

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 13, 2009

TO Members of the Transportation and Environment Committee:
Linda Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Jerry R. Allen, Tennell Atkins,
Carolyn R. Davis, Angela Hunt, Delia Jasso, Pauline Medrano, Ron Natinsky,
Vonciel Jones Hill

SUBJECT TxDOT Transportation Enhancement Call for Projects Briefing

Attached is the "TxDOT Transportation Enhancement Call for Projects" briefing that will be presented to you on November 16, 2009.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Jordan".

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Assistant City Manager

- c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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TxDOT Transportation Enhancement Program Call for Projects Recommendations

Briefing to the Council Transportation and
Environment Committee

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November 16, 2009





Purpose of Briefing

- Provide an overview of TxDOT's Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program call for projects
- Review City projects identified as good candidates for TE Program submission
- Request Committee endorsement of the recommended projects



TE Program Overview

- The Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program offers funding opportunities to expand transportation choices and enhance the transportation experience
- Unique because it focuses on non-traditional transportation projects
- Authorized by federal transportation legislation beginning in 1991



TE Program Facts

- Funding available statewide: \$67.5 million
- Dallas received 8.2% of previous TE program funds which would be about \$5.5 million in this call
- Funds provided on a cost reimbursement basis
- 80%/20% federal to local cost sharing
- Awards are subject to availability of federal funds
- Projects should be at least \$250,000 – larger projects are preferred
- Local agency responsible for 100% of cost overruns
- Costs incurred before TxDOT authorization are not reimbursable



RTC Preferred Project Types

- Bicycle and pedestrian projects, including landscaping and education
- Restoration/operation of historic trolley or interurban rail lines and related structures, including landscaping
- Restoration and operation of historic transit stations as new transit stations, including landscaping
- Acquisition of historic railroad rights of way for future rail and/or bicycle trails
- Landscaping transportation facilities



TxDOT Priority Criteria

- Construction plans completed and ready to let when project is selected
- Federal funds used for construction only
- Local match available and in cash
- Project property already secured
- Coordination with appropriate state agencies established for environmental clearance



RTC Priority Criteria

- TxDOT Priority Projects (15%)
- RTC Policy – Preferred Project Type (15%)
- Mobility Benefit (10%)
- Safety (10%)
- Reliability (10%)
- Environment (10%)
- Economic Development (10%)
- Previously Approved by TTC (5%)
- Cost Effectiveness (15%)



Project Identification

- Staff focused on identification of bicycle and pedestrian projects that had funding available and design underway to best meet TxDOT priority for ready-to-go projects
- Several departments involved in identification of projects: Trinity Watershed Management, Park and Recreation, Public Works and Transportation, Economic Development, Sustainable Development and Construction
- Seven bicycle/pedestrian projects – requesting \$18.8 million in TE funds



Recommended Projects

- Five Mile Creek Trail
- Northaven Trail
- Santa Fe Trestle Trail
- Trinity Trail – Phase III-A
- I-20 Gateway Trail and Parking
- Traffic Control and Safety Treatments for Trail-Road Crossings
- Houston Street Viaduct Bicycle/Pedestrian Link



Five Mile Creek Trail

Recommended Transportation Enhancement Project

- Construction of a 12-foot wide multi-purpose trail, approximately 1.75 miles long, from Glendale Park to College Park with a connection to the DART Ledbetter light rail station.
- Funding requested: \$3.5 million
- Council district: 5,8



Northaven Trail

Recommended Transportation Enhancement Project

- Construction of a 12-foot wide multi-purpose trail, approximately 2.75 miles long, from the White Rock Greenbelt Trail to Preston Road, including a new bicycle/pedestrian bridge across White Rock Creek south of Forest Lane.
- Funding requested: \$3.5 million
- Council district: 11



Santa Fe Trestle Trail

Recommended Transportation Enhancement Project

- Construction of a 12-foot wide multi-purpose trail from Moore Park near the Corinth DART Station to the Trinity Levee Trail System, including the conversion of the historic Santa Fe Truss Bridge over the Trinity River into a bicycle/pedestrian facility; the project also includes a walkway to an overlook of Cedar Creek and provides trail access to the planned Standing Wave feature.
- Funding requested: \$5.3 million
- Council districts: 2,7



Trinity Trail – Phase III-A

Recommended Transportation Enhancement Project

- Construction of a 12-foot wide multi-purpose trail, approximately 3.65 miles long, from the Trinity River Audubon Center to the Elam Road trailhead parking at the proposed Texas Horse Park Equestrian Facility; it will connect to 4.5 miles of trail completed or under construction.
- Funding requested: \$2.4 million
- Council district: 4,5



I-20 Gateway Trail and Parking

Recommended Transportation Enhancement Project

- Creation of a new park with trailhead access into the Great Trinity Forest at IH-20 and Dowdy Ferry – the project includes a looped trail around a small lake and landscaping; and provides access to the proposed multi-purpose Trinity trail system as well as an equestrian trail system.
- Funding requested: \$840,000
- Council district: 8

Traffic control and Safety

Treatments for Trail-Road Crossings

Recommended Transportation Enhancement Project

- Implementation of a new signage, pavement marking, and lighting standard for 70 operational at-grade trail-road crossings, including treatments to improve safety in White Rock Lake Park.
- Trails impacted: Preston Ridge, East Dallas Veloway, Katy, White Rock Creek – North, White Rock Lake Loop, and Cottonwood.
- Funding requested: \$670,000
- Council districts: 2,9,11,12,14



Houston Street Viaduct Bicycle/Pedestrian Link

Recommended Transportation Enhancement Project

- Extension of the existing 11-foot wide sidewalk on the north side of the Houston Street Viaduct between downtown and North Oak Cliff across the Trinity River creating a bicycle/pedestrian link between Oak Cliff and downtown.
- Funding requested: \$2.6 million
- Council districts: 2,3



TE Program Schedule

- TxDOT issued call for projects 10/9/2009
- Workshop at NCTCOG 10/15/2009
- TEC briefing memo 10/26/2009
- Project summaries due to NCTCOG 11/13/2009
- TEC briefing – project recommendations 11/16/2009

- Applications due to TxDOT 12/11/2009 <<

- NCTCOG ranking due to TxDOT-Dallas 2/12/2010
- TxDOT-Dallas ranking due to TxDOT-Austin 2/15/2010
- TxDOT-Austin recommendations due to Texas
Transportation Commission (TTC) 6/2010
- TTC selects projects 7/2010



Next Steps

- Committee endorsement of recommended projects
- Submit project applications to TxDOT by 12/11/09 deadline
- Continue development of the submitted projects anticipating project selection