Memorandum

DATE December 8, 2011

TO Trinity River Corridor Project Committee Members: Vonciel Jones Hill (Chair)
Linda Koop (Vice Chair), Monica Alonzo, Scott Griggs, Angela Hunt, Delia Jasso

SUBJECT Trinity River Corridor Project Update On Recreation

At the next Trinity River Corridor Project Council Committee Meeting on Monday, December 12, 2011, the attached briefing will be presented by Rebecca Rasor, P.E., Managing Director, Trinity River Corridor Project. This briefing will provide background information and progress reports on the various recreation projects associated with the Trinity River Corridor Project.

Please contact me if you have questions.

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Attachment

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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Trinity River Corridor Project Update
On Recreation

Trinity River Corridor Project Committee
December 12, 2011
This project addresses a number of regional concerns, though **flood protection** remains the **essential cornerstone** of this multi-faceted effort. The inter-related components of the project are:

- Flood Protection – September 12, 2011
- Transportation – October 24, 2011
- Recreation – TODAY, December 12, 2011
- Environmental Restoration – Tentatively January 2012
- Community/economic development – Tentatively January 2012
Trinity River Corridor Project Design Concept

• Summary of the design concept for a 10,000-acre portion of the Trinity River Corridor from Royal Lane down to IH-635/IH-20 past the Trinity River Audubon Center.

• About two-thirds of the subject area lies within the Trinity Forest.
Trinity Fields
Elm Fork Athletic Complex

- Located west of IH-35E on Walnut Hill Lane
- $15.7M from 1998 Bond funds
- Phase 1 Construction started in October 2011; complete in 2012
- Will have privatized operation & maintenance
Trinity Lakes
Trinity Lakes Park

- Corps is conducting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this area; expected to be complete in 2015
- Construction can commence when the EIS is complete
West Dallas Lake Rowing

- The West Dallas lake is over 129 acres and over 2000 meters long (meets Olympic standards) that will provide both recreational and competitive boating opportunities for the city and region.

- Submerged wetland island to provide a rooting structure for water lilies.
West Dallas Lake Amphitheater

- West Dallas Lake Amphitheater used for rowing competition viewing.
Urban Lake & Central Island

- Shade structures take the place of tree vegetation in this plaza preserving views of the downtown skyline and promenade, while Seating walls are integrated with the topography and provide illumination at night.

- Interactive fountains and dark-colored, exposed aggregate concrete paving slopes into the lake as a beach.
Trinity Overlook

- Located on the west levee at Beckley and Commerce
- Provides an observation area to watch the construction of the Trinity Project
West Dallas Gateway

• $1.8M (2006 Bond Program)
• Construction Award April 2012
• Provides pedestrian & bicycle access to the Continental Pedestrian Bridge, along with parking and streetscaping
Continental Ave. Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge

- Construction award in April 2012, after Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge opens
- Includes park amenities, landscaping, concessions, misting fountain, kid’s play area
- $8 million anonymous donation in honor of Mary McDermott Cook, plus $1.9 million from 2006 bond funds
Trinity Forest
Trinity River Audubon Center
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Note the many trails and wetlands surrounding the Audubon Center!
Dallas Wave & Santa Fe Trestle Trail

Dallas Wave Whitewater Course
- Dallas Wave complete in Spring 2012
- Santa Fe Trestle Trail complete in Fall 2011
- Photo courtesy of David Mimlitch
Dallas Wave & Santa Fe Trestle Trail

Watch videos of these kayakers on YouTube!
Existing Trails in Rochester Park

Trailhead at Rochester Park

Trail Entrance

Trail Exit

Texas Buckeye Trail
Rochester Trailhead
• Phase 1 complete
• Phase 2 under construction (complete in 2012)
• Phase 3 in design (possible cost share with Corps)
Trinity Trails – Phases 1 and 2

Phase 1 – Trailhead and 12’ wide trail (Joppa Preserve to Eco Park)

Phase 2 – 12’ wide trail & bridge over the Trinity River (Joppa Preserve to Audubon)

No cost change order on December 14, 2011 agenda for elimination of some parts of Phase 2 trail, and for future construction administration on Phase 3 trail (special services)
Moore Gateway Park

- Amenities include:
  - Pavilion
  - Entry walk
  - Trail connection to Santa Fe Trestle Trail
  - Pedestrian bridge over Cedar Creek
  - Arbor
  - Amphitheater
  - Expanded parking

- $1.34 million from 1998 bond funds; $2 million donation from Hoblitzelle

- Expected completion in early 2013
Moore Park Trail Extension

Estimated cost - $2.9 M (potential funding from 1998 bond funds)
Joppa Gateway Park

- Expansion of existing park on Fellows St., to include additional parking, pavilion, lighting, sprayground, open space, trail connection
- $1.2 million in 2006 Bond Program
- Design award on December 14, 2011 agenda for $115,000
Loop 12 Gateway

- $3 million from 1998 & 2006 Bond Programs
- 3 phases
  - Signage
  - Solar Lighting along Great Trinity Forest Way
- Entry to Audubon Center
- Construction start on entry in Spring 2012
IH-20 Gateway Park Amenities

- Trail around lake
- Fishing pier
- Pavilions
- Picnic tables
- Restrooms
- Parking (vehicles and horse trailers)
- Additional equestrian amenities
- Construction award on December 14, 2011 agenda to Greenscaping Inc. for $927,381
Summary of Recreation (estimated schedule)

- December 2011 – Santa Fe Trestle Trail construction complete
- January 2012 – IH-20 Gateway Park construction begins
- March 2012 – West Dallas Gateway and Continental Ave. Pedestrian Bridge construction begins
- April 2012 – Loop 12 Gateway/Audubon entry construction begins
- May 2012 – Dallas Wave construction complete
- 3rd Quarter 2012 – Trinity Trails Phase 2 construction complete
- 4th Quarter 2012
  - Joppa Gateway construction begins
  - Elm Fork Athletic Complex Phase 1 and Loop 12 Gateway/Audubon entry construction complete
  - MLK Jr. Gateway design complete
Summary of Recreation (estimated schedule)

- **1st Quarter 2013** – West Dallas Gateway, Continental Ave. Pedestrian Bridge, IH-20 Gateway Park and Moore Gateway Park construction complete
- **2nd Quarter 2013** – MLK Jr. Gateway construction begins (contingent upon funding availability)
- **3rd Quarter 2015** – Balanced Vision Plan construction begins (contingent upon funding availability)
- Completion of Balanced Vision Plan contingent upon funding availability
Five fun things to do for FREE in the Trinity River Corridor
• Attend the Trinity River Audubon Center Third Thursday Events
  – No charge on the third Thursday of the month
  – Free access to 5 miles of trails, wetlands, exhibits
  – Late hours (until 9 p.m.) and Special programming

• Hike 8 miles of soft and hard surface trails near Rochester Park
  – Bois d’Arc Trail and Texas Buckeye Trail
• Paddle the Trinity River
  – Boat launches at Sylvan Ave. and Loop 12
  – New boat launch at Dallas Wave coming mid-2012

• Take a picnic lunch to the Trinity Overlook and enjoy the views

• Run a 10k course on the Levee Top Trail (circuit from Sylvan Ave. to Westmoreland and back)
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