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TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

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**Meeting Date:** June 23, 2008      **Start Time:** 2:06 p.m.      **Adjournment:** 3:20 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Linda Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Jerry Allen, Vonciel Jones Hill, Angela Hunt, Ron Natinsky, Pauline Medrano

**Committee Members Absent:**

Caroline Davis

**Other Council Members Present:**

None

**City Executive Staff Present:**

Ramon Miguez, Assistant City Manager

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2008**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:**

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the June 9, 2008 meeting subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Medrano

Seconded by: Allen

Passed unanimously

**2. DFW Airport Board Nominee Interview: Bernice Washington**

The Committee interviewed Bernice Washington as a nominee to the DFW Airport Board. The City Council is scheduled to vote on the appointment June 25, 2008.

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:**

Motion was made to make a formal recommendation to move the nomination forward to full Council for consideration.

Made by: Hill

Seconded by: Medrano

Passed unanimously

### 3. Love Field Modernization Update

**Presenters:** Ramon Miguez, Assistant City Manager  
Dan Weber, Director, Aviation

Mr. Miguez began the presentation by responding to questions raised at the June 18, 2008 Council briefing regarding the Love Field Modernization program -- these questions and answers were included in the Committee packets for the meeting. Mr. Miguez also briefed the Committee on Council Addendum items #4, #5 and #6 that will be considered on June 25, 2008.

#### **Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:**

Mr. Natinsky stated that the Council would not be giving over any control of airport operations or the decision-making process related to improvements to the Local Government Corporation (LGC). Mr. Natinsky also asked Mr. Miguez to verify that parking operations concessionaires would be considered along with the terminal concessionaires. Mr. Miguez stated that was the case and that the airport would be considering their needs during the construction process to minimize impacts on travelers.

Ms. Medrano asked for verification that control of day-to-day operations at the airport would remain with the Council and not with the LGC. Mr. Miguez confirmed that this was the case. Ms. Medrano asked why Mr. Miguez was not listed as an officer of the LGC. Mr. Miguez indicated that legal counsel had given the opinion that since Dan Weber, the Airport Director, worked so closely with Mr. Miguez, it would be better to have another Assistant City Manager serve in this capacity. Mr. Miguez named the following as proposed officers for the LGC: David Cook, CFO; Dan Weber, Airport Director; Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager; and another member yet to be determined by Southwest Airlines. The terms for these members would be six years.

Ms. Koop recommended that Mr. Miguez check the shuttles for a queuing problem at the drop-off/cross-walk zone. Mr. Miguez stated that this was a capacity issue that would be addressed with the modernization project. Ms. Koop also suggested that consideration be given to having some of the rental car vendors operate within the airport parking garage as a customer service enhancement.

The Committee made a motion to move Addendum Items #4, #5, and #6 forward to the full Council for consideration on June 25, 2008.

Made by: Natinsky

Seconded by: Hunt

Passed unanimously

#### **4. Modification to the Locally Enforced Idling Restriction Ordinance**

**Presenters:** Laura Fiffick, Director, Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ)  
Nicole Cooper, Environmental Coordinator, OEQ

Ms. Cooper gave an overview of the "idling" ordinance explaining that it was originally approved by Council on May 23, 2007 and restricts vehicles over 14,000 pounds from idling over five minutes during ozone season. She explained that the State had provided an exception that allowed drivers to idle during a government-mandated rest period. This exemption was originally scheduled to expire in September 2007, and therefore, was not addressed in the City's ordinance. The State has now extended this exemption until 2009, so there is a need to modify our ordinance to allow for this exception. The ordinance change will be scheduled for Council consideration in August 2008.

##### **Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:**

Mr. Natinsky stated that he would like to see the idling restriction applied year round rather than just during ozone season.

Ms. Medrano asked if a follow-up education piece would be done. Ms. Cooper stated that a news release would be done and this information would be added to the Green Dallas website.

The Committee made a motion to move this item forward to the full Council for consideration in August, 2008.

Made by: Medrano

Seconded by: Kadane

Passed unanimously

#### **5. Environmental Management System Update**

**Presenter:** Laura Fiffick, Director, Office of Environmental Quality

Ms. Fiffick gave the Committee an update on the status of the Environmental Management System. She indicated that the City is now ISO 14001 certified and is seeking to become a part of the EPA's recognition program called "Performance Track."

##### **Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:**

Ms. Fiffick was congratulated on the ISO certification and the achievements of the Office of Environmental Quality.

No action was taken on this item.

**6. 2008 Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP) Call for Projects**

**Presenter:** John Brunk, Assistant Director, Public Works and Transportation

Mr. Brunk briefed the Committee on Dallas County's 2008 MCIP call for projects and the process for responding to this call. Dallas County will be programming a total of \$85 to \$90 million for projects to be constructed in the 2013 to 2015 timeframe. In this program, the City and County share project costs on a 50/50 basis with the City share to be provided from a future bond program. A project list will be brought back to the Committee at their August 12, 2008 meeting for review and action. Project applications are due to the County on August 29, 2008.

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:**

Mr. Natinsky asked for the definition of an economically distressed city. Mr. Brunk stated that it is a measure of the average income level of a city as compared to that of Dallas County.

Ms. Koop asked how much funding the City of Dallas should expect from the MCIP program. Mr. Brunk stated that about half of the County's population lives in the City of Dallas, so it would be reasonable to expect the City to receive \$42 to \$45 million in program funds. Ms. Koop asked where the County gets the money for this program. Mr. Brunk indicated that the County budgets for their capital program on an annual basis from their general fund. Ms. Koop asked staff to verify if any of the funding comes from vehicle registration fees.

Ms. Medrano asked staff to update the Committee in July on the list of projects that they are being considered for submission. Ms. Medrano also wanted to know if the City is asked to prioritize the submitted projects. Mr. Brunk stated that the County does not ask cities to prioritize projects because they are ultimately selected by the County Commissioners within their respective districts.



Linda L. Koop, Chair  
Transportation and Environment Committee