

**MINUTES
STREETS, BRIDGES & SIDEWALKS BOND COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011

6:00 PM

**CLIFF MORTON DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER
1901 SOUTH ALAMO**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Chris Alderete and Mr. Duane Wilson, Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order.

I. Opening Comments and Meeting Procedures by Committee Chairs

Opening comments by Co-Chairs Ms. Alderete and Mr. Wilson included Tri-Chairs and Committee Members introducing themselves. Mr. Wilson recognized Mayor Castro who expressed his appreciation to the Committee Members for their service.

II. Community Committee Roles and Responsibilities and Status Update of City’s 2007 Bond Program

City Manager Sheryl Sculley outlined the Roles and Responsibilities of the Committee Members and provided a status on the City’s 2007 Bond Program. It was noted that the 2012 Bond Program continued to focus on improving infrastructure needs. Ms. Sculley detailed funding allocations for each of the four infrastructure categories which totaled \$596 million.

III. Open Meeting, City Ethics, and Lobbying Activity

City Attorney Michael Bernard provided the Committee Members with a brief overview of local and state regulations regarding Open Meetings, Ethical Conduct, and Lobbying Activity. He cautioned Committee Members on the use of e-mail as a communication tool.

IV. Staff Professional Recommendation of Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks Projects

Mr. Mike Frisbie, CIMS Director, referenced the guiding principles for project selection and highlighted transportation improvements to be made. He provided a general overview of the recommended projects, scope of work, and funding allocations. He noted that a total of 32 projects were identified for inclusion in the 2012 Bond Program and totaled \$340 million.

V. Bond Committee Discussion and Analysis

Chairman Wilson noted that staff would be providing a list of projects that did not make it into the 2012 Bond Program due to funding constraints. He stated that substitutions could be made as all projects were important. Mr. Wilson spoke to role that Committee members played in advocating for the 2012 Bond Program and associated Projects.

Aaron Seaman asked when detailed information regarding projects would be provided. Mr. Frisbie stated that members would be provided said information at the next meeting. In regards to funding partnerships, Mr. Seaman asked how City would ensure collaboration and financial obligations. Mr. Frisbie stated that City would require written commitment. It was requested that funding partnerships be denoted for each project.

At the request of Emil Moncivais, Mr. Frisbie provided examples of how the 12 Guiding Principles assisted with the selection of 2007 and 2012 Bond Program Projects. Mr. Moncivais requested that the Guiding Principles be denoted for each project. He asked if Corridor Plans would be created after completion of Projects in order to ensure appropriate development and revitalization of the area. Mr. Frisbie noted that the city had been trying to integrate various disciplines into projects in order to ensure said goal.

Jeff Webster requested a list of Street Bond Projects that were not considered in 2007. Mr. Frisbie stated that most of the 2012 Projects were new but used projects not considered in 2007 as the starting point for identification of 2012 Bond Projects.

Luis Marotta requested that projects denote funding allocations by other entities. Mr. Frisbie stated that the City planned on leveraging \$75 million, most of which was federal funding.

Kelli O'Keefe asked what information Committee Members need to provide regarding identified Projects. Mr. Frisbie stated that staff would be working with the respective Councilmember to obtain needed scope and vision. Ms. O'Keefe requested the use of a meeting facilitator.

Dona Liston asked how Committee Members would prioritize Projects, especially Bridge Replacement Projects. Mr. Frisbie stated that staff planned on collaborating with TXDot and other

parties in order to provide professional recommendation to Committee Members noting importance of each Project.

Irene Keller asked if Committee Members needed to consider Bicycle Master Plan when making Project decisions. Mr. Frisbie noted that said Plan did need to be considered and provided a brief history of the Plan. City Manager Sculley stated that Committee Members would be provided information on how to access the Bicycle Master Plan electronically. In regards to Bridge Replacement funding, Mr. Frisbie noted that TxDot would be assisting the City; but did not know how much at this time. As it relates to the 281/1604 interchange, Ms. Keller asked about the role the City planned in its construction. Mr. Frisbie stated that the current proposal was for the City to partner with TXDot on said Project with other entities assisting at various phases.

Chairman Wilson introduced District 4 Councilmember Rey Saldaña.

Mari Bird Garza asked why Redland Road Projects were broken up. Mr. Frisbie stated that said Project was viewed separately due to the road being divided by 281, the various infrastructure needs, and funding partnerships. It was noted that Redland Road could be viewed as one project with all aspects being included in the 2012 Bond Program.

Frank Fonseca requested a list of projects not considered in the 2012 Bond Program.

Bianca Maldonado requested a list of the Bridges identified for replacement. Mr. Frisbie stated that Committee Members would be provided the last TXDot Inspection Report. In regards to the Downtown Transportation Study, Ms. Maldonado requested that the City first finish infrastructure projects already started. She spoke to how the completion of said transportation projects along Fredericksburg Road would assist the City and VIA in securing future federal funding. Ms. Maldonado also spoke to the importance of the City establishing transportation zoning districts along redeveloped corridors. In regards to 2007 Medical Center Traffic Mitigation Bond Project, Mr. Frisbie noted that said project would be commencing soon and that the \$6.6 million allocated in the 2012 Bond Program would be utilized to improve select streets within the Medical Center. He clarified that Fredericksburg Road was a State Road and that TXDot was responsibility for funding all infrastructure improvements. Ms. Maldonado asked of the prudence of incorporating HPARC Redevelopment Projects into the 2012 Bond Program when a Master Plan has not been approved by the City. Mr. Frisbie suggested that said item be included on the next agenda. Ms. Sculley clarified that the intent was to revitalize the area. She noted that staff was recommending HPARC improvements in the 2012 Bond Program in order ensure that funding was available upon the completion of current HPARC Projects. Ms. Maldonado requested detailed information on HPARC Improvements and the Downtown Transportation Study to include funding partnerships.

Chairman Wilson stated that Committee Members could send him additional questions and that he would forward them to City staff.

VI. Citizens to be Heard

Chairman Wilson called Citizens signed up to speak. He noted that Citizens would have 2 minutes to speak.

Ed Garza, San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) President-Elect, addressed the Committee and requested inclusion of SAISD Projects into the 2012 Bond Program. He provided the Committee with an overview of each recommended Streets and Sidewalks Project, funding partnerships, and impact to the community.

Manuel D. Garza, Westside AARP representative, spoke on the balance of funds remaining from the 2007 Bond Program. He noted that his organization had developed a list of projects for inclusion in the 2012 Bond Program and requested that the projects be considered by the Committee. Mr. Garza referenced projects that were recommended 30 years ago that had not been completed.

Chairman Wilson explained that funds are set aside annually by the City for infrastructure needs and that projects could be completed outside of the Bond Program.

Rebecca Tadeffa voiced her concern with the St. Cloud Sidewalk Improvements Project from the 2007 Bond Program. She noted Project deficiencies such as scope of work and the inspection process. Lastly, Mr. Tadeffa requested that the balance of 2007 Bond Program Funds go towards other Bond Projects rather than to the General Fund.

VII. Next Steps for Community Bond Committee Process

Chairman Wilson noted that the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2011. Mr. Frisbie stated that City staff would be reviewing recommendations and requests made by the Committee Members and would provide responses by the next meeting.

Chairwoman Alderte noted that she would not be able to attend the next meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Chair