

MINUTES  
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'  
April 8, 2008

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit **Board of Directors'** meeting convened on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 6:35 p.m., at DART Headquarters, 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, with Chair Chrisman presiding.

**City of Dallas**

Scott Carlson  
Jerry L. Christian  
Pamela Dunlop Gates – **Assistant Secretary**  
Daniel C. Perez  
Robert Strauss – **Vice-Chair**  
William Tsao  
William M. Velasco

**City of Garland**

Angie Chen Button

**City of Irving**

John C. Danish – **Secretary**

**City of Plano**

Linda Paulk

**Cities of Addison, Highland Park, Richardson, and University Park**

Raymond Noah

**Cities of Carrollton and Irving**

Randall Chrisman – **Chair**

**Cities of Dallas, Plano, Glenn Heights, and Cockrell Hill**

Faye Moses Wilkins

**Cities of Farmers Branch, Garland, and Rowlett**

Mark C. Enoch

Ms. Button, Ms. Paulk, and Mr. Velasco were absent.

General Items:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** March 25, 2008

**Mr. Carlson made a motion to approve the March 25, 2008, Board of Directors' Meeting minutes with no corrections, deletions, or additions.**

**Mr. Noah seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

2. **Public Comments**

Chair Chrisman reviewed the rules that govern the Public Comments portion of the meeting, including the Code of Conduct for Citizens, News Media, and Visitors at DART Board Meetings (on file in the Office of Board Support).

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Ms. Linda Kaye Lewis, 7245 South Loop 12, Apartment 2096, Dallas, Texas, (214) 364-1770: Ms. Lewis stated that she appreciates everything that the agency does for the region but she had an issue with Loop 12, the 75217 area. Ms. Lewis said the only bus route (available to her) is located at Elam/Jim Miller/Loop 12 and there is not a sidewalk that passengers can use to safely reach the bus stop. Ms. Lewis said shopping, restaurants, and housing has sprung up in the area as well and a sidewalk and additional bus service would be welcome.

Vincente Gonzalez, 856 Gallant Fox Drive, Dallas, Texas, (214) 298-3328: Mr. Gonzalez stated that a LRT operator had treated him discourteously. Mr. Gonzalez stated that he rode the train from 8<sup>th</sup> and Corinth to Jupiter/Forest; Mr. Gonzalez did not state what date/time this trip occurred. Mr. Gonzalez added that, as soon as he boarded the train, he formed the impression that the operator was angry with him due to his physical disabilities and told Mr. Gonzalez to move to the back of the train. Mr. Gonzalez was offended by being told to move to the back to the train. Mr. Gonzalez concluded by saying the experience was so upsetting his health had been effected.

Consent Items:

**Mr. Perez made a motion to approve Consent Items No. 3 - 6.**

3. **Contract for Purchase and Installation of Passenger Shelters**

**Approval of Resolution No. 080040 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award two-year contract, with three one-year options, for the purchase and installation of passenger shelters to Tolar Manufacturing Company, Inc., in a total authorized amount not to exceed \$3,903,045.**

4. **Service Plan Amendment on the Northwest to Irving/DFW Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Extension – Alignment, Grade Separations, and Station Locations and Approval of this Alignment as the Preferred Alignment Identified in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)**

Approval of Resolution No. 080041 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to:

Section 1: Amend the Service Plan to reflect the proposed Northwest Corridor to Irving/DFW LRT alignment and the vertical profile, as shown in Attachment 1.

Section 2: Amend the Service Plan to specify station locations at Loop 12, University of Dallas, South Las Colinas, Lake Carolyn Parkway, North Las Colinas, Carpenter Ranch, North Lake College and Belt Line Road, as shown in Attachment 2.

Section 3: Approve the alignment shown in Attachment 1 as the preferred alignment identified in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

5. **Agreement between DART and Next Block Dallas I, L.P., for a New Light Rail Transit (LRT) At-grade Crossing on Line Section North Central-3 (NC-3)**

Approval of Resolution No. 080042 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute an agreement, substantially in the form attached to the resolution as Exhibit 1 and subject to legal review, with Next Block Dallas I, L.P., for a new light rail transit at-grade crossing on Line Section North Central-3 (NC-3).

6. **Multiple Use Agreement between DART and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to Install a Drainage Culvert in SH 190 Right-of-Way near IH 35E, which is part of the Northwest Corridor Line Section Northwest-4 (NW-4)**

Approval of Resolution No. 080043 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute a Multiple Use Agreement, substantially in the form required by TxDOT and attached to the resolution as Exhibit 1, with TxDOT to install a drainage culvert in SH 190 right-of-way near IH 35E, which is a part of the Northwest Corridor Line Section Northwest-4 (NW-4).

Ms. Wilkins seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Individual Items:

7. **Contract Modification for Systems Integration Consultant (SIC) Services for Light Rail Transit (LRT) Buildout Phase II – Irving/Rowlett Design-Build Support**

Ms. Wilkins prefaced the item by saying that the Project Management Committee had approved the item unanimously on March 25, 2008, and it had also been approved unanimously at the Committee-of-the-Whole earlier in the day.

**Ms. Wilkins made a motion to approve Resolution No. 080044 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute a contract modification, subject to legal review, to provide Irving/Rowlett Design-Build solicitation support with DMJM+Harris Corporation [Contract No. 1004187-01] in the amount of \$273,685, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$31,981,105.**

**Mr. Enoch seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

8. **Call for Public Hearing for a Service Plan Amendment on the Proposed Rowlett LRT Alignment, Station Location, and Grade Separation**

**Mr. Enoch made a motion to approve Resolution No. 080045 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to schedule and conduct a public hearing, at a date and time to be determined, and receive public comments regarding a Service Plan Amendment to locate the alignment, station, and grade separations for the Rowlett Corridor, as shown in Attachment 1.**

**Ms. Wilkins seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

9. **Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Twenty-Year Financial Plan**

This item was not approved at Committee-of-the-Whole.

10. **Direct Report Personnel Issues**

Chair Chrisman stated that this item was considered at Committee-of-the-Whole and the Board has nothing more to report at this time.

Other Items:

11. **Officer Reports**

There was no report.

**12. Chair Report**

Chair Chrisman said that he and a variety of others had attended the Brick Row Ground Breaking ceremony at the Spring Valley Station. He added that the Dallas Chamber had also hosted Regionalism Day in Arlington, Texas.

**13. General Counsel's Report**

There was no report.

**14. President/Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Thomas stated that in a few weeks DART would celebrate and recognize the authentic champions of the Roadeo and Raildeo competitions. He continued that the winner of the "celebrity" and/or "executive" competition was Mr. Tim McKay, Senior Vice President of Project Management, and Mr. Mike Hubbell, Vice President of Maintenance, came in second. Mr. Thomas stated that the recent banquet was to express appreciation for those people who work every single day to operate and maintain the trains, buses, and facilities.

Mr. Thomas continued that he had spoken at the MetroRail Conference last week and had participated in a panel with transit agency representatives from Singapore, London, and New York. Mr. Thomas stated that the Conference was a good opportunity to learn about other transit agency achievements and challenges on a worldwide basis.

**15. Communications and Public Comments**

There were no additional Communications and Public Comments.

**16. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Gail L. Cook  
Board/Committee Secretary

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+ Same Night Item

\* Briefing Item