

# Flood Control & Storm Drainage Subcommittee

## 2024 Bond Task Force

<b>Meeting Date:</b> May 11, 2023	<b>Convened:</b> 6:30 PM	<b>Adjourned:</b> 7:35 PM
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### Committee Members Present:

Anita Childress, Chair
Edward McCullough, District 1 (virtual)
Gloria Alvarez, District 2
Dr. Andrea Hilburn, District 3
Larry Brannon, District 5
Erica Solis, District 6
Jeremy McConnell, District 7
Gregory Franklin, District 8
Susan J. Falvo, District 9
Macs Reynolds, District 11
Robert Fischer, District 12
Laurel Stone, District 13
Stephen Tordella, District 14

### Committee Members Absent:

Matt Canto, District 4
District 10 - No committee member assigned.

### Staff Present:

Terry Lowery, DWU Director	Ivan Hernandez
Matt Penk, DWU Assistant Director	Abidur Khan
Eduardo Valerio, DWU Assistant Director	Natalie Wilson
Sarah Standifer, DWU Assistant Director	
Estela Ornelas	
Mark Williams	
Marie Marroquin	

### Discussion Items:

Anita Childress, Chair, began introductions of committee members and explained the purpose of the Flood Protection and Storm Drainage (FPSD) Subcommittee and its role on the Community Bond Task Force (Task Force). The committee will be provided information about the City's storm drainage system and needs and provide a final, recommended list of projects for the Flood Protection and Storm Drainage proposition for the 2024 Bond Program to the Task Force.

Matt Penk, DWU Assistant Director, introduced City staff and explained that the purpose of the committee is to determine what projects to include in the upcoming 2024 Bond Program and the allocation of funds to different types of projects. The committee will look at projects that include flood management, erosion control and storm drainage relief. The committee chair will report to the Task Force.

Anita Childress discussed the FPSD roadmap and provided an overview of how the subcommittee meetings will run. There will be six meetings and one tour with an additional meeting if needed.

Matt Penk spoke on the meeting schedule (see below) and what to expect during the meetings. Committee Meetings and presentations will be on the following dates:

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Kick-off meeting, “Flood Protection & Storm Drainage 101”

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Tour (9am – 1pm); meet at 2245 Irving Boulevard (light breakfast and snacks will be provided). Be there a little early, if possible.

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Technical Project Criteria/Prioritization, Needs Inventory, Committee Goals for Bond

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Recommended Bond Projects (first version), guided priority discussion

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Additional Meeting (if needed)

July 20<sup>th</sup> – Feedback on Recommended Bond Projects, priority discussion

August 15<sup>th</sup> – Recommended Bond Projects (second version)

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wrap up/recommended Bond Proposition Projects

The Task Force will provide information to the City Council in September 2023.

Anita Childress explained the means of communication for the FPSD Subcommittee will be as follows:

Point of Contact: Matt Penk, Assistant Director - DWU

Administrative Tasks: Natalie Wilson, Technical Section Manager – DWU

(Contact information provided in the notebook.)

All correspondence to either Matt or Natalie should also include Anita.

The packets for each meeting will be sent out on Friday for Tuesday meetings and on Monday for Thursday meetings. Packets will include digital copies of the meeting agenda, previous meeting minutes and the presentation for the upcoming meeting. Hard copies will also be provided to each committee member to add to their notebooks.

The Chair will be in charge of the meeting agenda and the meeting format.

If you know ahead of time that you cannot make a meeting, please let Anita, Matt and Natalie know as soon as possible.

The subcommittee meeting is open to the public, but no public comments will be taken during the meeting unless designated. Public comment cards are provided in each notebook and will be available at each meeting. Public comments will be accepted through the comment card. If the public does attend meetings later in the process when recommended project feedback is on the agenda, there may be an opportunity to listen to public comments at those meetings.

Anita mentioned that there will be upcoming presentations related to the Bond Program and encouraged committee members to follow them:

- City Council – May 17<sup>th</sup>; presentation should be posted on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Transportation and Infrastructure Council Committee – June 12<sup>th</sup>
- The public is welcome to attend and can provide comments. \*\*Speakers must register through the City Secretary’s Office.

Eduardo Valerio, Assistant Director – DWU, presented “Flood Protection & Storm Drainage 101” to give an overview of the flood protection and storm drainage program in the City of Dallas.

During and after the presentation, several questions were asked by committee members:

Jeremy McConnell (District 7) asked if the property where easements exist is owned by the City or the property owner. Eduardo answered that the underlying property where the easement exists typically belongs to the property owner. Mr. McConnell also asked about the timeline for a bond project, specifically where erosion was threatening homes. Sarah Standifer, Assistant Director – DWU, explained that the committee will provide a list of recommended projects to the Task Force who will then make recommendations to City Council. Council will approve the final list of projects and call for an election. The voters will then vote in May 2024. Each project could take 1 to 1 ½ years for design, 1 to 1 ½ years to construct depending on the specific project, with projects starting at different times based on the City’s capacity to sell bonds in a certain year. The goal would be that most of the bond projects are completed by 5 to 6 years following the committee’s recommendation. If any projects are already designed, they could be completed quicker which would speed up the process.

Susan Falvo, District 9, asked if erosion at White Rock Lake was reviewed and if there is anything in the needs inventory that might include the White Rock area. Eduardo explained that a team from the City of Dallas regularly reviews the White Rock Lake area to report erosion. Since the lake is under the care of the Parks department, erosion at the lake and not the upstream creeks would typically be covered by Parks. Parks has a current project at White Rock Lake to evaluate dredging options and further coordination regarding erosion may be necessary.

Steve Tordella, District 14, mentioned the 2017 Bond Program website lists a lot of items in design. He asked how the projects get moved through the process. Matt Penk explained that the 2017 Bond Program website may not be completely up to date. Many of the projects have been completed, are under construction, awarded for construction, or the design has been completed. Several issues can slow down the project process. One issue that slows down the project process includes the granting of easements on private property for erosion control projects. Some owners do not wish to grant the easement, often delaying the project and sometimes requiring the project to be cancelled.

Eduardo concluded the presentation.

Anita Childress discussed the tour on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who cannot attend should let the Points of Contact know as soon as possible. We will meet at the Stormwater Facility located at 2245 Irving Boulevard and start the tour at 9 a.m. The tour will include the Stormwater Operations Center, Able Pump Station, Mill Creek Stormwater Tunnel Project, and several erosion control and storm drainage projects throughout the city. Anita asked that committee members arrive early for the tour to help stay on schedule.

**Action Items:** N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.