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Meeting Date: August 11, 2009 **Start Time:** 2:08 p.m. **Adjournment:** 4:08 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Members Present:

None

City Executive Staff Present:

Forrest Turner, Assistant City Manager

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for June 1, 2009 and June 8, 2009

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the June 1, 2009 and June 8, 2009 meetings subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Atkins

Passed unanimously

2. Downtown Dallas Transit Study (D2) Update – LRT Alignment

Presenter: Michael Miles, Dallas Area Rapid Transit

Mr. Miles distributed a map showing the remaining four alternative alignments for a second light rail transit line through the Central Business District.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Hunt and Ms. Medrano expressed support for the route that provides the most direct service to the new Convention Center Hotel – identified as the "B4b Lamar-Convention Center Hotel" alignment on the DART map.

Mr. Atkins asked if the Committee was looking at a possible route from the southern sector to downtown. Ms. Koop stated that this fall the Committee will be looking at future transit projects such as a streetcar project that would connect the southern sector with downtown. Ms. Koop stated that a briefing would be provided in the next few weeks on streetcars to bring everyone on the Committee up to speed.

Mr. Natinsky stated that he also favors the line that runs to the new Convention Center Hotel.

Ms. Jasso indicated her interest in pursuing a streetcar project that would connect Oak Cliff to downtown via the Houston Street Viaduct. Ms. Jasso stated that she also supports the line that runs to the new Convention Center Hotel.

Motion was made to approve the "B4b Lamar-Convention Center Hotel" alignment as the City's preferred option for a second light rail transit line through downtown and to forward that recommendation to Dallas Area Rapid Transit. Ms. Koop asked staff to schedule an agenda item for full Council consideration as well.

Made by: Atkins

Seconded by: Natinsky

Passed unanimously

3. Regulation of Vehicle Immobilization (Booting) on Private Parking Lots

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

Mr. Brunk provided an overview of the vehicle booting issue and explained that the Committee agenda materials included two draft ordinances for their consideration. Version 1 would allow booting provided that either a parking fee receipt is provided or a video audit procedure is utilized to document nonpayment. Version 2 is identical to the first version, except that the video audit procedure would expire on April 15, 2010 – from that date forward a parking fee receipt would have to be provided.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Mr. Atkins made a motion for a third option to adopt Version 1, but bring it back to the Committee for review by April 15, 2010. There was no second to this motion.

Mr. Kadane suggested that Version 2 be modified to require a parking fee receipt for parking lots that charge over a certain amount. However, if a parking lot charged less than the designated amount, a parking fee receipt would not be required, and booting would be allowed with the video audit procedure.

Ms. Hunt stated that she favored Version 2 that requires parking fee receipts after the video audit provision expires on April 15, 2010. Ms. Hunt stated that people who are legitimately paying their parking fees are still having their cars booted, and this is driving business out of Dallas. A receipt gives the person parking their car the proof

that they paid. Ms. Hunt made a motion to recommend approval of Version 2 of the proposed ordinance. There was no second to this motion.

Ms. Davis stated that she favored Version 2 with the addition of Mr. Atkins' suggestion that the results be reviewed by April 15, 2010 to see if the process was effective.

Mr. Allen made a motion to recommend approval of Version 1 of the ordinance with an addition that the video must be available for viewing at the time that enforcement personnel arrive to remove the boot from the vehicle, and that the Committee is briefed on the performance of the ordinance within six months of its passage.

Made by: Allen

Seconded by: Atkins

4 For/5 Opposed
Failed

Mr. Natinsky made a motion to recommend approval of Version 2 of the ordinance with the modification that the video audit option is eliminated on January 1, 2010.

Made by: Natinsky

Seconded by: Medrano

6 For/3 Against
Passed

4. Adoption of iSWM

Presenter: Elias Sassoon, Assistant Director, Building Inspection

Mr. Sassoon gave the Committee a brief overview of the iSWM Manual as it is currently being proposed as part of the drainage criteria for the City of Dallas. Development of the iSWM Regional Manual was a collaboration between NCTCOG and sixty area cities. The goal of the manual is to manage storm water runoff as close to the development site as possible.

In 2007, a City task force was put together that consisted of citizens, professional groups, developers and staff members to add local criteria to supplement the iSWM Regional Manual that was adopted by NCTCOG in 2006. The task force held four public meetings from October 2008 to January 2009.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop invited Mr. David Marquis, co-chair of the task force and Mr. Alan Greer, with Freese and Nichols, to talk about the iSWM process. A representative from the development community also spoke, stating that they were not aware of the meetings that occurred during the process of putting this manual together. They indicated that the development community does not support the iSWM Manual as currently proposed.

Ms. Koop stated that she would like to take a few more weeks for the City Staff to engage the development community and get their input. Ms. Koop asked staff to

provide all Committee members a list of the email contacts that were notified of the meetings.

Mr. Atkins asked staff how much it would cost developers to provide the separate site plan. Mr. Sassoon stated that the cost would vary depending on the size of the land. Mr. Atkins expressed his concern about the additional costs that would be borne by the developers and asked Mr. Sassoon to provide a chart illustrating the range of costs based on the size of developments.

Ms. Jasso expressed her concern that developers feel their input has not been incorporated into this proposal. Ms. Jasso agreed with Ms. Koop that more time was needed on this issue.

Ms. Davis asked staff to provide a sign-in sheet of task force participants who attended each meeting.

Ms. Hunt stated her support for this proposal. However, she feels that the development community should be more engaged before moving forward.

Ms. Koop asked staff to follow-up with the development community about their concerns, and requested a letter from the Home Builders Association and Texas Real Estate Council indicating that they were fully engaged in the process. Ms. Koop stated that she would like to be able to move this forward within a month or so, such that it doesn't have any financial implications to the developers, but is more of an educational program to the development community.

A motion was made to defer action on this item, and instruct staff to work with the development community before bringing it back to the Committee

Made by: Medrano

Seconded by: Hill

Passed unanimously

5. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Presenter: Eric Griffin, Interim Director, Office of Environmental Quality

Due to time constraints, this item was not briefed.



Linda L. Koop, Chair

Transportation and Environment Committee