

MINUTES
STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2006
5:00 P.M.
DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER
TRAINING ROOM (2nd FLOOR)
1901 SOUTH ALAMO

Commission Members Present: George Britton, Darryl Byrd, Christine Castro, Esther De Leon, Ed Estrada, Mike Gallagher, Ted Guerra, Judy Hanson, Timothy Henson, Jim Hunley, Adelita Huron, Juan Mancha, Ray Martinez, Terrell McCombs, Dolores Mendez, Mike Phillips, Amy Putney, Alonso Rangel, Tony Reyes, Larry Romo, Evanleen Schmueckle, Ken Thomas, Lila Theis, John Kunderer, Angie Ruiz, Susan Wright, Ralph Gomez, Carlos Richardson

Commission Members Absent: Ann Gamble, Rick Idar, Richard Lafoil, Mike Villyard

Staff Present: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Jelynn Burley, Deputy City Manager; Erik Walsh, Assistant City Manager; Penny Post-Oak Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; Tom Wendorf, Director of Public Works; Jason Cosby, Assistant Director of Public Works; Peter Zanoni, Director of Management and Budget; Edward Benavides, Executive Assistant; Lori Houston, Special Projects Manager; Robert Perez and Ron Campos, Sr. Management and Budget Analysts; Kent Hickingbottom, Capital Programs Manager; John Wolters, Assistant Capital Programs Manager, Christie Chapman, Special Projects Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Terrell McCombs and Darryl Byrd, Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
Roll call was taken.

2. Co-Chairman's Welcome – Terrell McCombs, Darryl Byrd

(a) Introduction:

Mr. McCombs and Mr. Byrd addressed the Committee Members on the importance of this committee making decisions that will impact the future of San Antonio. Mr. Byrd stated the meeting may run later than anticipated. Mr. McCombs and Mr. Byrd made comments regarding getting to business during this meeting in-lieu of staff presentations and encouraged Committee Members to interact with questions for City staff.

(b) December 12, 2006 minutes were approved

4. Presentations and Discussion

(a) Peter Zanoni

Mr. Zanoni addressed the committee and introduced the City's website which contains information about the 2007 Bond Program, as well as specific

information detailed during the Community Bond Meetings. Mr. Zanoni reviewed the requested follow-up material provided to Committee Members to include a list of recommended projects, project quad sheets with traffic counts and recommended vs. prioritized streets and sidewalks list.

(b) Tom Wendorf, Director of Public Works

Tom Wendorf reviewed the Rolling 5-Year Infrastructure Maintenance Program to be adopted by City Council. Mr. Wendorf reviewed the Infrastructure Management benefits, objectives, and process as well as the Street Maintenance Model. As part of the Street Maintenance Model, Mr. Wendorf spoke about drainage, traffic signal and sidewalk programs which are key components of the street projects. Mr. Wendorf shared the Rolling 5-Year Infrastructure Maintenance Program map with the Committee.

Mr. Byrd asks if this is the first year for the Rolling 5-Year Infrastructure Maintenance Program. Mr. Wendorf responds yes, this is the first year for the program and the plan is projected to be complete and approved by City Council at the end of January. Mr. Wendorf states the program was presented to Council during the November 15, 2006 B Session and staff has received positive feedback. Mr. McCombs asks if these are all local streets. Mr. Wendorf responds the majority are local streets, approximately 60 percent.

A Committee Member requested a list of projects in the Rolling 5-Year Infrastructure Maintenance Program. Mr. Wendorf states the list is fairly large with about 1900 street segments, and difficult to provide to everyone. Mr. Wendorf offered to visit with the committee members to review any project or questions he/or she may have.

Mr. Wendorf continued the presentation with a review of the Advanced Transportation District (A.T.D.) to include an update on the major 2006 capital projects, a review of the Proposed FY 2007 Capital Projects and review of the concept managing first and building second.

(c) Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

Ms. Sculley briefly presented to the Committee. She addressed the Committee regarding a comprehensive infrastructure city-wide approach and rough proportionality of streets and sidewalks, drainage and park staff recommended projects. Ms. Sculley reviewed the map that indicated the Bond Program projects are spreadout all over the city and not all in one area of the city.

Mr. Byrd asked if there is a sunset to the A.T.D. dollars. Ms. Sculley answered no. Mr. Byrd commends Ms. Sculley on the 5-Year Rolling Infrastructure Maintenance Program. Mr. Byrd states we do not want to lose the A.T.D. dollar leverage. Mr. McCombs asked for the leverage amount for A.T.D.. Mr. Wendorf

responds TxDOT indicates 1.8 billion will be spent with A.T.D. dollars. Ms. Sculley also reminds the Committee of the 29% increase in the FY 2007 Adopted Budget for Streets and Maintenance.

(d) Tom Wendorf, Director of Public Works

Mr. Wendorf reminded members that a glossary of infrastructure terms have been provided to the committee members and will be helpful during the review of projects. Mr. Wendorf proceeded and reviewed the drainage projects being considered within the 2007-2012 Bond Program with the Committee.

Mr. Wendorf revisited the Octavia #63 Phase II project. The amended recommendation included removing #704 Frio City Road (\$5.8 million) from the recommended list with the intent that it will become part of the proposed County bond program. The \$5.8 million was added to the Octavia #63 Phase II drainage project to bring project total to \$7.2 million. Under the Street/Sidewalk projects, #1685 Bridge Replacement project was decreased by \$4.8 million to \$19.2 million. The \$4.8 million was then designated to the newly created Octavia Street project. This would fully fund Octavia #63 Phase II.

Mr. Wendorf indicated the quad sheets will be updated to reflect this proposed change and will be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.

5. Questions/Comments from Committee

(a) Questions were taken from Committee Members at this time. (See Attachment)

6. Citizens to be Heard

Ms. Charlotte Kale – Spoke about more hike and bike trails, bicycle commuting

Alex Bernardo – Member of the “Wheelman” Bike Team, spoke about more bike trails

Bill Bettencourt – Would like the City to remove the statement on the website regarding the Bond Program not raising taxes. He feels this is untrue. Mr. Bettencourt would also like to see the 2007 Bond Projects completed in a timely manner

Cliff Hickel – Mr. Hickel asked the Committee to support bicycle lanes and commuting on the lanes when considering bond projects. He stated commuters take cars off the streets. Mr. Hickel also mentioned the need for adequate bike lanes so children can safely commute to and from school.

7. Adjournment

Terrell McCombs and Darryl Byrd made closing comments. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm