

**INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012
11:30 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

Members Present: Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *Chair, District 8*
Councilmember Leticia Ozuna, *District 3*
Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: David Ellison, *Assistant City Manager*; Mike Frisbie, *CIMS Director*; Mark Brodeur, *Center City Development Director*; John Dugan, *Planning & Development Director*; Razi Hossein, *CIMS Assistant Director*; Jed Maebius, *Office of the Mayor*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Keith Parker, *VIA Transportation*; Jason Rodriguez, *VIA Transportation*; Brian Buchanan, *VIA Transportation*; Kerri Collins, *Pape-Dawson*; Leo Gomez, *Spurs Sports Entertainment*

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

2. Approval of Minutes from the April 18, 2012 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2012 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Briefing and possible action on the City's Downtown Transportation Plan

Presented by Mike Frisbie, Director, Capital Improvements Management Services Department

Kerri Collins provided an overview and a draft of the Downtown Transportation Study. Mike Frisbie stated that the Study was comprehensive and that the results would assist with the 2012 Bond Projects.

Councilmember Lopez asked of legislation regarding sharing the roadway with cyclists. Mr. Frisbie referenced legislation that requires a motorist to provide a three foot clearance to cyclists.

In response to Councilmember Soules, Ms. Collins responded that in addition to the main objectives of the Study, they were attempting to create complete streets and improvements where possible. She stated that the improvements were to accommodate pedestrians, transit-users, bicyclists, and vehicular traffic. Additionally, she noted that they were attempting to address Mayor Castro's SA2020 vision to encourage residential and workforce growth downtown.

Chairman Williams asked of the cost benefit of removing a vehicular lane to add bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and parking. Ms. Collins referenced the Multimodal Level of Service (MMLOS) Analysis that provides the level of service result to the pedestrians, transit-user, and bicyclist based on improvements to their experience. She stated that the MMLOS has indicated that the proposed recommendations provide an improved level of service to pedestrians, transit-users, and bicyclists and does not degrade the level of service to drivers.

In response to Councilmember Soules, Ms. Collins stated that traffic intensity has fluctuated over the years. She noted that there was a slight increase from 2007 to present. Mr. Frisbie indicated that said increase had been factored into the SA2020 future projections. Councilmember Soules expressed concern with the reduction of lanes in the proposed recommendations and requested further discussion in the future.

Chairman Williams expressed concern with the complexity of the draft and requested a month for the Committee to review.

Councilmember Ozuna spoke of the intent to make Downtown more pedestrian friendly and stated that it would be helpful to show recreational distances.

4. Briefing on the VIA Downtown Transportation Plan Presented by Keith Parker, CEO, VIA Transportation

Brian Buchanan provided an overview of the Westside Multimodal Center. He reported that the project was a multi-phased approach and that VIA was currently in phase 1 to be implemented as part of the PRIMO Project that goes online at the end of 2012. He stated that the project was on a fast timeline and that VIA received a federal grant for implementation. He provided that the following TIGER Grant Deadlines:

- ⬇ Board Approval of Vertical Concept – May 22, 2012
- ⬇ 30% Plan Submission – November 2012
- ⬇ Environmental Finding – October 2012
- ⬇ Property Acquisitions Completed by – June 2013
- ⬇ Construction Documents Issued – November 2013
- ⬇ Construction Contract Award – November 2013
- ⬇ Opening Ceremony – May 2015

Councilmember Soules asked of air conditioned and seating amenities under the walkway roofline. Mr. Buchanan responded that seating amenities would be placed under the roofed area. He stated that there will be air conditioned space in the International and Great Northern Railroad Depot and in retail spaces. He noted that the retail spaces will be market-driven and no developers have been lined up yet.

In response to Councilmember Saldaña, Mr. Buchanan responded that as part of the City's contribution to the project, it has allowed VIA to move funds and allowed VIA to contribute to the project.

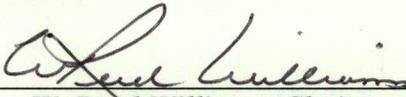
Chairman Williams thanked Mr. Buchanan and requested the presentation regarding the three options that will be presented to the VIA Board be sent to the Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee for review. He also requested further discussion regarding said options at the next Committee Meeting.

5. Consideration for future meetings

There were no items discussed.

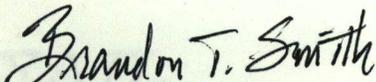
6. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



W. Reed Williams, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk