

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 25, 2008

TO Members of the Transportation and Environment Committee:
Linda Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Jerry R. Allen, Carolyn R. Davis, Vonciel Jones Hill, Angela Hunt, Pauline Medrano and Ron Natinsky

SUBJECT Impact of TxDOT Funding Issue on Dallas Projects

On November 30, 2007 a memorandum was issued by TxDOT's Deputy Executive Director, Steven E. Simmons, regarding cash flow effects on TxDOT construction letting, right of way acquisition, and professional services budgets for FY 2008. The memo indicated that cash flow for TXDOT was showing a significant downward trend. As a result of this trend, reductions were mandated for the Dallas District that included:

Construction letting – the following Dallas projects are shown as being delayed:

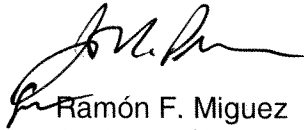
- Northwest Highway (Loop 12) from W. Lawther to east of Goforth. This is a \$33.5 million project to reconstruct and raise Northwest Highway out of the White Rock Creek floodplain. It was originally scheduled to let in February 2008.
- Woodall Rodgers Extension (Spur 366) from IH 35 to Beckley/Singleton. This is a \$50 million project to extend Woodall Rodgers across the Trinity River and connect on both ends to the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge. It was originally scheduled to let in April 2008.
- IH 30 from east of Sylvan to IH 35. This is a \$16.2 million project to widen the eastbound Beckley overpass and construct a temporary bridge over the Trinity River. It is Phase 1 of the I-30 Trinity River bridge replacement and freeway widening. It was originally scheduled to let in August 2008. Future phases would likely be affected by this delay, but that information is not yet available from TxDOT.

Right of way acquisition – the budget allocation of \$54,035,000 was reduced to \$35,990,565. This reduction could potentially slow right of way acquisition on several projects important to Dallas.

Professional services – the budget allocation of \$56,405,000 was reduced to \$24,440,287. This reduction could potentially slow engineering design on several projects important to Dallas.

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation at NCTCOG, and Bill Hale, District Engineer at the TxDOT Dallas District, will brief the Transportation and Environment Committee on their recommendations to address project delays associated with TxDOT funding shortfall.

Please contact me if you need additional information.



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ADVANCE DELAYED PROJECTS: CURRENT

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(Millions, \$)

	Gas Tax CAT 2	OTHER	S.H. 121 (Account #1: Regular)	S.H. 121 (Account #2: Emergency)	S.H. 161 (Excess Revenue)
Loop 12 @ DART (Irving)	\$100.9	\$54.3			
Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge	10.6	39.4			
Loop 12: Goforth-Lawther (New Bridge, White Rock)	26.8	6.4			
S.H. 161 Mitigation	0.5				
I.H. 30 @ PGBT	181.0				
I.H. 30: East Sylvan- I.H. 35E (Temporary)	16.2				
PGBT Eastern Ext. (ROW)				\$ 80.1	
S.H. 161 (Phase 2 and 3)				303.8	
LBJ Backstop			\$200.0		
Regional Toll Revenue Cost Overruns			66.8?		
Additional Requests			<u>4.0</u>		
	<u>\$336.0</u>		<u>\$204.0</u>	<u>\$383.9</u>	

ADVANCE DELAYED PROJECTS: PROPOSED

DRAFT

(Millions, \$)

	CAT 2	OTHER	S.H. 121 (Account #1: Regular)	S.H. 121 (Account #2: Emergency)	S.H. 161 (Excess Revenue)
Loop 12 @ DART (Irving)	\$100.9	\$54.3			
Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge		39.4	\$10.6		
Loop 12: Goforth-Lawther (New Bridge, White Rock)		6.4	26.8		
S.H. 161 Mitigation	0.5		(Delay until FY2008/2009)		
I.H. 30 @ PGBT				\$181.0	
I.H. 30: East Sylvan- I.H. 35E (Temporary)			(Project not needed)		
PGBT Eastern Ext. (ROW)				80.1	
S.H. 161 (Phase 2 and 3)				303.8	
LBJ Backstop	150.0		50.0		
Regional Toll Revenue Cost Overruns			66.8		
Additional Requests	<u>84.6</u>		<u>49.8</u>		
	\$336.0		\$204.0	\$564.9	

Source: Transportation Department, NCTCOG

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. In Account Number 2, Dallas County Projects Exceed Funding Allocation for Dallas County But All Projects Create Revenue and Will be Paid Back With Interest.**
- 2. No Additional Dallas County Emergency Fund Projects Without Revenue Stream Returning Funds (e.g., \$303.8M by 10/1/2010)**
- 3. TxDOT Commits to All Category 2 Funds**
- 4. TxDOT Needs to Provide Information on Clean Fleet Policy**
- 5. TxDOT Needs to Flex Their Funding Categories to These Needed Projects**
- 6. All Trinity Commitments Have Funding for Engineering**