Memorandum

DATE November 14, 2008

TO Trinity River Committee Members:
   David A. Neumann (Chair)
   Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Elba Garcia (Vice-Chair)   Pauline Medrano
   Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway   Mitchell Rasansky
   Carolyn R. Davis   Steve Salazar
   Linda Koop

SUBJECT Trinity River Corridor Project
The Trinity Strand Trail

The attached briefing will be presented to the Council Trinity River Corridor Project Committee at the November 18, 2008 meeting. The presenter will be Shelly White, Executive Director of the Trinity Strand Trail. The briefing will provide background and updates on this non-profit group's efforts to make trail connections from the Trinity River Corridor Project into the downtown area.

If you have additional questions, please let me know.

Jill Jordan, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

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Attachment

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
   Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
   Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
   Ramon F. Miguez, P.E., Assistant City Manager
   A. C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
   Forest Turner, Interim Assistant City Manager
   David K. Cook, Chief Financial Officer
   Deborah A. Watkins, City Secretary
   Thomas P. Perkins, Jr., City Attorney
   Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
   Judge C. Victor Lander
   Helena Stevens-Thompson, Asst. to the City Manager
   Frank Librio, Director, Public Information Office

"Dallas, the City that works: diverse, vibrant, and progressive"
The Trinity Strand Trail
Trinity River Corridor Project
Committee Meeting
November 18, 2008
Mission Statement

Build a 7.8-mile non-motorized hike/bike commuter and recreational trail, which will connect the Katy Trail to the Trinity River and provide Dallas citizens access to the Southwestern Medical District, Dallas Market Center, Stemmons Corridor businesses and the Design District.
Trail Details

- 7.8 miles of paved spine and granite soft-surface trail
- Connects 4.7 miles of existing and 7.9 miles of future sidewalks
- 20.4 total miles of non-motorized interconnected trails, bridges and sidewalks
- 7 bridges
Aerial View
The Planning Process

• August 2003 Charrette
  - 20 area landowners/representatives
  - Over 200 people
  - Facilitated by HNTB Dallas Urban Design & Planning Group
  - Design assistance:
    ◦ American Institute of Architects Dallas
    ◦ DFW Section of the American Society of Landscape Architects
    ◦ North Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association

• May 2004 Landowner Open House

• July 2004 Master Plan Adopted
Who will we serve?

- Commuters
  - 20,000 employees of major companies having 250 or more employees
  - 10,000 employees of smaller businesses

- Recreational users
  - Runners, walkers, cyclists, skaters
  - Prospective 15,000+ participants/week

- Residents

- Area hotels

- Visitors to Dallas

- Katy Trail and Trinity Levee Trail users

- Birdwatchers

- Naturalists
Stakeholders

- Southwestern Medical District
- Hotels
- Dallas Market Center
- INFOMART
- Landowners/Businesses
- Design District
  - Galleries
  - Businesses
  - Residents
Benefits of the Trail

• Provides non-motorized transportation opportunities, thus improving air quality
• Restores natural wildlife habitat and promotes educational and eco-tourism opportunities
• Provides recreational opportunities for Dallas citizens and visitors to the city
• Inspires mixed-use redevelopment in the surrounding area
• Facilitates active lifestyles
• Provides easy access to DART and TRE lines
• Enhances perception of Dallas to visitors, convention participants, and guests of the area’s 13+ hotels
Environmental Restoration

• Plant native grasses and flowers seasonally

• Create small temporary ponds to provide pollution filtration for storm water runoff and to soften channel edges, thus improving wildlife habitat and aesthetic beauty

• Minimize human impact on wildlife and provide excellent nature viewing opportunities

• Baker Pump Station improvements
  ▪ Funding allocated in 2006 bond program, allowing for water impoundment, supporting larger aquatic systems

• Follow North Texas Master Naturalists’ Texas SmartScape® program
Accomplishments

- Obtained city park designation from Dallas City Council in 2004
- Received *Dream Study Award* from the Greater Dallas Planning Council in December 2007
- Featured in Time Warner Cable’s *Community Connection* segment on CNN Headline News
- Completed 60% of engineering and construction plans
- Held groundbreaking ceremony with Mayor Tom Leppert in May 2008
- Partnered with Friends of the Katy Trail to connect the two trails at Goat Hill (former Baby Doe’s site); feasibility study and initial design work completed with funding from both trails
- Obtained $2M land donation for the connection of the Katy and Trinity Strand Trails at Victory Overlook
- Designated part of Dallas County “Veloweb” Trail System
The Layout – 3 Phases

Phase IA

Phase IB

Phase II

Phase III

Trinity Strand Trail Head / Stemmons Park
Design District
Turtle Creek Pedestrian Pier
Crow Lake Park
Baker Pump Station
Hilton Anatole Hotel
Market Hall
“TRE” Trinity Rail Express Station
Children’s Medical Center
UT Southwestern Medical Center
St. Paul University Hospital
Parkland Hospital
New Parkland Hospital Development
DART - UT Southwestern / Parkland Station
DART - Market Center Station
Dallas Market Center
Infomart
American Airlines Center

Trinity River / Old Meanders
Katy Trail
TRE
Project Costs / Funding

• $25M estimated over next 6 years
• $1M secured in May 2003 City of Dallas bond election
• $2.5M additional secured from 2006 City of Dallas bond program (available through 2010)
• $225,000 received from the Hoblitzelle Foundation
• $125,000 received from the Eugene McDermott Foundation
• $4M allocated in Dallas Design District TIF (Tax Increment Financing) funds to be distributed through 2027
• $4M designated from North Central Texas Council of Governments
• $210,000 individual and business donations / memberships
Agency Coordination

- Dallas City Council, District 2
- City of Dallas Manager’s Office
- Trinity River Corridor Project
- Dallas Park and Recreation
- Department of Public Works and Transportation
- City of Dallas Flood Control District
- City of Dallas Planning Department
Connection: Trinity Strand Trail & Katy Trail at Goat Hill
Turtle Creek Plaza - Trailhead
Turtle Creek Plaza – Day
Turtle Creek Plaza - Night
Now / Future - Southwestern Medical Center
Now / Future - Anatole Hotel
Now / Future – Wycliff Trestle
Now / Future – Business Front
Thank You

Please visit www. TrinityStrand.org for additional information