

2010 Mobility Bond Program









Bond Oversight Committee MINUTES - Approved at 9/28/12 Meeting

REGULAR MEETING May 11, 2012

The Bond Oversight Committee convened a regular meeting on May 11, 2012, in the Boards and Commissions Room of City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Tyler Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Tyler Anderson, Paige Hill, Moses Garcia, Jennifer McPhail, Dave Sullivan, and Beverly Silas

Staff in Attendance:

Mike Trimble Shelley Kilday Susan Daniels Kim Springer David Taylor

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the previous meeting
- Proposed FY2012-13 Appropriation Schedule for the 2006 and 2010 Bond Programs
- Presentation on the 2010 Mobility Bond Program

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

No citizens signed up to speak.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 18, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously on Beverly Silas' motion. Dave Sullivan's second.

3. PRESENTATION ON THE BOARDWALK TRAIL AT LADY BIRD LAKE

David Taylor from the Public Works Department gave an update on the Boardwalk project. Susan Rankin from The Trail Foundation gave an update on the fundraising efforts of her organization for the project. The Committee asked to receive an update memo when outstanding funding issues on the Boardwalk get resolved.

4. SLIDESHOW OF PROJECT PHOTOS

Shelley Kilday from the Capital Planning Office provided a slideshow of several 2006 Bond Program projects that are either completed, or in construction.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FY2013 PROPOSED BOND APPROPRIATION AND SALE SCHEDULE

The Committee voted unanimously on Jennifer McPhail's motion, Dave Sullivan's second, to approve the Proposed Appropriation and Sale Schedule. They included the following recommendations/comments:

- In reviewing the history of appropriations and spending for both the 1998 and 2006 GO bond elections, the Bond Oversight Committee makes the following observation for the purpose of educating the general public: spending on transportation and public safety generally is completed before other projects. This spending pattern mirrors voter support, as these two categories have been approved by wide margins. However, it in no way diminishes the gravity of projects in other areas. Many other factors contribute to the rate of project completion including real estate purchases, facility design time, and operating budget planning.
- The Bond Oversight Committee recommends that projects from future bond programs be included in the work of the Bond Oversight Committee. We have found that because many new projects overlap or expand on programs from previous programs, it is important to consider all of these projects when conducting our review.
- The Bond Oversight Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to develop a
 process that will provide compliance review and enforcement of disability rights laws for
 housing projects that receive bond funds. This recommendation stems from instances of
 access issues, like those at Elm Ridge and Treaty Oaks Apartments, and from the knowledge
 that approximately 60% of complaints received by the Austin Tenants' Council's Tenants'
 Rights program are disability related.
- The Bond Oversight Committee recommends that City Council consider City staff capacity to develop and maintain projects from multiple bond programs. City staff continues to work diligently with bond projects within the Capital Improvement Program, but many projects remain unfinished with the 2006 and 2010 bond programs. We ask Council to assess the existing capacity of City staff to handle current bond programs and determine a feasible timeline for City staff to complete 2006 and 2010 projects prior to adding projects associated with any future bond program.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Tyler Anderson adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:52 am.