Memorandum

February 13, 2009

To: Trinity River Corridor Project Committee Members:
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Subject: Scrap Metal Recyclers Status Update

This memorandum is being sent as a status update on the effort to plan for the future of the City's scrap metal facilities. In November 2008, a multi-department task force was formed to study the scrap metal industry throughout the City, bearing in mind that numerous scrap metal yards across the City may be affected by Trinity River Corridor re-zoning. The task force was comprised of staff from the Trinity River Corridor Project, Economic Development, Development Services, Environmental Quality, Sanitation, Public Works and Transportation, and the City Attorney's Office. The task force was responsible for:

- understanding the needs of the scrap metal businesses (example: acreage, location, and accessibility to highways and rail service)
- reviewing best practices for this type of industrial use (example: zoning and environmental requirements in other cities)
- assessing the viability to create a specific zone for this use (Industrial Sanctuary)
- analyzing alternative regulations
- analyzing potential assistance

The task force studied best practices and learned that there is a wide spectrum of thought with regard to this industrial use, from sun-setting that use to preserving them. February is being dedicated to meeting with each scrap metal owner/operator in one-on-one survey interviews to better understand their business needs. To date, 19 out of 25 such interviews have been conducted. Staff will brief the Committee in March to provide detailed analysis and alternatives to address scrap metal facilities in the City of Dallas.

If you have further questions, please let me know.

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