



City of Denton
MINUTES
MOBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE DENTON CITY COUNCIL

City Hall
215 E. McKinney Street
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Wednesday, February 21, 2018

11:30am

City Council Work Session Room

After determining that a quorum of the Mobility Committee of the Denton City Council was present, the Mobility Committee thereafter convened into an Open Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the City Council Work Session Room 215 E. McKinney, Denton, Texas.

Committee Members: Council Member Dalton Gregory and Council Member Sarah Bagheri

Absent: Council Member Keely Briggs

Staff Present: Mario Canizares, ACM; Mark Nelson, Director of Transportation; Todd Estes, Director Capital Projects/City Engineer; Trey Lansford, Assistant City Attorney; Kim Mankin; Administrative Supervisor

Others Present: Richard Huckaby, DCTA; Jim Cline, DCTA; John Polster, ITS

REGULAR MEETING

A. **MC18-006** Consider approval of the Mobility Committee meeting minutes of January 17, 2018.

Approved as circulated

B. **MC18-007** Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Innovative Transportation Solutions, Inc. for transportation services as set forth in the contract; and providing an effective date (File 6610-Professional Service Agreement for Transportation Consultant Services to Innovative Transportation Solutions, Inc. for a total amount of \$126,000).

Mario Canizares presented this item stating ITS has been a consultant for the City since 2002 and ITS is currently a month to month contract while an RFQ was executed. There was one submittal from that RFQ, ITS, the terms are as they were before, \$126,000 per year. ITS has been instrumental working on the City's behalf in leveraging local dollars with state, regional and county dollars. Examples would be the signals at Robinson and 2181; Robinson and 2499; widening of FM1515; and help with elements of the Mayhill widening.

Staff recommends approving this contract. Next step would be to take it to the full council on March 6.

Gregory moved to recommend to Council, Baghari seconded. Vote 2-0.

C. **MC18-008** Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide direction regarding Texas Department of Transportation On-System projects in the Denton area to include the 35Express Project.

John Polster went through the projects.

2181 NS Project – Project awarded to MCM. Construction complete January 2020.

US377/Fort Worth Drive – Environmentally clear January 2018. Final submission to UPRR on February 16, 2018. Let July 2018. There will be a joint open house between TxDOT and City of Denton for the residents and businesses in the area after July, before September. Bagheri asked for someone to contact John Ryan since this is his area, Polster agreed.

FM2499 Section 5 – Signal will be installed mid-March at Robinson. Working on punch list items.

IH35E/Mayhill Improvements – TxDOT has engaged LTRA, anticipate execution of work authorization by early March 2018. This will be the ultimate improvements for Mayhill under I-35.

IH35E/Loop 288/Brinker/Mayhill - Traffic has been changed to the new southbound frontage road lanes. Construction to begin March 2018, complete December 2018.

I35N – The 90-percent schematic was submitted for FHWA. Design division and district review was on February 2, 2018. Funding is being identified by TxDOT.

I-35W Main Lanes – Firm working on design is HNTB. Stakeholder meetings are being coordinated to discuss 30-percent schematic, project history and path forward. Frontage roads are being worked on from FM1171 to FM2499.

US380/Loop 288 – Maintenance contract approved by TxDOT, addition of a turn lane from northbound Loop 288 to eastbound US 380 are scheduled to begin in May 2018.

US380 East – Fully funded. Part of the design is in house part is by two firms. Target date for let is May 2021. Working on purchasing right of way.

Loop 288 West – CP&Y are on contract for design of this project. This will be brought to Council for presentation to determine whether the northbound or southbound frontage lane should be constructed as the first phase of the project. Should be environmentally cleared 2019. There was discussion regarding the ramp locations.

FM1515 – LTRA in contract, they will come to the City to talk about critical items. On system/off system will be a conversation at a later date.

FM1830 – Resurface at this time. Talking about widening this road by TxDOT.

D. MC18-009 Consider the recommendation of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas, appointing a Member to the Board of Directors of the Denton County Transportation Authority; and providing an effective date.

This item was presented second by Nelson. Nelson indicated this item is the consideration of the reappointment for Richard Huckaby as the representative for DCTA Board of Directors. Mr. Huckaby has served on the DCTA Board since 2011, is currently the Vice-Chair of the Board and has served on other committees. Staff recommendation is to reappoint Mr. Huckaby.

Gregory asked whether Mr. Huckaby is willing to serve, Nelson stated he is. If recommended, Nelson stated the resolution will be sent to the full Council for approval. Mr. Huckaby was invited by the Committee to speak. Mr. Huckaby confirmed his interest in continuing to serve on the DCTA Board. Gregory asked where DCTA has flourished and what work needs to be done. Huckaby spoke about

Corinth and potentially having double tracks in the area of NCTC for the A-train and Corinth becoming a member city. There was some further discussion with Jim Cline regarding opportunities to improve ridership.

Bagheri stated that she and Briggs are interested in opening the nomination process to see if others would like to serve this position. Staff was given direction to place the appointment of a representative on the DCTA Board on a future City Council Work Session for discussion.

E. MC18-011 Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide direction regarding Regional Transportation Council monthly reports and actions.

John Polster talked about this item beginning with the agenda for the Regional Transportation Council monthly meeting of February 8. On January 24, the Texas Transportation “highway” Commission (TTC) communicated to the Regional Transportation Council that they did not want to move forward on the capacity improvements on Interstate 635E because there was a billion dollar shortfall and did not wish to have a toll or managed lane component as part of the project.

In December 2017, the TTC pulled I-635, I-35W, a Houston project, and an Austin project out of the plan. No money can be spent on these projects because they are not in the (state highway) plan. All of these projects have a tolled component, referenced as a tolled managed lane. The Governor and the Lieutenant Governor communicated to the Commission they did not want any projects moving forward that had toll roads. This has put a hold on I-635 and I-35W. These two projects are important to Denton County because I-35W ties into Denton. I-35 is more important to Denton County because Denton it is in the eastern sub-region of TxDOT and we are in the Dallas District and that is where I-635E is. Until I-635 is resolved from a financial standpoint, they will not be moving forward on anything in the region. If you are short of funding they will not consider assisting until they come up with the shortfall funding. At the February 8 RTC Meeting, a draft proposal was passed out to cover the shortfall and it required the region to use projects as collateral for the \$653M that is short. One project is I-35E from I-635 to the Dallas/Denton/Collin County Line. The reason the project is short is because the TTC said they would let them move forward with I635 but you have to pull the tolled component. Pulling that component did not work well with the financing.

RTC has proposed a different funding approach stating that if I-635 needs money it would need to come from projects around that area.

There was more discussion and explanation regarding funding.

F. MC18-010 Staff Reports:
1. DCTA Upcoming Strategic Planning Session
2. Matrix

Matrix 7 and 8 – Pritam Deshmukh will update March 2018

CONCLUDING ITEMS

Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Public Utilities Board or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting AND Under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other

citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda

Gregory – Gravel trucks to Decatur using Hwy 380 and using Loop 288 as a truck route. Truck traffic through Denton on US380.

Gregory – Only saw eight V-bikes. What is the status and may have others come and make a presentation.

Adjournment: 12:48 p.m.

Approved March 21, 2018