

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

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Meeting Date: December 8, 2020

Convened: 1:02 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:22 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Adam McGough, Chair
Adam Medrano, Vice Chair
Tennell Atkins
Adam Bazaldua
Lee Kleinman
Cara Mendelsohn
Chad West

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

Other Council Members Present:

Presenters:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam McGough
Rosa Fleming, Director, Convention and Event Services
Ghassan Khankarli, P.E., Interim Director, Department of Transportation
Chris Turner-Noteware, P.E., Assistant Director/City Engineer, Department of Public Works
Ali Hatefi, P.E., Assistant Director, Department of Public Works
Robert Perez, Director, Department of Public Works
Majed Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager

AGENDA

Call to Order (1:02 p.m.)

A. Approval of the November 16, 2020 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes

Presenter(s): Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam McGough, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Motion made by: Cara Mendelsohn
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Tennell Atkins
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

B. Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Board Appointment Interviews and Recommendations to the City Council

Presenter(s): Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam McGough, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Committee interviewed the DFW International Airport Board candidates. Questions from the Committee centered around the airport's change in operations due to the pandemic and CARES Act funding received, relief efforts for business within the airport, construction efforts, and safety measures being implemented for airport staff and guests. The Committee asked for follow-up information based from the questions raised during the interview and the candidates committed to working with staff from the City and DFW International Airport to provide to the Committee. A motion was made to move the three candidates forward to the full City Council for approval.

Motion made by: Adam Medrano

Motion seconded by: Adam Bazaldua

Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

C. Convention Center Master Plan

Presenter(s): Rosa Fleming, Director, Convention and Event Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Staff provided the Committee with an overview of the proposed Convention Center Master Plan initiative which launched in June 2019. The Committee asked questions regarding the capital plan needs within the 10-year plan, benefits for the City's residents, and tax revenue impacts. The Committee expressed concern that the proposed plan was based on pre-COVID conditions and did not take into consideration the impacts of the pandemic on the convention industry. The Committee requested a 10-year wind down analysis for the convention center as an alternative option to expansion. Staff were seeking support of the Committee to move forward for City Council consideration and approval of a contract with a recommended master planning firm. A motion was made to move forward to full City Council with the inclusion of a wind down analysis of the convention business in Dallas.

Motion made by: Lee Kleinman
Item passed unanimously:
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Adam Bazaldua
Item passed on a divided vote: X
Item failed on a divided vote:

D. Complete Streets, Traffic Calming and Road Diets, and Slow Streets Pilot Programs

Presenter(s): Ghassan Khankarli, P.E., Interim Director, Department of Transportation; Chris Turner-Noteware, P.E., Assistant Director/City Engineer, Department of Public Works; Ali Hatefi, P.E., Assistant Director, Department of Public Works

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Staff from the departments of Public Works and Transportation briefed the Committee on the City's traffic calming efforts, complete streets types and considerations, the benefits of road diets and corresponding screening criteria. Staff also provided an overview of the Dallas Slow Street Program, program results, and plans for continuation. The Committee requested staff to provide follow-up information regarding crash data. Information only.

E. School Traffic Safety Guide

Presenter(s): Ghassan Khankarli, P.E., Interim Director, Department of Transportation

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Staff presented proposed updates to the 1980 City of Dallas School Traffic Safety Guide. The guide is used to define roles and responsibilities of all agencies and stakeholders that share the responsibility of establishing a maintain a safe transportation environment around schools. Staff's next steps include completing the revisions, refining the School Arrival and Dismissal Improvement Process, solicit the feedback of local school districts, and seeking City Council approval mid-2021 for proposed changes. Information only.

F. Residential Fence Height Limits: Possible Code Amendments

Presenter(s): Kris Sweckard, Director, Department of Sustainable Development and Construction

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): This item was tabled for later meeting due to time constraints.

G. D2 Alignment and Recommendation

Presenter(s): Ghassan Khankarli, P.E., Interim Director, Department of Transportation; Majed Al-Ghafry, P.E., Assistant City Manager

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): At the request of staff, this item was delayed to a future meeting to provide staff the opportunity to further collaborate with stakeholders.

H. Non-binding Letter of Interest Request – Formula E Future Racing Event

Presenter(s): Majed Al-Ghafry, P.E., Assistant City Manager

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): This item was briefed to the Committee by memorandum. There were no questions or comments.

I. Monthly Update of Public Works Program Performance – October 2020

Presenter(s): Robert Perez, Director, Department of Public Works; Majed Al-Ghafry, P.E., Assistant City Manager

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): This item was briefed to the Committee by memorandum. There were no questions or comments.

J. Interagency Transportation Report – December 2020

Presenter(s): Ghassan Khankarli, Assistant Director, Department of Transportation

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Information only.

K. Committee Forecast

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Members of the Committee asked the Chair to consider a bi-weekly meeting schedule for the Committee meetings to ensure staff have enough time to present and the Committee doesn't feel rushed to make decisions due to impending deadlines.

Adjourn (3:22 p.m.)

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

Adam McGough, Chair
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

Arnelle Woods, Coordinator
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee