Heights in San Antonio Council Districts 7 and 8 the Old Spanish Trail proceeds north on Fredericksburg Rd. and IH-10 to Leon Springs where it continues west and then north in the City of San Antonio Extra Territorial Jurisdiction on Boerne Stage Rd. to the Kendall County Line. (Bicycle lanes are already striped on N. Flores St., could be added to VIA BRT project on Fredericksburg Rd. and have already been striped by Bexar County on Boerne Stage Rd.)

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: To be determined
