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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**

- II. Approval of Minutes of September 4, 2009 Meeting**

- III. Treasurers' Report and Approval of September's Expenditures**

- IV. Committee Reports- Governance Committee**

- V. Agency Reports**
 - A. NTTA***

 - B. DCTA***

 - C. DART***

 - D. RTC***

 - E. TxDOT***

- VI. Other Business- TML Reception Update**

- VII. Adjournment**

MEETING NOTES



**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Minutes
September 4, 2009**

Executive Committee Members Attending:

Douglas Athas (Garland)
Mike Baggett (Area Chambers)
Mike Cantrell (Dallas County)
Rudy Durham (Lewisville)
Rob Franke (Cedar Hill)
John Harper (Rowlett)
Mary Horn (Denton County)
Linda Koop (Dallas)
Maher Maso (Frisco)
Ron Natinsky (Dallas)
Jayne Peters (Coppell)
Carl Sherman (Lancaster, DeSoto, Glenn Heights & Hutchins)
Grady Smithey (Dallas County Community)
Rick Stopfer (Irving)
Kathy Ward (Collin County)

Ex-Officio Members Attending:

Charles Emery (DCTA) Jim Witt
Allen Clemson (NTTA) Rick Herrington
Bill Hale (TxDot)
Michael Morris (COG/RTC)
Gary Thomas (DART)

Staff:

John Carpenter
Christene Wheeler

OPENING

Chairman Rob Franke called the meeting to order.

Texas Municipal League's Annual Conference-

Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition and the DRMC are considering joining together and work together on some ideas. One such idea was to host a reception during the Texas Municipal League's Annual Conference following the opening of the general session. It will be a reception to honor Senator John Carona and Representative Vicki Truitt for their efforts during the legislative session.

Invitations will be sent to DRMC and TRTC members, city managers and elected officials. The cost is estimated at \$20,000 and will be divided between TRTC and DRMC. The reception will be on October 21, 2009 at 5:00 p.m..

COMMITTEE REPORT

-Governance Committee

Report given by Robert Franke

Creation of an ad hoc Transit Equity Committee. An ad hoc Transit Equity Committee has been created to resolve "equity" issues relating to transportation funding legislation to be considered by the 82nd Legislature. DRMC will take the lead role in pulling together individuals to go over issues. Mayor Jayne Peters and Commissioner Kathy Ward will be organizing the group. They will go after transportation agencies, DART cities and Non-DART cities for presentations, etc. The committee will attempt to work through the road blocks of transportation.

Linda Koop stated that the Equity issue is a challenge, however, the DRMC is up to that challenge. Need the input of chambers, cities and business the whole way.

John Carpenter mentioned that this issue needs to be addressed in a legal non-legislative way.

MINUTES- The next order of business was the approval of the minutes of June and August 2009 DRMC Executive Committee meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Mayor Rob Franke presented the monthly report for June and August 2009. Treasurer's Report was passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT (cont)

-Finance Committee

Report given by Mayor John Harper

Audit Report from DeLoitte & Touche states DRMC financials are in good standing. Mayor Harper moved for approval of the audit report and second by Grady Smithey. Audit was unanimously approved.

Mayor Harper reviewed proposed budget and made a motion to approve. A budget amendment will need to be made once a figure has been made for the TML reception.

Judge Mary Horn inquired about how much income has been received from Associate Memberships.

John Carpenter reminded everyone that the Associate Membership Application has just been placed out to the general public and no revenue has been collected as of yet.

The motion was second and the budget was unanimously approved.

AGENCY REPORTS

-RTC

Report given by Michael Morris

- ◆ Three major items have occurred.
 - NCTCOG relieved \$13 million grant from the Department of Energy and the stimulus package. Most of this money will be passed through to individuals that have request alternative fueled vehicles or fueling stations last spring. More information will come out in the upcoming months.
 - MPO received certification (happens every four years).
 - Air Quality Conformity letter came in this last week.
 - A project can only proceed if:
 - It is in the Metropolitan Transportation Project; and
 - All federal agencies sign off that the projects if implemented would assist in meeting the air quality obligations of the region.
- ◆ Provides full implementation of all the transportation projects.
- ◆ Asked that everyone read up on the Tiger Grants in the Local Motion. The deadline is September 15, 2009.
- ◆ RTC will discuss the Metropolitan Planning Area expansion next week. They will also discuss institutional structures.
- ◆ Recognized major accomplishments in the region.
- ◆ Briefly flagged a few items on an HOV Policy Paper.

Douglas Athas asked if once “attainment” is reached is there a penalty.

Michael Morris replied that there are not any penalties. However, because the region continues to grow, attainment will always be a goal. Once attainment is reached you do lose CMAC Funds.

Grady Smithey inquired about the 67 project.

Michael Morris responded that they are continuing to review if 67 should be an HOV or a roadway facility. He stated that RTC has until the spring to propose a Funding Plan. The RTC staff is currently working on 3 different scenarios. These plans will show the legislatures the different scenarios. These plans will be introduced to RTC.

John Carpenter asked if any other MPO’s are participating in this.

Michael Morris replied that the other MPO’s do not have the capacity to do something like this.

-TxDOT

Report given by Bill Hale.

- ◆ Emphasized that the newsletter and reports are being created in regular terms to communicate more effectively.
- ◆ Earlier in the week TxDOT obtained Legal Sufficiency Approval on the LBJ Freeway project. It is possible that by the end of the day to have Commercial Close on the project. Financial Close will come in several months.
- ◆ Touched on some items in the HOV Policy Paper.
- ◆ Spoke on pylon toughness and the HOV safety on 635.

Linda Koop commented on how well the HOV lane on 635 looks and operates.

Grady Smithey asked about when jobs listed in the handout would be let.

-NTTA

Report given by Rick Herrington.

- ◆ Highlighted 121 progresses and that TxDOT is ahead of schedule.
- ◆ Established the stakeholders for the environmental process on 360.
- ◆ Opened Tim River Tollway from Custer Road to Hillcrest on Tuesday.
- ◆ Toll rate increased. It now conforms with RTC regional rate.
- ◆ Have a new member from Collin County on the NTTA Board.

Judge Mary Horn asked if tolltags will work in the remote parking areas of the airport.

Rick Herrington replied that the issue is being addressed.

-DCTA

Report given by Jim Witt.

- ◆ A-Train is moving forward. Looking at December 2010 to begin revenue service.
- ◆ Looking into compliant vehicles for rail.
- ◆ Pursuing a permanent president for DCTA.

-DART

Report given by Gary Thomas.

- ◆ Referred to the handout and the HOV Policy Paper to review HOV enforcements on number of riders in a vehicle.
- ◆ The ability to pull up a bus schedule and locate a bus that one is waiting on is now available on your phone at m.dart.org.
- ◆ The Rose Park Plaza has been opened.
- ◆ The Orange line is under construction.
- ◆ The Blue Line is underway.
- ◆ There will be rails going to the University of Texas and the Oklahoma State football game as well as an international soccer game. The Red Line will go directly to Fairpark.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Maher Maso introduced Councilmember David Prince from Frisco and stated that Mr. Prince will be representing the Mayor on the DRMC Board.

John Carpenter reminded everyone about the Associate Members Application in the back of the room.

ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Grady Smithey
Secretary, DRMC

Date