Streets and Transportation Subcommittee

2024 Bond Task Force

Meeting Date: May 11, 2023	Convened: 6:42 p.m.	Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.
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Committee Members Present:

Committee Members Absent:

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Beverly Mendoza- District 1
Rudolfo Grvel- District 4
Sharon Howard- District 6
TBD- District 10

Staff Present:

TRN – Dr. Ghassan 'Gus' Khankarli	PBW – Alireza Hatefi	
TRN – Aurobindo Majumdar	PBW – Haytham Hassan	
TRN – Kathryn Rush	PBW – Derek White	
TRN – Kimberly Smith	PBW – Shahad Mohammed	

Discussion Items:

There was a brief introduction of the Sub-committee members, their names, Council Districts they represent, and an item of interest being their profession or volunteering efforts.

Next, the Department of Public Works introduced their staff and provided an overview of their department structure, the intent of the Sub-committee meetings, the Department's areas of responsibility, terminologies and definitions, and what assets are managed by Public Works (streets, alleys, sidewalks, and bridges). Then, staff provided information regarding the life cycle of the assets and an overview of pavement life and the goal to extend the life of the pavement quality. Also, Public Works staff explained the process of selecting assets for the Bond Program. They concluded with information regarding the difference between recommended treatments for the Bond (resurfacing and reconstruction) with project examples from the previous Bond and went over the cost estimates of each type of treatment per project category. They also provided information about their website if the Sub-committee members wanted to investigate further.

The next presentation was from the Department of Transportation. Staff introduced themselves, then provided an overview of the Department's areas of responsibility and of those areas that relate to the Bond or Capital Improvement investments: Traffic Signals, Street Lighting, Transportation Systems Development, Vision Zero, and Interagency Projects. Staff then provided more detailed information regarding traffic signals and flashers. Next, Department of Transportation staff explained what Transportation Systems Development encapsulates (City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan, Bike Plan, Vision Zero Action Plan, Dallas Strategic Mobility Plan, Complete Streets Design Manual, and corridor plans/studies). Then, staff explained Interagency Projects section and how this area requires matching funds to leverage external governmental agency funding toward projects in the City of Dallas. Department of Transportation staff concluded their presentation with an overview of the Bond project categories relevant to the Department of Transportation.

Both Departments' staff concluded the presentation section of the meeting with a slide of the next steps that listed the future meetings and field trip dates. Both Departments' staff started the Questions and Answers session.

Questions:

- Incorporating sidewalk 311 service requests into scoring for the future Bond
- Limitations in traffic signal funding and construction
- Feasibility of roundabouts as an alternative to traffic signals
- Whether traffic volumes are considered in scoring resurfacing and reconstruction projects, in addition to the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score for the Bond
- Whether the PCI data is being updated prior to scoring
- Whether scoring will cover equity and inclusion
- Who questions should go through if Sub-committee members have questions outside of the meetings
- Whether presentations will be provided electronically before meetings
- What improvements reconstruction projects include with regards to sidewalks and ADA improvements
- Whether crash data is used in scoring
- How pedestrian signal phasing affects the cost of a signal
- Whether the flooding and creek erosion issues in Kiest Valley Estates will impact the scoring for street reconstruction
- If maps of the locations for the field trips can be provided to the Sub-committee in the event that members are not able to attend them

Staff stayed after the meeting was adjourned to answer questions. The meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m.

Action Items:

- Send out electronic copies of the presentations to the Sub-committee
- Correct the name spelling for District 12 Representative on sign-in sheet as mentioned in attendance list.