



# Transportation Alternatives Public Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

VIA Metro Center Community Room, 1021 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212

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## OVERVIEW

The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) held a joint meeting of their Bicycle Mobility and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committees on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, from 6-8 p.m., at the VIA Metro Center Community Room, located at 1021 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212. The meeting was held in a workshop format consisting of two activities. Participants were asked to provide input on 1) potential new bicycle and pedestrian connections between the AAMPO and Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) study areas, and 2) the projects submitted for federal Transportation Alternative (TA) funding. Approximately 75 people attended the public meeting.

The AAMPO specifically targeted TA funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects only. AAMPO issued the call for projects on October 1, 2016 and proposals were due by January 17, 2017. Public meeting attendees had the opportunity to review the projects submitted and provide their feedback.

Nine project proposals were received during the project call, totaling over \$23.7 million with a \$4.7 million overmatch for \$19 million in actual TA funding requests. AAMPO estimates that \$15 million will be available for this project call, depending on the availability of federal funding. The projects submitted for consideration include:

1. City of Balcones Heights: Hillcrest/Babcock Intersection Improvements
2. City of Converse: Converse Greenway Trail
3. City of Kirby: Ackerman Road Sidewalks and Bike Lanes
4. City of New Braunfels: Citywide Pedestrian Connectivity
5. City of San Antonio and VIA Metropolitan Transit: Zarzamora Street Pedestrian Improvements

6. City of Schertz: Schertz Pedestrian Routes and Bike Lanes Project
7. City of Seguin: Walnut Springs Trail Extension Project
8. San Antonio River Authority: Alazan Creek Linear H&B Trail
9. San Antonio River Authority: Martinez Creek Linear H&B Trail

This report documents the feedback collected on the projects submitted for TA funding consideration. In early March 2017 these comments will be presented with input received online and via social media, the project technical score, agency priority and project readiness. These elements will be considered by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committees and the Technical Advisory Committee in developing a funding recommendation for the Transportation Policy Board. The board is expected to take action on a funding recommendation at their June 2017 board meeting.

During the meeting, participants were asked to react to projects by completing the following two sentences:

1. I could use this project to...
2. I would describe this project as...

They were also given three numbered dots and asked to place the dots next to the three projects they support the most with the #1 dot indicating their highest priority project. This report documents comments collected in written form at the public meeting only.

***Word clouds were only provided for the projects with sufficient comments to create one.***

The ranking exercise was weighted to develop a public meeting score for each project. Again, this number will be presented with input collected during the online comment period, which runs from February 9 through February 28, 2017.

**PROJECT 1: CITY OF BALCONES HEIGHTS, HILLCREST/BABCOCK INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

<b>I could use this project to....</b>	<b>I would describe this project as...</b>
Dutch intersection	Confusing - what is the proposal?

**PROJECT 2: CITY OF CONVERSE, CONVERSE GREENWAY TRAIL**

<b>I could use this project to....</b>	<b>I would describe this project as...</b>
Get from one point to another	A great benefit to Converse and the JISD area
Exercise and get to the two parks	

**PROJECT 3: CITY OF KIRBY, ACKERMAN ROAD SIDEWALKS AND BIKE LANES**

<b>I could use this project to....</b>	<b>I would describe this project as...</b>
Bike - I would love to see a protected bike lane not 8 ft. lane	Awesome

**PROJECT 4: CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY**

<b>I could use this project to....</b>	<b>I would describe this project as...</b>
Walk safely from Landa park to my home and kids school	A project that will connect incomplete sidewalks
Walk safely to schools, parks, and trailheads	Making important connections
Feel more safe walking to and from destinations within the community	

PROJECT 5: CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, ZARZAMORA STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS



I could use this project to....	I would describe this project as...
Run down Fredericksburg and continue on Zarzamora	Recognize a major N-S arterial and improve function
Connect to Woodlawn Park	Essential infrastructure growth
Commute to work	The most needed in a community that has lacked investment
Not be killed crossing the street and being able to enjoy the neighborhood	Essential. Too many people have been killed on Zarzamora
Get to work. I commute by bike from Commerce to A&M-SA on Zarzamora. It is a dangerous corridor for pedestrians and cyclists.	Critical for safety
Extra points if project removes "sombras" at Zarzamora and Cincinnati	

**PROJECT 6: CITY OF SCHERTZ, SCHERTZ PEDESTRIAN ROUTES AND BIKE LANES PROJECT**

<b>I could use this project to....</b>	<b>I would describe this project as...</b>
Train for hilly runs!	Filling central gaps to allow for expansion out of the center of the city
Connect neighborhoods to library and YMCA and natatorium	A good way to connect downtown Schertz
Walking in Schertz	A way to connect the heart of Schertz
Walk or bike to the library	Connecting residential to city center, schools, commercial corridors and established trails
Get to city hall and SCUCISD Stadium	



<b>I could use this project to....</b>	<b>I would describe this project as...</b>
For daily walks	Scenic
Can use it to cross my entire city	Historical
Stay fit! Walk to events!!!	Fun
Walk/ride with family from downtown to Starcke Park	An opportunity for all in Seguin to access all public park amenities regardless of economic status - many in Seguin have "0" or "1" car families making access to Starcke Park hard without this trail
Walk from home to Starcke Park	Something our citizens have asked for years! Part of Seguin's "upscaling"
Link our 2 major parks with downtown, schools, and TLU with a safe, beautiful pathway that will serve pedestrians, bicycles and skateboards	Critical to the revitalization of downtown Seguin
To increase activity of my family - improve the appeal of the city - increase the use of city park	Beautiful educational healthful enjoyable
As an excuse to take my bike to work	Green project that allows people to move throughout city
Run to Starcke Park from anywhere in downtown Seguin	Essential
To take a walk at lunch	Connecting the residents of Seguin by way of nature and activity
Improve my business - bike trail could bring tourists who will support local economy when they eat, shop, stay! :-)	Much needed to get people active and to connect regional and neighborhood parks and do it safely
I will walk and ride my bike on this trail	A great way to connect our college, library and two parks. With this project we can get to all by walking or biking.
	Connects the north and south end of town





I could use this project to....	I would describe this project as...
Get to Centro Plaza and Blue Star	Essential for connectivity
Connecting Woodlawn Lake to downtown sans traffic	Connectivity of north through west to SA River
Enjoy riding on the greenway away from traffic	Next step to awesome redo of Elmendorf Lake Park
Have a safe ride from home to Mission	Beneficial to all residents
Exercise with my children	Overdue
Get from point A to point B	Critical for connectivity near west with south
Ride to more areas of the city like Elmendorf Park	



I could use this project to....	I would describe this project as...
Get from point A to point B	Love it! Needed
Get out more	Wish you would consider 12 ft pathways
Transportation	Logical next step to connect Woodlawn Lake to SA River
	Essential for connectivity
	Beneficial to the community
	Beneficial to all residents

**PROJECT RANKINGS & PUBLIC MEETING SCORE**

	Raw Ranking			Weighted Score			SCORE
	1	2	3	(X*3)	(X*2)	(X*1)	
Project 1: City of Balcones Heights, Hillcrest/Babcock Intersection Improvements	3	0	5	9	0	5	14
Project 2: City of Converse, Converse Greenway Trail	0	4	3	0	8	3	11
Project 3: City of Kirby, Ackerman Road Sidewalks and Bike Lanes	1	0	7	3	0	7	10
Project 4: City of New Braunfels, Citywide Pedestrian Connectivity	3	10	9	9	20	9	38
Project 5: City of San Antonio, Zarzamora Street Pedestrian Improvements	17	5	9	51	10	9	70
Project 6: City of Schertz, Schertz Pedestrian Routes and Bike Lanes Project	4	7	5	12	14	5	31
Project 7: City of Seguin, Walnut Springs Trail Extension Project	26	10	6	78	20	6	104
Project 8: San Antonio River Authority, Alazan Creek Linear H&B Trail	23	19	11	69	38	11	118
Project 9: San Antonio River Authority, Martinez Creek Linear H&B Trail	4	23	16	12	46	16	74