

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 23, 2009

TO Trinity River Committee Members:

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SUBJECT **Design Cost Sharing Agreement for Balanced Vision Plan**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has three distinct phases of project work that are required in order to complete the projects included in the Balanced Vision Plan. These phases are referred to as Study/Planning, Preconstruction, Engineering, and Design (PED), and Construction. With authorization of the Dallas Floodway Project in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007, the Corps is prepared to move into the PED phase. In order to initiate the PED phase, the two agencies must enter into a formal cost sharing agreement referred to as the PED Agreement.

The PED Agreement will take the project through mid-2011 at which time the Corps and the City will need to enter into a Project Partnership Agreement to initiate construction. The PED Agreement funding is determined by the Corps for a total cost not to exceed \$12 million. The City share for the PED Agreement was set by Congress in the late 1980s at 25%, or \$3 million. Of the 25% share, \$1,875,000 will be provided to the Corps upon approval by the City Council. The remaining balance of \$1,125,000 represents an allowable in-kind services match of staff and consultant efforts.

The Corps is not permitted by their regulations to work on the PED phase until the PED Agreement is executed. Due to this constraint, it is necessary to act expeditiously and approve the PED Agreement scheduled on the February 25, 2009 Dallas City Council Meeting. Kevin Craig, Chief of the Civil Works Project Management Branch, Forth Worth District will be in attendance at the Committee meeting to answer any specific issues.

If you have additional questions, please let me know.

Jill A. Jordan, P.E.

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SUBJECT **Agency Technical Review Team Meeting**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) 408 approval process is a requirement for the Trinity Parkway. The final EIS must be issued prior to the issuance of the 408 approval. Construction of the Trinity Parkway cannot occur without the final EIS, 408 approval, and Record of Decision. These activities should be complete by May 2010 which will allow for construction to begin in July 2010.

Included in the 408 approval process is the Agency Technical Review Team (ATR Team). This review consists of a team approach that includes Corps staff from several districts across the Country. We are pleased that the Corps agreed with the City and initiated the ATR Team involvement earlier in the process than initially proposed by the Corps. This group brings additional expertise in geotechnical analysis, levee modification and safety procedures, as well as vegetation options. The ATR Team will assist the City and our partners in developing an aesthetically pleasing transportation project that will relieve traffic congestion for the Region.

On January 13, 2009, the ATR Team came to Dallas to learn more about the Trinity River Corridor Project and to develop their process and guidance for the Trinity Parkway 408 approval. Approximately 40 people from the Corps, the City of Dallas, NTTA and the design teams for the Trinity Parkway attended a meeting at Dallas City Hall. This meeting included presentation of the Trinity River Corridor Project with an overview of the Trinity Lakes Project and detailed scopes of work for the Trinity Parkway. Additionally, this group toured the Project to see first hand the site and planned amenities.

The ATR Team is committed and excited to continue working with all parties to meet the goals and objectives of the Trinity Parkway. Kevin Craig, Chief of the Civil Works Project Management Branch, Forth Worth District will be in attendance at the Committee meeting to answer any specific issues.

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