

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 23, 2008

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

SUBJECT Agreements with TxDOT and the Medical District to change freeway signage from
"Motor Street" to "Medical District Drive"


The City Council held a public hearing on September 26, 2007 to consider renaming Motor Street to Medical District Drive between IH 35 and Maple Avenue. The application for the street name change was initiated by Children's Medical Center. After the public hearing, the City Council approved the ordinance authorizing the change.

At the time that the initial street name change was being processed, the City's Data Coordinator and Fire Department recommended that the remaining portion of Motor Street between IH 35 and Irving Boulevard also be renamed to Medical District Drive. Three members of the City Council initiated the second application to make this change, and a public hearing was held on November 28, 2007 to consider renaming the remaining portion of Motor Street. Some property owners expressed concern about this change, so the City Council approved the name change, but instructed staff to delay scheduling the ordinance authorizing the change until October 22, 2008.

There are eight overhead guide signs on IH 35 identifying Motor Street. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) estimates it will cost approximately \$40,000 to change these signs to reflect the new Medical District Drive name. TxDOT will perform this work through an existing signage contract, and the cost for the changes will be split equally between the City and the Southwestern Medical District.

The two Council agenda items scheduled for consideration on June 11, 2008 will authorize an advance funding agreement with TxDOT and a participation agreement with the Southwestern Medical District. If approved, TxDOT will complete the freeway signage changes by the end of August 2008. Ground level signs will continue to identify the Motor Street exit until the Council takes final action in October 2008, at which time they will be removed.

Please contact me if you need additional information.


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