

City of San Antonio



Drainage Bond Committee Meeting Minutes

San Antonio Public Library

Central Branch

600 Soledad St.

Monday, November 28

6:00 PM

Bond Committee Members

A majority of appointive members, other than ex officio, shall constitute a quorum.

6:05 P.M. - Call to Order, Board Room

Co-Chair Alex Perez called the meeting to order and introduced fellow Co-Chair Ramiro Cavazos.

- Attendance of Committee Members
- Head count of general attendance: 22
- Claudia Mancilla, World Wide Translators, was present

I. Opening Comments and Meeting Procedures by Committee Chairs

Opening comments were made by Co-Chair Mr. Perez, included thanks for the committee's time and acknowledgements of upcoming meetings.

II. Staff Professional Recommendation of Drainage Projects

Mike Frisbie, Director of Transportation and Capital Improvements, provided a tour overview, a follow-up about unfunded project requests, alternative funding, and project scoring criteria metrics.

A. Tour Overview

The tour will take place on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 AM to 2 PM beginning and ending at Development Services. Lunch will be provided. The following projects will be included in the tour:

- San Pedro Creek (D1)
- Port San Antonio (D4)
- Seeling Channel (D7)
- Vance Jackson Low Water Crossing (D8)
- Belfast & Janda Susan (including Vidor Avenue) (D1)
- Barbra Drive (D1)

B. Unfunded Project Request Follow Up

Mr. Frisbie then spoke about projects that have been brought forward since the last meeting including 164 El Monte Boulevard (District 1) and 4723 Erin Boulevard (District 10) where water pools on the back yards of the property owners backyard. However, Mr. Frisbie stated these are both private property issues and that the properties would need to be re-graded to address the issue. However, this would not be done with public funds.

C. Alternative Funding

Mr. Frisbie spoke to the following projects which could utilize alternative funding to address drainage issues:

District 3: McDougal Avenue is proposed to cost \$750,000 to address flooding and ponding water. TCI staff recommended this to be a potential project that could be funded through TCI's annual budget process for reconstruction of the street and address the drainage issues.

District 3: Prestwick Boulevard is proposed to cost \$3.6 Million to build extensive drainage work. TCI is looking into a short term solution, but could be included as a potential annual drainage improvement capital project.

District 10: Thousand Oaks at Chapala Way is proposed to cost \$300,000 to address erosion issues located near sports fields. TCI will look at what can be done on a smaller scale to address the issue, but the project could also be included as a potential annual drainage improvement capital project.

Mr. Frisbie stated that all the previously discussed projects are not recommended to be included in the bond package for 2017.

D. Project Scoring Criteria Metrics

Mike Frisbie then reviewed the project scoring matrix developed with the scoring criteria outlined by the Committee at the previous meeting to score unfunded projects. Mr. Frisbie also review the listed of unfunded projects and how each project scored when placed into the matrix.

III. Bond Committee Discussion and Analysis

Committee co-chair Alex Perez informed the committee of the Roberts Rules of Order to be followed for the meeting. He continued stating the expectation was for each committee member to choose projects and provide a funding source. He then stated there would be no public input during this meeting.

Mr. Perez then proposed an informal poll about the list of drainage projects provided by City Staff and Community members and asked committee members to vote for one of the following:

1. The existing list should be kept as proposed by City staff
2. The current suggested list of projects proposed by City staff should be changed by less than a material amount or less than 5% (7.2 million)
3. The list of suggested projects proposed by City staff should be changed by more than a material

amount or more than 5% (7.2 million)

District 6: Committee member Linda Jackson stated she wants a consolidated list of projects, both staff recommended projects and all unfunded projects to make this determination. Ms. Jackson wants a list for each of three voting questions raised by Mr. Perez. Co-Chairs Ramiro Cavazos and Alex Perez explained that the poll questions are related to the original staff recommended projects as no changes have been made to this list to date.

District 4: Dr. Mike Flores asked how rough proportionality would play into any changes to the original staff recommended projects. Co-Chair Alex Perez stated that issues should be addressed if/when it becomes a problem. Eduardo Parra, District 8, reminded the committee that it was decided that if a person wants to add something to the list then the same committee member must offer a project from their district.

District 7: Mary Rogers asked Mr. Frisbie if there was more money that could be allocated for projects. Mr. Frisbie stated there is some money in the operation fund, but nothing like the money available for bond projects.

District 3: Jennifer Ramos asked what happens to projects that do not receive funding initially. Mr. Frisbie stated the projects will be kept on the list to be funded in the case of bond savings or be placed on the next bond cycle.

Co-Chair Alex Perez then asked for a vote on the previously stated questions. The results were as follows:

1. 7 people voted in favor of keeping the existing list as proposed by City staff.
2. 11 people voted in favor changing the list proposed by City Staff by less than a material amount, or less than 5% (7.2 million)
3. 0 people voted in favor changing the list proposed by City Staff by more than a material amount of more than 5% (7.2 million)

Co-Chair Alex Perez then asked those who believed the list proposed by City Staff should be changed to explain what changes they would like to see and what projects would be reduced to fund the preferred projects.

District 5: Al Rocha didn't have a specific project to introduce, but requested a project in District 5 since there are no proposed projects. Mr. Rocha objects to the list presented by City Staff as a complete list.

District 5: Maria Cruz stated that she wants two projects for her area, District 5, and wants to include more after tour on Saturday, December 3rd. She also explained that a portion of the project at Port SA is located in District 5.

District 4: Dr. Flores stated he believes the list looks fine, but according to rough proportionality there should be a project for District 5. He suggested adding the Griggs Avenue project as this project is located partially in District 5 and District 6.

District 3: Janie Ramirez stated she wants to leave a little bit of room for the Prestwick project.

District 1: Lisa Zottarelli states money for the proposed North New Braunfels study phase should be added to the list and wants to leverage funds from other entities. Mr. Frisbie stated staff would coordinate with the other entities to see if leveraged funds was a possibility.

District 1: Jay Loudon asks if alternate funding was available if leveraged funds were made available as the amount needed would reduce. Mr. Frisbie stated it could be reassessed during the next budget process but recommends the study be funded with bond funds.

District 1: Abe Salinas suggested the City of San Antonio provide \$200,000 to fund the study phase of the North New Braunfels project by taking \$16,000 from each project and requiring other entities to pay the remainder of the proposed cost. Mike Frisbie stated that \$200,000 seemed like a low contribution for City of San Antonio. Mr. Frisbie stated that \$300,000 would be better estimate.

District 10: Robert Leonhard stated he believes that North New Braunfels should be addressed as well.

As a whole, District 8 noted they were all happy with list as proposed by City Staff.

District 7: Mary Rodgers stated that she wants Wigwam Drive to be funded through the public art fund. Mike Frisbie stated that the Public Art funding is not available for proposed bond projects. Mrs. Rogers explained that she is open to using other monies available and wants Mr. Frisbie to find money for the Wigwam Drive project. Co-Chair Alex Perez asked her Mrs. Rogers to identify a project she believes funds could be taken from to fund the Wigwam Drive project. Mrs. Rogers stated she does not believe she has enough information about projects to say which projects should be reduced.

District 7: Chris Alderete stated that she wants to see Wigwam be added to the list as she believes churches should take priority.

District 7: Joe Diaz stated he also wants to see the church added to the list, and he would choose to take funds from the Beitel Creek improvements to fund the project at Wigwam Drive. Art Reinhardt spoke to Beitel Creek improvement project will include leverage funding from a private developer to create developable land by remove the land from the floodplain.

District 6: Linda Jackson stated that she believes that \$10 million should be taken from the \$47 million allocated to downtown and city wide projects and \$1 million dollars should be given to each district to select projects within their districts. Mr. Frisbie stated the \$47 million is made up of three projects are all three projects costs estimates are very specific to the funds needed to complete each project. Mr. Frisbie explained how removing any amount of funding for any of these projects would greatly impact the ability for the project to begin. Eduardo Parra, District 8, stated he believes taking from City-wide and downtown projects will kill the projects. However, Linda Jackson believes staff can re-work the estimates to find the \$10 million. Chris Alderte, District 7, stated she believes the committee should not take money from city wide projects.

District 6: Ruben Perales stated that he believes the committee can work to come up with \$2.1 million for the 2 projects discussed, North New Braunfels and Wigwam Drive.

Co-Chair Alex Perez summarized the proposed changes discussed by the Committee including North New Braunfels, Wigwam Drive and taking \$10 million from City-wide and downtown projects to

provide \$1 million for each district to use as they see fit. Mr. Frisbie encouraged the committee to discuss proposed projects to ensure adequate funding.

IV. Next Steps for Community Bond Committee Process

Co-Chair Alex Perez stated there will be voting next week. He stated that motions on projects will need a second in order for the committee to vote on the proposed change. Additionally, projects will have to be approved by a majority.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.