

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

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Meeting Date: September 26, 2011 **Start Time:** 1:04 p.m. **Adjournment:** 2:31 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Linda L. Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice-Chair), Sandy Greyson, Vonciel Jones Hill, Delia Jasso, and Pauline Medrano

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Members Present:

None

City Executive Staff Present:

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager
Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Alan Hendrix, Assistant Director, Public Works
Beth Ramirez, Assistant Director, Public Works

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2011

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the September 12, 2011 meeting subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Hill

Seconded by: Jasso

Passed unanimously

2. DFW CDA Overview: LBJ Express

Randy Redmond, DFW CDA Program Manager, Texas Department of Transportation, and Andy Rittler, LBJ Infrastructure Group LLC, provided the Committee with a brief description of the CDA Program, and an overview of the LBJ Project from Central Expressway to Interstate 35. The Committee also viewed a short video clip of the demolition of the south bound lanes on the Montfort Bridge. Chris Toller, Trinity Infrastructure, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Greyson asked if the sound walls shown on slides 9 and 10 are temporary or permanent. Mr. Rittler confirmed the walls are permanent and in accordance with the new laws passed by the Federal Highway Administration.

Ms. Medrano asked how the dust is prevented from blowing to the other side of the bridge. Mr. Redmond stated there are tarps installed to prevent the dust from blowing. Mr. Rittler stated there is no traffic traveling across the Montford Bridge while the demolition is taking place.

Ms. Koop asked what plans are in place to clear wrecks from the highway during construction. Mr. Rittler stated there is staff on standby to make sure wreckers can access those areas easily.

Ms. Koop also asked for clarification on the response time for the other highways in comparison to the City's response time. Mr. Rittler stated as a general rule the average time has been 6 minutes; the contract stipulates a 15-minute response time to any accident on the corridor that is within the managed or general purpose lanes.

Ms. Koop asked Mr. Rittler to elaborate on the noise walls so the public will understand. She also asked why noise wall are below 12 feet. Mr. Rittler stated noise walls are not required to be above 12 feet. Ms. Koop asked Mr. Redmond to provide more information on noise walls. Mr. Toller stated there were studies done by Texas Department of Transportation with the design change proposal. Noise wall 9 remained the same and noise wall 10 was modified due to public input. Mr. Troller also stated the height of the noise walls are based on decibel levels. He mentioned the walls are on Texas Department of Transportation's right-of-way, however, they were built by the City.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Transportation and Environment Committee Proposed FY 2011-12 Goals

As part of the Mayor's initiative, Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager, provided a briefing to the committee on draft goals and objectives for the Transportation and Environment Committee.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Jasso asked if the numbers listed for the goals were in ranking order, if not, is there a way to prioritize the list. Ms. Jordan stated there is no set order for the goals and work will be simultaneous. Ms. Jasso also asked for a quarterly calendar addressing the status of each goal.

Motion was made to present the goals during the Mayor's retreat October 20-21, 2011.

Made by: Hill

Seconded by: Greyson

Passed unanimously

4. Update on North Texas clean Air Steering Committee, NTCASC Oil and Gas Task Force, and State Implementation Plan

Mr. Chris Klaus, Program Manager, Air Quality Planning and Operations, NCTCOG, briefed the Committee on the North Texas Clean Air Steering Committee, NTCASC Oil and Gas Task Force, and State Implementation Plan. Mr. Kris Sweckard, Managing Director, Office of Environmental Quality, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Mr. Kadane asked if we currently have a clean air standard. Mr. Klaus stated we have two standards. Mr. Kadane asked for a clarification on slide 10 showing the different counts, with Dallas County showing 82 or under. Mr. Klaus stated there are a number of criteria the Environmental Protection Agency uses to consider a non-attainment area.

Ms. Greyson asked the location of the three monitors shown on slide 9. Mr. Klaus stated one of the monitors is located at Executive Airport. Mr. Sweckard stated the other two locations are near Love Field and the Convention Center. Ms. Greyson asked Mr. Klaus and Mr. Sweckard to provide her with the location of the monitor in Collin County.

No action was taken on this item.

5. Complete Streets Initiative Update

Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction provided a brief update on the Complete Streets Initiative.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Due to time restraints, Ms. O'Donnell provided a brief update on the Complete Streets Initiative.

Ms. Koop mentioned she had concerns about raising expectation based on the TEC Goals regarding implantation of Complete Streets.

Ms. Koop mentioned to Ms. Jordan, when discussing Complete Streets that she make sure we have enough definition in the setting of the goal on the quarterly update.

No action was taken on this item.

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee