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CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 7, 2011

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

SUBJECT Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 10, 2011 at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Room 6ES
Dallas, TX 75201

1. **Approval of Minutes for the December 13, 2010 Transportation and Environment Meeting**
(Action / 1 Minute)

2. **D/FW International Airport Board Nominees**
 - Betty J. Culbreath (Place 1) - Interview
 - Ben Muro (Place 5) – Recommend Reappointment
 - Brenda E. Reyes (Place 11) - Interview
 - Jesus Gonzalo Garcia (Place 11) - Interview
(Action / 90 Minutes)

3. **Upcoming Agenda Items**
 - Resolution Supporting the S.H. 183 Project between S.H. 161 and I-35E – Unnumbered Council Addendum Item for the January 26, 2011 City Council Agenda, Sustainable Development and Construction
(Action / 10 Minutes)

 - Community Gardens – Unnumbered Draft Agenda Item on the February 9, 2011 City Council Agenda, Sustainable Development and Construction Amendments to Chapter 51 and Chapter 51A of the Dallas Development Code to provide appropriate standards for Community Gardens
(Action / 10 Minutes)

4. **Information Item**
 - 2011 Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board Appointment Timeline
(5 Minutes)


Linda L. Koop, Chair

Transportation and Environment Committee

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A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Contemplated or pending litigation, or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney. Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
2. The purchase, exchange lease or value of real property, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
3. A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation is an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.073 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
4. Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
5. The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices. Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
6. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations. Section 551.087 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

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Meeting Date: December 13, 2010 **Start Time:** 2:07 p.m. **Adjournment:** 3:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Members Present:

None

City Executive Staff Present:

Jill A. Jordan, Assistant City Manager
A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Rick Galceran, Director, Public Works and Transportation
Dan Weber, Director, Aviation
Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Alan Hendrix, Assistant Director, Public Works and Transportation

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for November 8, 2010

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the November 8, 2010 meeting subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Atkins

Seconded by: Medrano

Passed unanimously

2. Dallas Executive Airport Marketing Plan

Presenter: A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Gonzalez briefed the Committee on Dallas Executive Airport's goals, growth opportunities, and recent airport enhancements. They also reviewed the Airport's

marketing strategy and preparations for the Super Bowl XLV. Mr. Dan Weber, Director of the Aviation Department, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Mr. Atkins thanked Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Weber for presenting the briefing to the Committee. He stated that even though Executive Airport is funded by Love Field Airport, it is important for the City to focus on marketing the Executive Airport because it is an economic engine with opportunities that could drive the Southern Sector. Mr. Atkins noted that in the past ten years, 27 percent of Addison's tax base was generated from their airport due to the mixed-use development around it.

Mr. Atkins asked Mr. Gonzalez if he believes Executive Airport is an asset based on its relationship to DFW Airport and Love Field, as well as its ability to help drive development in the Southern Sector. Mr. Gonzalez confirmed that Executive Airport is an important asset that complements the overall aviation system in North Texas. Mr. Atkins stated that with the amount of available land, the City should promote mixed-use development in the area surrounding Executive Airport.

Ms. Koop mentioned that the City of Lancaster is interested in expanding their airport. Mr. Atkins noted that Lancaster would have to purchase additional land to expand.

Mr. Kadane indicated that Executive Airport is one of Dallas' best kept secrets. He asked how difficult it would be to extend the northwest/southeast runway. Mr. Weber stated the current Master Plan, completed in 2001, recommended a 550 foot extension of the runway to correct a safety issue. A new Master Plan will be undertaken in 2011 that will look at extending the runway.

Mr. Kadane asked where "Million Dollar Air" would be located if they were interested in moving to Executive Airport. Mr. Weber indicated that there are 150 acres of land on the west side of the airport, designated for airport use that would be an appropriate location.

Ms. Hill thanked Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Weber for the briefing and stated that she is pleased with the work done at Dallas Executive Airport. She would like to see some focus on the golf course near the airport as part of the marketing plan.

Ms. Koop asked Mr. Atkins if he was aware of discussions about Lancaster Airport holding aviation-related classes at the University of North Texas (UNT) or one of the community colleges. Ms. Koop suggested Dallas should also pursue that market. Mr. Atkins noted that there are aviation-related classes at Skyline High School and Mountain View Jr. College. He also said that he has spoken with Mr. Lee Jackson and Dr. John Price at UNT, who think that there is a market for aviation maintenance classes. Mr. Atkins suggested that aviation training could be incorporated into the Executive Airport marketing plan.

Mr. Natinsky asked if the cost for snow removal and aircraft de-icing was for permanent equipment or contracted services, and if Love Field and the Convention Center Heliport were included in the \$54,000 budget for advertising. Mr. Weber stated that snow removal and de-icing were contracted services and the budget for advertising included Love Field and the Heliport.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Complete Streets Initiative

Presenter: Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction.

Mr. Chacko briefed the Committee on the City's Complete Streets Initiative including the key opportunities and challenges, project goals, and relationship to other planning efforts. Mr. A. C. Gonzalez and Ms. Jill Jordan, Assistant City Managers, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop asked if there is a timeframe for the Vision Map, Complete Streets Manual, and Implementation Phase. Mr. Chacko stated that the goal is to complete the entire project within one year. He anticipates developing the Vision Map during the first part of the project. Mr. Gonzalez added that though the overall plan is a year out, there are a number of activities that are moving more quickly.

Ms. Jasso thanked Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Chacko for the presentation. She commented that streets in her district are more than fifty years old, so the needs in her community are different from newer areas in the City. She believes that most of the obstacles to making streets pedestrian, bike, and streetcar friendly rest with our outdated policies and procedures.

Ms. Koop mentioned that it was remarkable to see the various activities on 16th Street in Denver, Colorado during the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference. She suggested that Committee members, who did not attend the Conference, take a look at the NLC website.

Ms. Davis asked if DART's D2 Study would be a part of the Complete Streets Initiative. Mr. Chacko responded that the Complete Streets consultant team will be charged with developing the overall citywide approach and that they will coordinate with consultants working on other projects, such as D2.

No action was taken on this item.

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SUBJECT D/FW International Airport Board Nominees

Applications for the nominees being interviewed and/or recommended for reappointment to the D/FW International Airport Board will be emailed to you on Friday, January 7, 2011. Please note that the applications contain personal information and should be properly disposed of after the meeting.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

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Jill A. Jordan, P.E.

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SUBJECT Resolution Supporting S.H. 183 from S.H. 161 to I-35E
Unnumbered Addendum Item on the January 26, 2011 City Council Agenda

A resolution has been scheduled for Council consideration on January 26, 2011, that would support (1) the proposed TxDOT design for S.H. 183 from S.H. 161 to I-35E which includes managed lanes, (2) the use of innovative financing mechanisms, including public private-partnerships, to complete the S.H. 183 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 S.H. 183, 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.

BACKGROUND

The Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC) will approve the formation of a S.H. 183 Stakeholder Coalition at its January 20, 2011 meeting. It will be comprised of cities, counties and private sector interests, and will advocate for funding to reconstruct S.H. 183 between S.H. 161 and I-35E.

S.H. 183 currently has six general purpose lanes and two-lane service roads, currently carries 150,000 to 200,000 vehicles per day, and is projected to carry 280,000 to 350,000 vehicles per day by 2030. The design developed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) would provide eight to ten general purpose lanes, four to six managed lanes, and three-lane service roads. Approximately 1.7 miles of the 9.1 mile, \$1.3 billion project are located in the City of Dallas with the remainder in the City of Irving. The design schematics for S.H. 183 were approved in August 2006, and approval of the environmental assessment is expected by June 2011.

This project supports access to the City-owned DFW International Airport, and will be compatible with the improvements being constructed on I-35E as part of the LBJ Freeway project, as well as future I-35E improvements toward the Central Business District. At its western end, S.H. 183 connects to the North Tarrant Express project that is currently being built through a public-private partnership.

The City of Dallas has been asked to approve a Council resolution supporting the proposed design of S.H. 183 and advocating for TxDOT to be given statutory authority by the state legislature to enter into a public-private partnership to fund and construct the project in an expedited timeframe.

The proposed resolution will be briefed to the Council Economic Development Committee on January 18, 2011.

Staff recommends approval.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 214-670-3314.



Jill A. Jordan, P.E.
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WHEREAS, S.H. 183 has been a major transportation corridor in the North Texas area since the 1940s, was constructed as a four-lane divided freeway in 1959, and had two additional lanes added in 1973; and,

WHEREAS, there have not been major capital or operational improvements to S.H. 183 in the last 38 years; and,

WHEREAS, the segment of S.H. 183 from S.H. 161 to I-35E is approximately 9.1 miles in length with traffic volumes between 150,000 and 200,000 vehicles per day; and,

WHEREAS, traffic volumes have continued to increase due to growth in the region and the impact of DFW International Airport such that the freeway typically operates over capacity during peak periods; and,

WHEREAS, the 2030 traffic projections show volumes of 350,000 vehicles per day in the most congested sections of S.H. 183; and,

WHEREAS, the design schematic for S.H. 183 calls for the construction of four to five general purpose lanes and three service road lanes in each direction, providing a total of fourteen to sixteen lanes for which no toll will be assessed; and,

WHEREAS, the capacity for the S.H. 183 general purpose lanes and service road lanes will be enhanced by the inclusion of two to three managed lanes in each direction, and the managed lanes are a critical component to obtain financing necessary to complete development of the project; and,

WHEREAS, there has been significant public involvement during the S.H. 183 design process, including multiple public meetings and forums; and,

WHEREAS, TxDOT has worked closely with local elected officials, stakeholders, and citizens along S.H. 183 on the planned improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the design schematics were approved in 2006, and the environmental assessment is expected to be approved by June 2011; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the \$1.3 billion project from public sources is not available, and local officials understand the need for managed lanes and support their inclusion in the congested S.H. 183 corridor; and,

WHEREAS, the utilization of innovative financing mechanisms, such as public-private partnerships, remains the only viable alternative to complete the construction of S.H. 183 within a time horizon of five to seven years; and,

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

Section 1. That the City of Dallas supports the proposed TxDOT design for S.H. 183 from S.H. 161 to I-35E, which incorporates managed lanes.

Section 2. That the City of Dallas supports the use of innovative financing mechanisms, including public private-partnerships, in order to complete the S.H. 183 improvements in five to seven years.

Section 3. That the City of Dallas supports giving TxDOT statutory authority to enter into public-private partnerships for the purpose of seeking competitive proposals and awarding the construction of the planned improvements for S.H. 183.

Section 4. That the City of Dallas supports expedited approval of authorization for TxDOT to enter into public-private partnerships with an effective date in the first quarter of calendar year 2011 to facilitate an early issuance of requests for proposals.

Section 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas and it is accordingly so resolved.

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SUBJECT Community Gardens - Unnumbered Draft Agenda Item on the February 9, 2011 City Council Agenda

The Transportation and Environment Committee was last briefed on zoning for community gardens on August 10, 2010. Since that time, the topic has been considered by the Zoning Ordinance Committee and the City Plan Commission. As a result, an item will be on the City Council Agenda on February 9, 2011 to amend Chapter 51 and Chapter 51A, "Dallas Development Code," to provide appropriate standards for community gardens. The purpose of the amendments is to develop appropriate regulations to allow for community gardens on tracts of land when the community garden is not accessory to another use on the property, such as a public park, school, or church.

The proposed amendments would allow community gardens by right in all districts. A community garden would be required to obtain a certificate of occupancy from the building official pursuant to Chapter 52 at a one-time cost of \$215.

Additional provisions for community gardens are proposed as follows:

1. A community garden must comply with the regulations for the zoning district in which the community garden is located.
2. For a community garden in a residential district, the combined floor area of structures may not exceed 200 square feet and must be erected in the rear 30% of the lot.
3. Animal grazing and animal production are prohibited.
4. For a community garden in a residential district, signage is limited to a single, non-illuminated, flat sign of no more than six square feet.

The proposed amendments outlined above were passed by the Zoning Ordinance Committee by a 5 to 0 vote on November 4, 2010 and by the City Plan Commission in a 14 to 0 vote on December 2, 2010.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

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SUBJECT Information Item - 2011 DART Board Nominee Appointment Timeline

On July 1, 2011, the terms of six DART Board Members will expire. The appointees whose terms will expire are:

- Place 03 Scott Carlson
- Place 04 Claude Williams
- Place 05 Pamela Dunlop Gates
- Place 06 William Tsao
- Place 07 William Velasco
- Place 08 Jerry Christian

The DART Board Nominee Appointment Timeline will be distributed at the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011.

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