

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

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Meeting Date: April 11, 2011 **Start Time:** 2:07 p.m. **Adjournment:** 3:44 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Linda L. Koop (Chair), Jerry Allen, Tennell Atkins, Carolyn R. Davis, Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Vonciel Jones Hill, Delia Jasso, Pauline Medrano, and Ron Natinsky

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Members Present:

Mayor Dwaine Caraway
David A. Neumann

City Executive Staff Present:

A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Mark Duebner, Interim Director, Aviation
Alan Hendrix, Assistant Director, Public Works and Transportation

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for February 28, 2011 45

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the February 28, 2011 meeting subject to corrections. The following corrections were made and the minutes were approved as suggested: Page 3, last paragraph; "He mentioned a press release for a \$4 Million street project on Frankford Road." (delete "between Coit Road and Waterview Street").

Made by: Natinsky

Seconded by: Atkins

Passed unanimously

2. DART Board Nominee Interviews

The Committee interviewed Claude R. Williams, Jr., (Place 4), Pamela Dunlop Gates (Place 5), Mingtzong "William" Tsao (Place 6), William Velasco, II (Place 7) and Jerry L. Christian, Sr. (Place 8) as nominees for re-appointment to the DART Board

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to forward Claude R. Williams, Jr., (Place 4), Pamela Dunlop Gates (Place 5), Mingtzong "William" Tsao (Place 6), William Velasco, II (Place 7) and Jerry L. Christian, Sr. (Place 8) to full Council for consideration.

Made by: Atkins Seconded by: Natinsky Passed unanimously

3. Streetcar Planning Update

Presenter: A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager

A.C. Gonzalez briefed the Committee on the Funding Strategy for Operation and Maintenance of the TIGER Streetcar Project; and Streetcar System Planning and Development for the Central Dallas area. Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Mr. Atkins asked for confirmation on the proposed action schedule shown on slide 18 and how the schedule will affect the Federal Transit Authority's (FTA) deadline. Mr. Gonzalez stated May 10, 2011 is the earliest date the DART Board would be able to act on the proposal. Mr. Chacko stated that there are ongoing conversations with the FTA to resolve the conflict with the action schedule deadlines.

Ms. Jasso stated she also has concerns with the proposed action schedule.

Mr. Atkins asked if we are jeopardizing other potential revenue projects around the city if we list the potential revenue source for operation and maintenance of the streetcar project. Mr. Gonzalez stated he did not believe we would jeopardize other projects. Mr. Atkins asked for more information and background on the sources under consideration shown on slide 10.

Mr. Natinsky acknowledged the funding constraints but said he had concerns with the proposed operation plan shown on slide 8. He mentioned no connectivity with the proposed plan to the Bishop Arts District during evening hours and weekends. Mr. Natinsky stated the idea of streetcars is the connectivity, convenience, and frequency of operation.

Mr. Natinsky asked if there is an overlap with the \$5 Million Love Field People Mover RTC funds and \$50 Million North Central Texas Council of Governments Commitment funds. Mr. Gonzalez stated there are two programs that make up the NCTCOG commitment and the \$5 Million would be taken from that \$50 Million commitment.

Ms. Koop stated that streetcars will play a bigger role when the next Transportation Bill comes through Congress. The Streetcar Small Starts Program was not able to access funds because the rules were too complex. Ms. Koop stated she also has concerns with the proposed action schedule and request more definition on the funding sources and timeframe.

No action was taken on this item.

5. Information Item

DART Streetcar Tour, Monday, April 25, 2011

No action was taken on this item.

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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