



**Minutes
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS**

Transportation Committee

**Work Session Room, First Floor of City Hall
200 North Fifth St., Garland, Texas**

**Thursday, April 24, 2014
4:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Council Member John Willis, Chair
Council Member Lori Barnett Dodson
Council Member Tim Campbell

Staff Present: Martin Glenn, Deputy City Manager
Paul Luedtke, Director of Transportation

Consultants: David Dean, Dean International
Russell Schaffner, Dean International

Guests: Council Member B. J. Williams
Michael Miles, DART
Michael Chaney, Garland's DART Representative
Richard Woods, Representative Don Huffines
Dave Brady, G-Bus

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

The minutes of the March 19, 2014 and April 16, 2014 meetings were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Dean International gave an overview of key initiatives. An IH-30 working group has been formally requested by TxDOT for the IH-30 corridor between Dallas to Texarkana and coordinating with Arkansas.

Dean International reviewed progress on the IH-635 frontage road project.

- The project is currently on schedule.
- A closure of the onramp from Centerville Road is currently underway to determine if an extended closure is feasible.
- The retaining wall is on schedule.
- The lighting is delayed a week due to materials shortages.
- Additionally, Secretary Foxx mentioned this frontage road project in his press conference held on IH-635.

Tim Campbell gave a briefing on the request from DRMC to prioritize a list of Dallas area projects. These projects were presented to the committee. The committee discussed the need for better understanding of this issue and why this was being requested. Paul Luedtke and Dean International will follow up by requesting a TxDOT representative address the committee as to what the purpose of this ranking. Paul Luedtke will also contact James McCarley to gain insight into the purpose of this exercise.

Tim Campbell requested direction on a letter from DRMC former chair to endorse a freight plan. The committee unanimously concluded that this request was no longer active as the chairmanship of DRMC has changed.

Dean International presented an overview of the DART rail plans. Tim Campbell expressed interest in an additional Light Rail station in Firewheel Town Center.

B. J. Williams was asked to share his recent experience in El Paso including a transit-oriented development project he viewed. The committee discussed the possibility of doing a pilot project with DART similar to the one in El Paso. Council Member Williams also shared about his visit with the new chair of the transportation committee, Joe Picket. Representative Picket will be touring Garland on May 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Submitted by: Paul Luedtke, Director of Transportation Date: April 29, 2014

Approved by: Council Member John Willis, Chair Date: April 29, 2014