

GREATER NORTHSIDE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Greater Northside Management District's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will be held on **Monday, March 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.** The meeting is open to the public. The video/audio conference meeting is authorized by the suspension of certain provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as described below.

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1. Introductions

- Mariana Raschke, Goodman Corp
- Mel M, Oui Eats
- Carlos Espinoza, Avenue CDC Northside
- Raymond Beltran, Precinct 1 Rodney Ellis
- Maria Boll
- Daniel Olvera, Avenue CDC Northline
- Monte Large, TIRZ 21 Board
- Jorge Bustamante, Precinct 2, TIRZ 21 Board
- Elia Quiles, Up Art Studio
- Paresh Lad, City of Houston Public Works
- Sara Olivarez, Senator Alvarado
- Jorge Sanchez, Memorial Hermann
- Maria Bolanos, Precinct 2
- Rebecca Reyna, GNMD
- Eugina Magana, GNMD
- Anibeth Turcios, GNMD
- Anthony Morello, Resident off Fulton
- Davonte Caldwell, COH Planning
- Dora Campos, Northline and HCC

2. Report on other active infrastructure projects or studies in the District:

- a. TxDOT North Houston Highway Improvement Project
  - i. Ms. Turcios shared the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) and that the ROD is available for

review. The ROD identifies the selected alternative and signifies the completion of the environmental review process.

- ii. The Final EIS and ROD are available on the project website at [www.IH45NorthandMore.com](http://www.IH45NorthandMore.com)
- iii. Mayor's facilitation meetings will restart this week to discuss ROD.
- iv. Ms. Reyna shared that TxDOT has already acquisitioned property in segment 2.

b. Memorial Hermann Sidewalk Beautification Project

- i. Mr. Sanchez shared a brief update on Memorial Hermann Beautification Project. Completed (March 2021) new sidewalk, repaired patches, and added crosswalk markers in the proposed path that extends from Highlawn St., into Tidwell Rd., and concluding on Bauman Road. Next Steps: Engage with Northline community members for the artistic input for mural designs which will be placed in various location throughout the path.

3. Report on the following ongoing projects of the Greater Northside Management District Capital Improvements Program (CIP) including budgets and approve recommendations to the District's Board of Directors:

a. Transit Improvement, Beautification, Urban Design and/or Art Projects

- i. Ms. Turcios shared that Downtown District is hosted a Warehouse District Vision Plan Public Workshop to discuss urban design, transportation, and infrastructural system impacts from the proposed North Houston Highway Improvement Project. For more information about the Warehouse Vision District Plan visit: <http://www.downtowndistrict.org/programs/planning-capital-projects/>. Survey: [https://swa.mysocialpinpoint.com/wdvisionplan\\_2](https://swa.mysocialpinpoint.com/wdvisionplan_2)
- ii. Ms. Turcios shared that the Mayor's Office of Complete Communities will be hosting a Near Northside Complete Communities virtual work group meeting to discuss potential high priority and short-term projects. For more information visit: <https://www.letstalkhouston.org/nearnorthside>
- iii. Mr. Caldwell shared that meeting has been rescheduled for March 23, 2021 at 6pm via zoom.
- iv. Ms. Turcios shared updates on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transit Improvement Project Quitman Pedestrian Improvement Project at 50% Design, Interlocal agreements and community engagement needed to assist with the project. She also added the availability of the Bike Rack Program for business owners.
- v. Mr. Bustamante discussed the landscape design with study phase to help with final designs, and future community engagement.

- vi. Ms. Turcios asked if there are any new concepts or locations for beautification projects and shared completed with partnerships.
  - vii. Ms. Turcios discussed the active and completed Urban Design and Art Projects. She discussed a brief update to the Driving Jensen with the University of Houston, GNMD and Houston Northeast CDC on the new METRO bus shelters. This is the first time that we will have this type of project in the community. GNMD adopted shelters as part of METRO's program. Crate Houston and the University of Houston are sharing the history of the area businesses to prepare for a future mural and virtual gallery as part of the LISC funding opportunity.
- b. Discuss GNMD Area Project Map
- i. Ms. Turcios shared capital projects
  - ii. Ms. Raschke shared how projects are selected and included in multiple studies such as 2013 GNMD Pedestrian study. It is important to have planning and shovel ready projects early on as funding or grants are available to apply. She shared the new GNMD area project map with area active, completed and planning projects.
  - iii. Ms. Turcios discussed project funding opportunities such as AARP and HGAC. She mentioned the importance of being ready to apply for the applications.
  - iv. Ms. Turcios gave a brief update on how the Quitman Corridor was selected for the 2015 HGAC TIP Call for projects.
  - v. Ms. Turcios elaborated on our new GNMD area project map and we will add the Memorial Hermann project. Map assist with discovering the connectivity gaps, sidewalk, lighting and ada compliance needs.
  - vi. Ms. Turcios shared GNMD Area 2021 Planning Projects from Main Street, Little White Oak Bayou Trail, Berry, Tidwell, Fulton, Crosstimbers, Jensen and Irvington Blvd.
  - vii. Ms. Raschke discussed funds from federal government and points are received if the project is close to multiple modes of transportation to create a network. Goodman assisted the district in putting together an application to fund a capital strategy study with PCT 2 to develop shovel ready opportunities in the future.
  - viii. Ms. Reyna discussed the importance to pinpoint areas for shovel ready projects in the overall district.
  - ix. Ms. Raschke discussed how Goodman analyzes potential project locations using a transportation and viability approach.
  - x. Ms. Turcios discussed how this planning projects can also help develop partnership projects such as Little White Oak Bayou that was picked up by Houston Parks Board but not funded during the last HGAC TIP Round.
- c. Discussion on Greater Northside Potential Capital Improvement Projects

- i. Ms. Turcios discussed the new [GNMD Area 2021 Planning Project Ranking survey](#) that will be due Mid-May to share at the June CIP meeting. Rank projects from short term to long term for priorities, new capital pedestrian, bicycle transit improvements project, beautification project, art and urban design art project.
- ii. Ms. Campo asked for committee to look at Crosstimbers to assist with congestion and safety issues.

4. Discuss agenda for the next Committee meeting scheduled for June 14, 2021.

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Executive Director

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