

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

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Meeting Date: February 27, 2012 **Start Time:** 1:03 p.m. **Adjournment:** 2:43 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Linda L. Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice-Chair), Sandy Greyson, Vonciel Jones Hill, Delia Jasso and Pauline Medrano

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Members Present:

Carolyn R. Davis

City Executive Staff Present:

A.C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager
Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager
Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Kelly High, Director, Trinity Watershed Management
Elizabeth Fernandez, Assistant Director, Trinity Watershed Management
Mark Duebner, Interim Director, Aviation
Ben Collins, Assistant Director, Business Development and Procurement Services
Mark Frosch, Director, Business Development and Procurement
Rick Galceran, Director, Public Works

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for the February 13, 2012 Meeting

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2012 meeting, subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Jasso

Passed unanimously

2. Overview of Floodplain Management and Drainage Needs in the City of Dallas

Kelly High, Director, Trinity Watershed Management provided the Committee with an overview of Floodplain Management, History of the Bond Program, and Needs Inventory. The Committee was also provided with information on the Stormwater Drainage Utility. Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager, and Elizabeth Fernandez, Assistant Director, Trinity Watershed Management, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Mr. Kadane asked if the 2006 bond projects outlined on slide 34 were included in the 13.4% drainage expenditures shown on slide 33. Mr. High stated the 13.4% represents the total bond programs implemented from 1958-2006 and the drainage and floodplain components spent during the same time-frame; and slide 34 is a combination of large project from 1982-2006.

Mr. Kadane also asked how the projects shown on slide 46 would be implemented and if they would be included in the upcoming bond program. Mr. High stated the projects are not priority projects for 2012 and the City Council would be responsible for determining which projects would move forward in the upcoming bond program.

Ms. Jasso asked the cost of Diversion (including tunneling) shown on slide 31. Mr. High stated the Mill/Peaks/State Thomas project is approximately \$323 Million, of which the city will need \$217 Million in the next bond program. Mr. High also explained channelization and detention; and stated they were not included in the bond program.

Ms. Jasso also asked Mr. High to brief the committee at a later date on day-lighting, which shows the number of creeks that have been covered and a list of most critical to least critical erosion control projects.

At the request of Ms. Hill, Mr. High explained the three needs inventory categories; erosion control, flood management and storm drainage relief systems.

Ms. Hill also asked why the Mill/Peaks/State Thomas project is such a high priority and how it affects District 5. Mr. High stated Mill/Peaks/State Thomas project is a top priority due to the number of structures and facilities impacted, such as Baylor Hospital, Fair Park, and the I-30 Canyon.

Ms. Davis asked if the communities determine they do not agree with the Mill/Peaks/State Thomas project, would citizens have the option of requesting a tax increase to help fund additional projects. Ms. Jordan stated the Council can decide to increase a bond program beyond the current capacity, assuming there is a tax increase to cover the funds.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Love Field Concessions Proposal Process and Recommendation

A. C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager, provided the Committee with a briefing on the background of the Concessions Program, described the Council's approved plan for selection of new contracts and implementation, and presented results of the request for proposal process. Mark Duebner, Interim Director, Aviation, assisted in answering questions; and Mike Frosch, Director, and Ben Collins, Assistant Director, Business Development and Procurement Services, were available to answer questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Davis asked what plans are in place to guide individuals to the lower section of the Theme Restaurant area. Ms. Davis also stated she has concerns with the two newer companies who have never had contracts with a major airport. Mr. Duebner explained the traffic flow and stated that all passengers who have cleared security will pass through the concession's area.

Mr. Kadane and Ms. Koop thanked Mr. Gonzalez and the Airport Staff for their hard work on the Love Field Concession's Project.

Motion was made to recommend awarding concession service contracts. Council consideration scheduled on March 7, 2012.

Made by: Kadane Seconded by: Jasso Passed unanimously

4. Love Field Modernization Program Update and Airport Electronic Systems Management Update

Mark Duebner, Interim Director, Aviation, provided a briefing to the Committee on the background of the Love Field Modernization Program (LFMP), outlining a new 20 gate concourse, new ticketing wing and new baggage claim area with new baggage and passenger screening systems; and an Airport Electronic Systems Maintenance (AESM) created between the Communication & Information Services and Aviation Departments. A. C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager, assisted in answering questions; and Mike Frosch, Director, and Ben Collins, Assistant Director, Business Development and Procurement Services, were available to answer questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop stated that there is no cost for Wi-Fi at the Albuquerque Sunport International Airport; and asked if there are plans to sell the Wi-Fi ability or hold in-house as a bonus to passengers. Mr. Duebner stated the City just received a proposal for distributed antenna systems and is moving towards free Wi-Fi, not only for its customers but as a revenue source for the City of Dallas.

Mr. Kadane asked if the new passenger screening lobby shown on slide 5 is the only entry into the airport. Mr. Duebner stated the west check point on the second level is currently open; however, once the renovations are complete, the new passenger screening lobby will double in size and the equipment in the west check point will move to the lower level.

Ms. Jasso and Ms. Greyson stated they would like to make sure the new entry to the ticketing wing is both convenient for dropping off and picking up passengers. Ms. Jasso mentioned the signage at D/FW Airport.

Ms. Medrano asked the cost for the award supplemental agreement to URS for support services. Mr. Duebner stated he did not have the exact amount; however, it would be available prior to forwarding to Council for consideration.

Ms. Medrano and Ms. Koop requested briefings on the traffic flow entering and exiting the airport, including parking; and the cost for the award supplemental agreement to URS for support services.

No action was taken on this item.

5. Mayor's Grow South Initiative and Transportation and Environment Committee Goals

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

Ms. Koop requested comments from the Committee on the Mayor's Grow South Initiative and TEC Goals; and asked that the briefing be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda.

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee