

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 10, 2009

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

SUBJECT RTC Sustainable Development Program Call for Projects Briefing

Attached is the "RTC Sustainable Development Call for Projects" briefing that will be presented to you April 13, 2009.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ramon F. Miguez'.

Ramon F. Miguez, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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RTC Sustainable Development Funding Program Call for Projects

Council Transportation and Environment
Committee

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Purpose of Briefing

- Review the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Sustainable Development Program call for projects
- Review the City process to identify projects that will be recommended for submission to the RTC
- Review the project selection schedule



Sustainable Development Overview

- Goals of Sustainable Development:
 - Land use and transportation practices that promote economic development while using limited resources in an efficient manner
 - Transportation decision-making based on impacts to land use, congestion, vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and the viability of alternative transportation modes
 - Planning efforts which seek to balance access, finance, mobility, affordability, community cohesion, and environmental quality



Sustainable Development Overview

- The RTC created the Sustainable Development Funding Program to encourage public/private partnerships that positively address existing transportation system capacity, rail access, air quality concerns, and/or mixed land uses
- By allocating transportation funds to land use projects promoting alternative transportation modes or reduced automobile use, the RTC and its regional partners are working to address mounting air quality, congestion and quality of life issues



Sustainable Development Funding

- The RTC allocated \$41 million for the 2009 Sustainable Development call for projects
 - \$40 million for Infrastructure Projects
 - \$1 million for Planning Projects
- Eastern subregion allocation is \$27.6 million – total requests from a public agency cannot exceed this amount
- 80% RTC funds and 20% local match
- No partial funding of projects
- All cost overruns are responsibility of local partner



Sustainable Development Areas of Interest

- Rail Station – areas within a half mile radius of a current or planned rail station identified in a regional mobility document
- Passenger Rail – areas within a half mile radius of a current or planned passenger rail line identified in a regional mobility document
- Infill: area in a developed central city with a high concentration of unemployed persons, high emitting vehicles, or low income households
- Main Street/Historic District: areas with multiple contiguous street frontages of pedestrian oriented developments and/or located in an historic downtown or Main Street



Sustainable Development Eligible Project Types

- Infrastructure Project – a construction project that provides public infrastructure in the public right-of-way to support private vertical development
- Planning Project – market, housing and economic analyses, transit station planning, transit oriented development planning, general planning



Infrastructure Project

Rules for Sustainable Development Call for Projects

- No individual infrastructure project can exceed \$3 million
- All projects must have a vertical component
- Zoning must be in place at time of application
- Public agency support is required
- Letter of support from active private sector for-profit partner is required
- Improvements must demonstrate an air quality benefit
- Council resolution endorsing selected projects is due within 90 days of RTC selection decision



Planning Project

Rules for Sustainable Development Call for Projects

- The maximum amount of funding that can be allocated to a single planning project is \$300,000
- Projects will be funded with RTC local funds
- A city, county, special district, or a transit agency must sponsor each application
- No private sector sponsor or additional sponsor is required but may be included
- Planning projects will be managed by NCTCOG staff
- Projects will require an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between NCTCOG and the project sponsor



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Project Development Process

- Interdepartmental committee will guide the project development process
- RFP developed for each funding category to solicit proposals from the private sector
- Proposals reviewed and ranked according to established criteria to facilitate selection of recommended projects
- Committee recommendations completed and applicants notified of results
- TEC will be asked to approve list of projects for submission to NCTCOG



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Interdepartmental Committee

- Public Works and Transportation
- Economic Development
- Development Services (Planning)
- Housing
- Park and Recreation
- Trinity Project Office



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Project Development Schedule

- NCTCOG issued call for projects 3/24/09
- TEC briefing on call for projects 4/13/09
- City Request for Proposals released 5/22/09
- City pre-proposal conference 6/16/09
- Proposals due to City 7/6/09
- Staff recommendations completed 7/24/09
- TEC briefing on recommendations 8/25/09
- NCTCOG application deadline 10/2/09
- RTC project approval 3/2010