



JOINT LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE -TRANSPORTATION AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. PLANNING AND TOURISM
Meeting Action Report

Committee: TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING & TOURISM

Members: City Representative Emma Acosta
City Representative Susie Byrd
City Representative Ann Lilly
City Representative Steve Ortega
City Representative Cortney Niland
City Representative Carl Robinson

Date of Meeting: January 5, 2012

- I. Presentation and action on the Master Plan for the I-10 Corridor Aesthetic Improvement Project identified in the 2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan. Focus area specified for study: I-10 corridor from Hawkins Boulevard interchange on the east to the Executive Center Boulevard interchange on the west.

Summary:

Vicki Scuri, the consultant for the I-10 Corridor Aesthetic Improvement Project, made a detailed presentation regarding how the interchanges along the I-10 corridor could be transformed from isolated areas to a pedestrian friendly, transportation corridor utilizing lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, traffic calming measures and aesthetics. The cost for the Airway interchange is estimated at \$10M with the remaining interchanges/locations (11) to be completed as part of a long term plan and subject to funding availability.

Staff presented a funding plan for the I-10 Corridor Project. The LRC commented that the cost for the I-10 Corridor Project must be considered in conjunction with previously approved transportation priorities to determine whether these two projects are competing for the same source of funds and to confirm City priorities. The I-10 Corridor Project would use Category 2 and Prop 12 funds which could potentially compete with the Rapid Transit System project.

Action Taken:

The LRC voted 6-0 to request staff to make a presentation to the entire City Council regarding potential available funds and what projects are eligible for these funds. Further, the LRC requested Ms. Scuri to return and make a presentation on the Airway interchange to the full City Council.

Disposition:

Funding options will be presented to the entire City Council for direction on what to do with freed up Category 2 and Prop 12 funds when they become available.

- II. Discussion and action to recommend changing applicable city codes to make it easier to build within the existing form of traditional neighborhoods.

Summary:

Rep. Byrd made a presentation regarding current codes that require set back requirements which are contrary to traditional neighborhood design. Rep. Byrd would like code requirements to be revised to make it easier to redevelop sites and to eliminate setback requirements.

Action Taken:

The LRC voted 5-0 (Rep. Niland was not present) to direct the City Manager to come back with a proposal to revise regulatory restrictions to allow traditional neighborhood construction.

Disposition:

The action report will be presented to the entire City Council for direction.

- III. Discussion and action directing the economic development staff to craft incentives for "new building" within the downtown area.

Summary:

Rep. Ortega requested staff to research new incentives for downtown development and to report back to the LRC before taking any action to the entire City Council.

Action Taken:

The LRC voted 5-0 (Rep. Niland was not present) to direct the City Manager to research new incentives and to report back to the LRC.

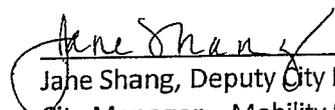
Disposition:

The action report will be presented to the entire City Council for direction.

SUBMITTED BY:



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