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City Seeks Members for San Antonio Street Bridge Steering Committee

New Braunfels, Texas — The City of New Braunfels is seeking residents to serve on the San Antonio Street Bridge Steering Committee. The City owns and maintains the San Antonio Street Bridge and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the bridge is eligible for rehabilitation. The two lane bridge was built in 1923.

Recently, City Council directed City staff to proceed with rehabilitation and widening of the bridge, and to form a nine-member steering committee to include representatives from seven entities. The entities are: the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Board, Historic Landmark Commission, Main Street Partners, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, River Advisory Committee and the Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board. The final two members will be city residents that do not already serve as members of the seven listed entities.

City Manager Robert Camareno said, “The intent of the project is to increase the load carrying capacity of the bridge and widen the travel lanes and sidewalks for safety. This is a perfect opportunity for local residents to help shape the future of New Braunfels by bringing their ideas and energy to a City committee.”

The committee will be ad-hoc, meaning that it is a temporary committee; however, members can expect to serve during the duration of the project, anticipated to be about three years. Member activity will primarily be focused on the design options and maintaining the historical significance of the bridge, while bringing it up to current standards.

Residents interested in serving in one of the two at-large positions of the San Antonio Street Bridge Steering Committee have through Thursday, April 28th to turn in an application to the City Secretary’s Office at 424. S. Castell Avenue. Applications can be found online at <http://www.nbtexas.org/FormCenter/City-Secretary-6/Boards-and-Commissions-Application-53>.

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