

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

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**Meeting Date:** June 13, 2011    **Start Time:** 2:03 p.m.    **Adjournment:** 3:54 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

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

**Committee Members Absent:**

Pauline Medrano

**Other Council Members Present:**

None

**City Executive Staff Present:**

A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager  
Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes for May 23, 2011**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:**

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 23, 2011 meeting subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Allen

Seconded by: Kadane

Passed unanimously

**2. The Path to 2060: The Lake Palestine Connection**

Jody Puckett, Director, Dallas Water Utilities, provided an update on the status of connecting Lake Palestine to the City's water supply system, as well as details on the Operations and Maintenance Agreement (Water Delivery Contract) between Dallas and Tarrant Regional Water District. Chandra Marshall-Henson, M/WBE Coordinator, assisted in answering questions.

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:**

Mr. Atkins thanked Ms. Puckett and her staff for their hard work in meeting the M/WBE/HUB participation goal. Mr. Atkins asked Ms. Puckett to verify whether the project construction phasing put the segment from Fort Worth towards Dallas ahead of the segment from Lake Palestine towards Dallas. Ms. Puckett stated that all of the contracts have been awarded and work was proceeding for land acquisition for the entire project, however, the initial construction will be in the middle portion of the project area, which is shown on slide 13, the Pipeline Segment (18) Cedar Creek Reservoir to (12) Joe Pool Lake.

Mr. Atkins requested Ms. Puckett provide a quarterly update to the committee and council with a report on M/WBE. He stated there may be contractors who work with the City of Dallas who may not be aware of this project. Ms. Puckett stated that her staff has done a tremendous amount of outreach, and from a budget stand-point, all cost for the purchasing department's roll is funded from Dallas Water Utilities.

Ms. Henson gave a brief overview of the M/WBE/HUB Project, including outreach and development.

Mr. Natinsky asked if there is a mechanism built into the contract for project coordination by the group of three outlined on slide 18. Ms. Puckett stated if the group cannot resolve the issue it will be escalated to her, the District Manager, or City Manager.

Ms. Jasso stated she would like to know what the 25 vendor outreach events are. Ms. Henson stated she would provide the committee with a list of the events.

Ms. Davis asked the approximate completion date of the project. Ms. Puckett stated the pipeline is a 20-year project and the bulk of the work should be complete in 10-12 years.

Motion was made to approve the agreement between Dallas and Tarrant Regional Water District for the Delivery Contract of Dallas' 150 million gallons per day of Lake Palestine water. Full City Council consideration will be scheduled for June 22, 2011.

Made by: Atkins

Seconded by: Kadane

Passed unanimously

### 3. Upcoming Agenda Items

- Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to assist in the development and distribution of print and media educational materials for the prevention of the spread of Zebra Mussels - Not to exceed \$25,000 - Financing: Water Utilities Current Funds. Agenda Item #85 on the June 22, 2011 Council Agenda, Dallas Water Utilities
- Authorize an increase to the contract with the United States Geological Survey for Zebra Mussel monitoring on Lake Ray Hubbard and Lake Lewisville from June 22, 2011 through September 30, 2011 - Not to exceed \$40,000, from \$329,404 to \$369,404 - Financing: Water Utilities Current Funds. Agenda Item #86 on the June 22, 2011 Council Agenda, Dallas Water Utilities

#### Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to forward to full Council for consideration on June 22, 2011

Made by: Hill

Seconded by: Atkins

Passed unanimously

### 4. Downtown Dallas Parking Strategic Plan

John Crawford, Downtown Dallas Inc., Chris Beynon, Consultant - Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG), and Dennis Burns, Kimbley-Horn and Association, briefed the committee on the Downtown Dallas Parking Strategic Plan, a Parking Action Implementation Plan integrated with the recently adopted Downtown Dallas 360 Plan. Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction, assisted in answering questions.

#### Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop mentioned her excitement with the Downtown Parking Plan. She stated how easily accessible parking is in other cities in comparison to Dallas. Ms. Koop asked if the Strategic Plan Action Items show in the presentation will be distributed to the committee. Mr. O'Donnell stated the committee would be provided with copies of the booklets.

Ms. Hill asked Mr. Beynon to explain more of the connection with Downtown Parking and Economic Development. Mr. Beynon stated that the cities that are going to survive and thrive are going to be the cities that are not as auto-dependent. They are crafting other strategies and the investment the City has made with respect to D2; and the importance of creating what is an urban center that attracts the 21<sup>st</sup> century companies, workers, and the products of the knowledge based economy.

Ms. Hill stated she wants to look beyond parking downtown. She mentioned Saint Paul, Minnesota and London, where there is no vehicular traffic downtown. Mr. Crawford stated it is difficult for him to envision no vehicular traffic downtown; however, he believes within a reasonable amount of time there will be steps in solving the problem.

Mr. Kadane asked how it will affect the plan if the city did not charge downtown Churches for parking. Mr. Crawford stated those types of decisions are outlined in the category "next steps" on slide 29. Mr. Crawford mentioned the city should be careful when making a decision that affects a certain sector or group.

No action was taken on this item.

### **5. Complete Streets Initiative Update**

Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction updated the committee on the Complete Street Initiative. The presentation outlined anticipated products – a Review of Project Goals and Objectives, Approach and Anticipated Outcomes, including a Complete Streets Vision Map, Design Manual and Strategic Implementation Plan; and Public Involvement. Mr. A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager, assisted in answering questions.

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

Ms. Koop stated she will be in attendance at the Sunday, June 26, 2011 Public Kick-Off Event and invited the committee members to attend also.

Ms. Hill mentioned her disappointment that the public kick-off event will be held on a Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Ms. O'Donnell stated this is a temporary installation on Ross Avenue and the thought is to have the event during a time that will not be disruptive to the employee base.

Ms. Jasso stated that she is pleased with the initiative; however, there is still work to be done. Mr. Gonzalez stated Ms. Hill's question regarding Downtown Parking and Economic Development could be used for the Complete Streets Initiative.

Mr. Kadane asked how complete streets will affect residential areas. Mr. O'Donnell stated it may not affect residential streets.

No action was taken on this item.

Linda L. Koop, Chair  
Transportation and Environment Committee