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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2008 Meeting**
- III. Treasurers' Report and Approval of October Expenditure**
- IV. Rail North Texas**
- V. SB-792 Update**
- VI. Agency Reports**
 - A. DART
 - B. RTC
 - C. TxDOT
 - D. NTTA
 - E. DCTA
- VII. Other Business**
 - A. Joint TRTC & DRMC meeting. Thursday, January 8, 2009
 - B. Nominating Committee
- VIII. Adjournment**

MEETING NOTES

**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Minutes
October 3, 2008**

Executive Committee Members Attending:

Chad Adams (Ellis County)
Douglas Athas (Garland)
Mike Baggett (Area Chambers)
Bruce Beaty (Rockwall County)
John Baumgartner (Allen)
Mike Cantrell (Dallas County)
Rudy Durham (Lewisville)
Chris Florance (Rockwall County)
Rob Franke (Cedar Hill)
John Harper (Rowlett)
Linda Koop (Dallas)
Steve Mitchell (Richardson)
Ron Natinsky (Dallas)
Stan Pickett (Mesquite)
Carl Sherman (DeSoto)
Grady Smithey (Dallas County)
Rick Stopfer (Irving) (Pat Nicks)

Ex-Officio Members Attending:

Jorge Figueredo (NTTA) (Elizabeth Maw)
Bob Brown (TxDot)
Dan Kessler (COG/RTC)
Koorosh Olyai (DART)
John Hedrick (DCTA)

Staff:

John Carpenter
Christene Wheeler

OPENING

Chairman Mike Cantrell called the meeting to order.

MINUTES- The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the September 5th, 2008 DRMC Executive Committee meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Mayor John Harper presented monthly report for September and moved for approval. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Finance Committee

Report given by John Harper.

There is a pending report on the proposed 2008-2009 budget. There are still some questions regarding the proposal. Once answered, the budget will be presented to the board for approval.

-Joint Legislative and Transportation Committee

Report given by Rob Franke.

The meeting discussed Rail North Texas or Mobility Now and issues that are getting rolled into the proposed legislation. No resolution was made. A decision to gather more information from the Rail North Texas Committee before a final decision is made.

-Legislative

Report given by Rob Franke

The Legislative Committee met with the Council of Governments, TxDot, NTTA to try and answer questions on 792 and primacy issue. After much discussion, it was decided to defer to a committee of representatives from DRMC, NTTA, RTC and TxDot. Carrie Rogers will be setting that meeting up. A report will be given at the November meeting.

Commissioner Cantrell asked that Linda Koop give an update on the Rail North Texas issue.

Linda Koop they have had good meetings. They have been working out the details on the actual legislation. There is discussion on how the voting will be conducted; county by county or a regional vote. This will be discussed in detail at their next meeting. Once everything has been decided on, it will be presented to the DRMC and TRTC.

-Communications

Report given by Colby Walton.

The website is up and running at www.dallasmobility.org. The agenda and packets will be available on the website each month and an archive of meetings. The ability to capture emails from the website is running, so those who want to receive the newsletter may register there. Cooksey Communications is now working on brochures and other communication materials. If you experience any glitches on the website please notify Colby at colby@cookseypr.com.

Grady Smithey asked if we had the ability to place our position in regards to Rail North Texas and then get public feedback on the website. Possibly any other topics that come up in the future.

Colby state that we are able to take feedback on the web and that Cooksey would report that information back to the committee.

AGENCY REPORTS

-DART

Report given by Koorosh Olyai.

- Ridership on the HOV was at an all time high in September.
- Loop 12 & SH-114 will be awarded at the end of October.
- DART board has awarded \$2.7 million for contract on *Dallas CBD Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) Project*.
- Moving into the next phase of the Integrated Corridor Management Program.

John Harper asked about the October 28th bid opening for the extension of the Blue Line from Garland and the award to be given in January 2009. Is that still accurate? Koorosh Olyai will inquire on that and report back at the next meeting.

Commissioner Cantrell asked for questions and there were none.

-RTC

Report given by Dan Kessler.

- RTC finished their process to update the bylaws and is moving forward towards expanding the Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries to a twelve county area.
- This restructuring takes the board from 40 to 43 members. This helps gives everyone a seat at the table.
- Presented a statewide revenue forecasting model to the 2030 Committee that is focusing on statewide transportation needs.
- RTC is estimating that Texas will probably incur over \$1billion in rescissions in 2009. They are working on figuring where the funding will come from in 2009.
- The next public meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15th at 6:30 pm in Carrollton.

Barbara Leftwich asked about new projects being taken on.

Dan Kessler replied that the process was going on and there was a window of time to present new projects to be considered for funding.

Grady Smithey inquired about the progress on de-federalizing some of the local thoroughfares.

Dan Kessler stated that he cannot give an exact update but will get an update for Mr. Smithey.

Commissioner Cantrell asked for questions.

-TxDOT

Report given by Bob Brown.

- Briefly reviewed the handout from TxDOT.

- The largest letting scheduled is the Loop 12 interchange at 114. The interchange has to be rebuilt for the DART LRT to fit through. The project will start once the final Cowboy's game has occurred at the stadium.

- Reviewed the draft letting for the 2009 which is in the TxDOT handout.

- Project starting at US-75 at Parker Road. TxDOT and the city is building a single point urban interchange. Maybe the first one built in Texas.

- A decision has been made to adjust the LBJ project bid proposal due date to December 15th.

- TxDOT is available to present an overview to groups in regards to projects.

- SH-161 main lanes and frontage roads from north of I-30 to Conflans Drive is 45% complete.

Grady Smithey asked what "Compensatory mitigation for riparian forests" meant.

Bob Brown stated that it is a project in regards to removing trees and planting trees along the 161 corridor.

Commissioner Cantrell asked for questions and there were none.

-NTTA

Report given by Elizabeth Maw.

- NTTA board will make a decision on the 161 project at the October 15th board meeting.

- Currently working with TxDOT to waive the market evaluation process on I-30 main lanes and 183 lane project. That is just for the evaluation process. NTTA still has 6 months to decide on accepting the projects.

- The Trinity request for proposal is out and RFP's are due October 13th. The contracts are going to the November board meeting.

Commissioner Cantrell asked for questions and there were none.

-DCTA

Report given by John Hedrick.

- DCTA has reached a mile stone in its history. They have closed on a 15 acre property acquisition for a maintenance facility.

- Hope to begin construction next summer.

- Board authorized moving into the first phase of the CMGC contract for construction of the rail project. Looking at starting construction next year.

Commissioner Cantrell asked for questions and there were none.

OTHER BUSINESS

-Joint DRMC-TRTC

The joint meeting with TRTC will be held on January 8th in Arlington.
A notice will be sent out.

-792 Update

Report given by Grady Smithey.

- The 792 Committee will not meet in October due to elections and will meet again on November 18th. This makes getting recommendations by December 31 difficult.
- A copy of Grady Smithey's recommendation will be posted on the website.
- Will give an update at the December DRMC meeting.

-Transportation Crossroads Conference

Report given by Carol Short

- Asked to mark calendars for Friday, November 21st for the 15th Annual Transportation Crossroads Conference at the Anatole in Dallas.
- Keynote speaker will be NTTA Chairman, Paul Wageman.
- There will be three panels featuring
 - Project Delivery-Michael Morris, Jorge Figueredo, Amadeo Saenz
 - Rail North Texas-Linda Koop, Jungus Jordan, Phil Ritter
 - TxDOT Sunset Legislation-Representative Harper-Brown, Senator Brimer and the Sunset Chairman.
- DRMC will present the awards for Traffic Demand Management.

Commissioner Cantrell announced that he will be appointing a nominating committee at the November meeting for the elections to be held in December.

Stan Pickett stated that the cities of Mesquite, Forney and Seagoville sent a letter to DART to open dialogue for future public transportation.

Rob Franke asked John Carpenter about talking to the city of Carrollton about dropping. John Carpenter stated that he has spoken with the city manager and that it was a decision based on budgeting concerns and that DRMC will still be keeping them informed of the events with DRMC. Hopefully they will be able to rejoin at a later date.

ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Grady Smithey
Secretary, DRMC

Date