

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

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Meeting Date: October 25, 2010 **Start Time:** 2:03 p.m. **Adjournment:** 3:41 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Linda L. Koop (Chair), Tennell Atkins, Carolyn R. Davis, Vonciel Jones Hill, Delia Jasso, Pauline Medrano and Ron Natinsky

Committee Members Absent:

Jerry Allen absent on City Business
Sheffie Kadane absent on City Business

Other Council Members Present:

None

City Executive Staff Present:

Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Jill A. Jordan, Assistant City Manager
Rick Galceran, Director, Public Works and Transportation
Erick Thompson, Assistant Director, Public Works and Transportation
Ade Williams, Director, Business Development & Procurement Services

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for October 11, 2010

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the October 11, 2010 meeting subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Atkins

Seconded by: Natinsky

Passed unanimously

2. Three Pollutants of Concern: Ozone, Particulate Matter, and Mercury

Presenter: Kris Sweckard, Managing Director, Office of Environmental Quality

Mr. Sweckard briefed the Committee on the health and environmental impacts of three pollutants: ozone, particulate matter, and mercury. Nicole Cooper, Office of Environmental Quality, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop noted that the new ozone standards will be good for the environment and public health, but challenging for the D/FW region to achieve.

Ms. Koop introduced Mr. Fred Lopez, Director of Environment Health for the American Lung Association. She indicated that he is particularly interested in the "no idling ordinance," and suggested a conference call with Judge Hill to identify lawmakers interested in extending idling restrictions from ozone season to the entire year.

Mr. Atkins and Ms. Jasso recognized their summer interns, LaToya Jones, a Political Science Major at Dallas Baptist University, and Andres Guerrero, a Finance & Law Major at Dallas Baptist University.

Mr. Atkins stated that it is very difficult to monitor the idling restrictions. He was concerned about stations that do not have adequate exchange systems for trucks, and suggested that staff investigate the possibility of how those stations could apply for grants. Mr. Atkins asked what cities are included in North Central Texas region. Mr. Sweckard stated that North Central Texas is a nine county area. Mr. Atkins requested a chart showing the benefits of compressed natural gas (CNG) versus hybrid technology.

Ms. Koop stated that the no idling restriction is in effect during ozone season and asked if there were exceptions for truckers idling overnight without the exchange system. Ms. Cooper stated that there is an exemption if the driver is on a federally-mandated rest period.

Ms. Medrano asked about the impact that DART's Orange and Green Lines would have on air quality. She suggested to Ms. Hill that DART have an educational booth at the Grovesfest. Ms. Hill stated DART is a major contributor to Grovesfest and has plans for an information booth at the event.

Ms. Jasso asked if Dallas is eligible for any type of credits once the 2011 Bike Plan and Streetcar Plan are in place. Mr. Sweckard stated that implementation of these plans would provide some air quality benefit, but there would need to be a multitude of individual air quality initiatives to meet the new standard.

Ms. Davis said that she has concerns that many taxicab drivers cannot afford to purchase the CNG vehicles needed to participate in the front-of-the-line program at the airports. Mr. Sweckard stated that the North Central Texas Council of Governments has a grant program to assist taxicab drivers.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Path to 2060: The Lake Palestine Connection

Presenter: Jo Puckett, Director, Dallas Water Utilities

Ms. Puckett provided the Committee with an overview of the Integrated Pipeline Project (IPL), describing the benefits of the ongoing partnership with the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), and outlined the agreements needed with TRWD for the pipeline. Mr. Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager, assisted in answering questions.

Ms. Puckett introduced City staff and TRWD representatives who are part of the organizational structure of the Lake Palestine Connection project: Ade Williams, Director, Dallas Business Development & Procurement; Chandra Marshall-Henson, Executive General Manager, Dallas Business Development; Charlie Stringer, Assistant Director for Water Operations, Dallas Water Utilities; Terry Lowery, Interim Assistant Director for Business Operations, Dallas Water Utilities; Ileana Fernandez, Assistant City Attorney, Dallas City Attorney's Office; Denis Qualls, Interim Planning Division Manager, Dallas Water Utilities; Jim Oliver, General Manager, Tarrant Regional Water District; Alan Thomas, Assistant General Manager, Tarrant Regional Water District; Wayne Owen, Planning Director, Tarrant Regional Water District; Kathy Berek, Director of Special Projects, Tarrant Regional Water District; Stacy Beeson, Administrative Analyst, Tarrant Regional Water District.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Mr. Atkins regretted that the Committee was not a part of the feasibility study and allowed to provide input early in the project's development. He was concerned that minority engineers and contractors will not have an opportunity to bid on the pipeline project, which will be administered through the TRWD. Mr. Evans stated that the arrangement through the City of Dallas Water Department and Tarrant County will allow more funds to be allocated to minority contractors.

Mr. Atkins requested that Ms. Puckett provide periodic project updates to the Committee. Ms. Puckett confirmed that updates would be provided through the life of the project.

No action was taken on this item.

4. Upcoming Agenda Item

"Code Amendments for Neighborhood Markets" - Draft Addendum Item # 3 on October 26, 2010 City Council Agenda/Convention and Event Services

An ordinance adding Chapter 29A and amending Chapters 17 and 42A of the Dallas City Code to: (1) provide permitting procedures, fees, and operational requirements for neighborhood farmers markets in the city; (2) modify temporary food establishment requirements as they relate to neighborhood farmers markets; and (3) modify special event permit requirements as they relate to neighborhood farmers markets - Estimated Revenue: \$2,100

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Hill stated that she is not in support of the Code Amendments for Neighborhood Markets.

No action was taken on this item.

5. Information Items

- 2011 D/FW International Airport Board Appointment Timeline
- Tour of McCommas Bluff Landfill and Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant

No action was taken on these items.

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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