

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 13, 2009

TO Trinity River Committee Members:
David A. Neumann (Chair)
Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Elba Garcia (Vice-Chair)
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway
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Pauline Medrano
Mitchell Rasansky
Steve Salazar

SUBJECT **Sylvan Ave. Bridge Design**

On October 21, 2008, an informational briefing on the Sylvan Avenue Bridge over the Trinity River was presented to provide current status of the project as well as discuss sources and pursuit of additional funding. Direction provided by the committee was for staff to contact and coordinate with both the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to verify if additional funds might be secured from or through either agency in an attempt to close the estimated funding gap of \$20M in order for the six lane bridge option to move forward as a fully funded project. Staff made contact as directed, and neither agency had the capacity or funding program to assist at this time.

Because of existing and projected traffic volumes and demand and to provide a structure that will accommodate entrance and exit ramp connections to the Trinity Parkway and the Trinity Park system, staff believes it is prudent to continue the design of the Sylvan Bridge as a six lane structure. The bridge will be designed such that it can be constructed in phases with the likely first phase being the three southbound lanes on the upstream side of the bridge. This bridge segment will then accommodate one travel lane in each direction, a six feet wide sidewalk, and the ramp connection into the Trinity Park system. The bridge will be designed to minimize future impacts and additional costs to retrofit and add the remaining three lanes.

Staff will continue to seek additional funds through TXDOT, NCTCOG, or other agency programs and/or calls for projects. Other possible funding sources include the federal economic recovery package or the more traditional city bond program.

If you have additional questions, please let me know.

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Attachment

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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