

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 22, 2011

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

SUBJECT Interlocal Agreement for TIGER Streetcar Project
Draft Addendum Item # 7 on the April 27, 2011 City Council Agenda

At the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting on Monday, April 25, 2011, staff will ask the Committee to take action recommending approval of the attached Council resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement regarding operation and maintenance for the TIGER Streetcar Project.

On February 17, 2010 the USDOT awarded the City of Dallas Streetcar project through the NCTCOG a \$23,000,000 TIGER grant for the purpose of implementing a streetcar line from downtown Dallas to Methodist Hospital. On December 12, 2010, a grant agreement between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) was executed defining the roles and responsibilities of the project grantee (NCTCOG) regarding project definition, scope of work, project budget and project schedule. On August 4, 2010, the Dallas City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the NCTCOG and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) to detail project roles and responsibilities related to technical engineering, environmental analysis and public involvement of the TIGER Grant streetcar proposal.

A key requirement of the TIGER grant award is demonstration of local commitment on operation and maintenance capacity, including purchase of streetcars, for the thirty year life of the streetcar project. This requested action, if approved, will authorize the city manager to negotiate an ILA with NCTCOG and DART to establish a plan for funding the operation and maintenance of the TIGER streetcar project. The project partners are proposing to establish a fund for this purpose, using reprogrammed funds remaining in DART's twenty year Financial Plan from previous commitment to Transit Service to Dallas Love Field Airport, in addition to NCTCOG regional Transportation Council funds and private investment.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 670-3314.

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A.C. Gonzalez
Assistant City Manager

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WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) in cooperation with the City of Dallas and the City of Fort Worth submitted a Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the Regional Connector Streetcar; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2010, the USDOT awarded the NCTCOG \$23,000,000 from the TIGER grant program for the purpose of implementing the Dallas Streetcar segment of the Regional Connectors application; and

WHEREAS, the NCTCOG and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) executed on May 17, 2010, a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the project definition, scope of work, project budget and project schedule. This project will initially consist of a starter streetcar line from Downtown Dallas to near Methodist Hospital in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas and connecting to the existing Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) light rail system and to the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) at Union Station; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on August 4, 2010, by Resolution No. 10-1921, authorized the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the NCTCOG and DART to detail project roles and responsibilities related to technical engineering, environmental analysis and public involvement of the TIGER Grant streetcar proposal; and

WHEREAS, a requirement of the TIGER grant award is to demonstrate a detailed commitment of operation and maintenance capacity, including purchase of streetcars, for the thirty year life of the streetcar project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports DART's reprogramming of the remaining funding (\$17,105,356 in 2002 dollars) in its twenty year Financial Plan from a previous commitment to Transit Service to Dallas Love Field Airport. These funds will be made available for the Dallas Streetcar project in addition to various other sources of funding including but not limited to NCTCOG Regional Transportation Council funds, and private investment;

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is authorized to negotiate the terms of an interlocal agreement with the North Central Texas Council of Governments and Dallas Area Rapid Transit to further define agencies roles for the commitment of operation and maintenance of the TIGER Grant streetcar project and execute same, after it has been approved as to form by the City Attorney.

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SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

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