

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

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Meeting Date: November 8, 2010 **Start Time:** 2:01 p.m. **Adjournment:** 3:26 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Linda L. Koop (Chair), Jerry Allen, Sheffie Kadane, Vonciel Jones Hill, Delia Jasso, Pauline Medrano and Ron Natinsky

Committee Members Absent:

Tennell Atkins absent on City Business
Carolyn R. Davis

Other Council Members Present:

David Neumann

City Executive Staff Present:

A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Rick Galceran, Director, Public Works and Transportation
Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Alan Hendrix, Assistant Director, Public Works and Transportation
Errick Thompson, Assistant Director, Public Works and Transportation

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for October 25, 2010

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the October 25, 2010 meeting subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Hill

Seconded by: Jasso

Passed unanimously

2. Streetcar and Public Service Provider Coordination within Public Right-of-Way

Presenters: A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager and Alan Hendrix, Assistant Director, Public Works and Transportation

Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Hendrix briefed the Committee on coordination between the City and Public Service Providers (PSP) such as Oncor, Atmos Energy, AT&T, and

Dallas Water Utilities in regard to the establishment of criteria, rules, and an ongoing cooperative relationship to manage utilities in the vicinity of streetcars.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop commented on the importance of the “power safety envelope” and asked staff to describe its function. Mr. Hendrix stated that any utility work within the defined power safety envelope, between or near the rail, would require a permit to ensure coordination between the streetcar service and utility repair. The utility companies were primarily concerned about how they would get permits quickly for emergencies and regulatory work that requires completion within a certain time period. He indicated that these issues have been substantially resolved.

Ms. Koop commended Mr. Gonzalez and the Public Works and Transportation Department staff for their efforts to coordinate all of the utilities.

Ms. Jasso asked if the power safety envelope would be modified if a streetcar technology was adopted that did not require an overhead cable to provide power. Mr. Gonzalez stated he anticipates looking at different configurations and that is why he is committed to an ongoing review process.

Motion was made to move this item forward to the Council for consideration on December 8, 2010, to amend Chapter 43-136 of Dallas City Code to authorize the Director of Public Works and Transportation to promulgate a Streetcar Operating Manual.

Made by: Hill

Seconded by: Jasso

Passed unanimously

3. Streetcar Planning Update

Presenter: A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Gonzalez briefed the Committee on the City’s streetcar development efforts including the initial modern streetcar segment funded through a federal TIGER Grant, the Urban Circulator Grant that will complete a downtown loop for the McKinney Avenue Trolley, and the initiation of the Streetcar System Planning project, as well as other related studies. Mr. Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop noted that the City received \$23 million from the initial TIGER Grant program, but did not get a TIGER 2 award. She indicated that the City of Fort Worth may be returning an Urban Circulator Grant that it was awarded for a streetcar line. Mr. Natinsky stated that if Fort Worth declines the streetcar funding, the North Central Council of Governments intends to request that the funds be redirected to the City of Dallas project. Staff noted that a key issue in transferring the Fort Worth’s funding to Dallas would be our ability to provide up to a fifty percent local match.

Ms. Jasso asked if the future streetcar funding model could be patterned after other cities, like Portland, Oregon, in terms of pulling in private, federal, or other funds. Mr. Gonzalez stated that Portland was one of the first U.S. cities to pursue a streetcar system and had a favorable economic environment. They received grant funds from the federal government and had a tax increment that was produced with an upturn in the economy. Dallas is not in as favorable a position.

Mr. Neumann stated that the streetcar system will have a dramatic impact on Oak Cliff, and highlighted the importance of a streetcar system route from downtown Dallas to the Bishop Arts area.

Mr. Kadane asked if the older rail lines are usable for the streetcar system. Mr. Gonzalez stated that DART looked at the older rail line structures and determined that they were not usable.

Mr. Natinsky asked the annual cost of keeping the streetcar system in operation. Mr. Gonzalez stated the annual operating and maintenance cost for the streetcar system would be approximately \$1 million per mile.

Ms. Koop asked staff to clarify the scope of work for the Streetcar System Plan. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the area to be included in the System Plan is shown on page 20 of the presentation.

No action was taken on this item.

4. Upcoming Agenda Items

- Authorize (1) a professional services contract with BDS Technologies, Inc. for land surveying services to plat the Dallas Love Field Airport in an amount not to exceed \$605,178; and (2) an increase in appropriations in the amount of \$670,178 in the Aviation Capital Construction Fund - Total not to exceed \$670,178 - Financing: Aviation Capital Construction Funds

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve a professional services contract with BDS Technologies, Inc. for land surveying services to plat the Dallas Love Field Airport and an increase in appropriations to include City administration and other owner's costs. Full City Council consideration will be scheduled for December 2010.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Natinsky

Passed unanimously

- Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Implementation of Regional Super Bowl Limousine Permits

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to forward to full Council for consideration on December 8 or 17, 2010, an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Dallas, regional partner cities, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and the North Central Texas Council of Governments for implementation of Regional Super Bowl Limousine

Permits. The agreement will provide temporary regional operating authority for limousine services from January 24, 2011 until February 11, 2011 to cover the timeframe surrounding Super Bow XLV.

Made by: Natinsky Seconded by: Jasso Passed unanimously

- A resolution supporting (1) the proposed TxDOT design for I-35E from I-635 to U.S. 380 which includes managed toll lanes, (2) the use of innovative financing mechanisms, including public private-partnerships, to complete the I-35E improvements in five to seven years, (3) statutory authority for TxDOT to enter into public-private partnerships for the purpose of seeking competitive proposals and awarding the construction of the planned improvements for I-35E, and (4) expedited approval of authorization for TxDOT to enter into public-private partnerships with an effective date in the first quarter of calendar year 2011.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to recommend approval of a resolution to support the proposed TxDOT design for I-35E from I-635 to U.S. 380. Full City Council consideration will be scheduled for December 8, 2010.

Made by: Kadane Seconded by: Natinsky Passed unanimously

5. Information Items

- 2011 D/FW International Airport Board Appointment Timeline
- Tour of McCommas Bluff Landfill and Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant on Tuesday, November 9, 2010
- City Council Tour of the DART Green Line, Tuesday, November 16, 2010

No action was taken on these items.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn.

Made by: Hill Seconded by: Jasso Passed unanimously

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee