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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**

- II. Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2009 Meeting**

- III. Treasurers' Report and Approval of June and July Expenditures**

- V. Special Guest Speaker- Representative Linda Harper-Brown**

- VI. Committee Reports**
 - A. Governance Committee- Jayne Peters**
 - B. Finance Committee- John Harper**

- VII. Agency Reports**
 - A. RTC**
 - B. TxDOT**
 - C. NTTA**
 - D. DCTA**
 - E. DART**

- VIII. Other Business- Associate Membership**

- IX. Adjournment**

MEETING NOTES

**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Minutes
June 5, 2009**

Executive Committee Members Attending:

Douglas Athas (Garland)
Mike Baggett (Area Chambers)
Rudy Durham (Lewisville)
Rob Franke (Cedar Hill & Duncanville)
John Harper (Rowlett)
Mary Horn (Denton County)
Kathy Ward (Collin County)
Linda Koop (Dallas)
Steve Mitchell (Richardson)
Jayne Peters (Coppell)
Stan Pickett (Mesquite)
Carl Sherman (Lancaster, DeSoto, Glenn Heights & Hutchins)
Grady Smithey (Dallas)
Rick Stopfer (Irving)

Ex-Officio Members Attending:

Charles Emery (DCTA) (Kristina Brevard)
Allen Clemson (NTTA) (Rick Herrington)
Bill Hale (TxDot) (Cynthia White)
Michael Morris (COG/RTC) (Dan Kessler)
Koorosh Olyai (DART)

Staff:

John Carpenter
Christene Wheeler

OPENING

Chairman Rob Franke called the meeting to order.

FOCUS TOPICS-

-Legislative Update

Report given by Rider Scott, John Carpenter and Brian Mays.

Ryder Scott gave his analysis of the recently concluded Legislative Session:

- ◆ The differences in the House of Representatives were underestimated;
- ◆ Relied on key personalities to shoulder the weight of TLOTA;
- ◆ Instead of achieving the goal incrementally we went after all of it;
- ◆ There was no consistency of statutory language in the TLOTA Bill;
- ◆ Ominbus bills may not be the way to pursue the goal of TLOTA;

John Carpenter briefly reviewed items on the legislative agenda. There was a lack of overwhelming support from the region's delegates, key members of the House Transportation Committee. The Special Session will be closely watched. All options will be looked at as well as to what went wrong.

Brian Mayes stated that:

- ◆ There was too much fighting against each other. Advocacy groups were making phone calls, letters and emails to sway the Representatives;
- ◆ There are candidates who are up for re-election who do not want to be known as pro-tax (what the opposition was pushing TLOTA as);
- ◆ What was done right:
 - Could not have been more unified
 - The Dallas Morning News remained vigilant in its support;
 - The number of chambers and individuals involved and their organizations.
- ◆ What should be done next legislation:
 - Start sooner;
 - Stay vigilant, organized and together as a group;
 - Form a PAC specific to transportation issues, thus giving us the ability to speak with:
 - Support
 - Money
 - Organization and numbers;
 - Advertise the message to inform everyone.

John Carpenter stated that we need to organize at a regional level not just a DRMC or TRTC effort.

Carl Sherman made the observation that down in session the group looked like elitists versus the regular Joes, moms and dads who had the message that the bill was adding taxes to them. Even though that was not the case, the picture painted said a lot.

MINUTES- The next order of business was the approval of the minutes of the May 1, 2009 DRMC Executive Committee meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Rick Stopfer presented monthly report for May and a move for approval was made.

Jayne Peters asked about the \$100,000 that was set aside for the lobbyist. John Carpenter answered that no lobbyist was obtained, instead participation in the public education information efforts and expected the cost to be around \$20,000. That amount would be paid to the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. No more funds will be spent until after there is a meeting of the Finance Committee and it is placed before the Executive Committee.

Treasure's report passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT

-By-Laws Committee

Report given by Douglas Athas.

Reviewed the By-Law changes that were presented at the May meeting and moved for approval.

Grady Smithey second the motion.

Carl Sherman asked about where the population numbers were derived.

Rob Franke stated that it is based on the Council of Governments numbers that are published yearly.

Some discussion about the membership of the private sector took place.

By-Law changes passed unanimously.

AGENCY REPORTS

-DART

Report given by Koorosh Olyai.

-Briefly highlighted the hand out

-HOV facilities continue to perform well

-Reviewed dates in handout

-RTC

Report given by Dan Kessler.

- Reviewed the Local Motion handout
- Discussed upcoming dates and events
- Briefly spoke about the handouts that were given to the Transportation Commission last month
- Reviewed dollar amounts and projects in regards to TxDOT
- Gave future summary of TxDOT and their monetary status
- Suggested that everyone listen to the presentation that James Bass gave to the Transportation Commission in April if possible. It provides insight into TxDOT and where they stand

Grady Smithy suggests taking this message to everyone's council.

Cooksey will provide the presentation that was created for DRMC to the board and also place it on the website. The presentation may be used to get the message out.

Much discussion over TxDOT and their situation with money and the funding of roadways continued. There was also discussion in regards to money available at the federal level.

-TxDOT

Report given by Cynthia White.

- Emphasized that there needs to be public education on the transportation issue
- Highlighted issues in the TxDOT handout
- Updating the look of the TxDOT website and handout
- Announced the opening of the Lewisville toll bridge and the events surrounding it. More information will be posted on the website.

-NTTA

Report given by Rick Herrington.

- Announce the new NTTA executive, Allen Clemson
- Provided an update on projects and lanes

-DCTA

Report given by Kristina Brevard

- Announced the signing of a \$73 million contract for new generation rail vehicles
- Referred to the handouts for other information

OTHER BUSINESS

Colby Walton announced that DRMC won the Platinum Hermes Creative Award for the website. The award noted that "the website was a dynamic, new educational tool designed to inform the public and members about critical transportation advocacy efforts and needs among the eastern half of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex

Rob Franke reminded everyone that there is NO MEETING IN JULY and that the Governance Committee will meet in the near future. A date and time will be sent to those on the committee.

ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Grady Smithey
Secretary, DRMC

Date