

**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
5<sup>th</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006

The International Bridge Commission met at the above place and date.

Meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. Vice Chair Mike Dipp presided over the meeting.  
The following were present:

Mike Dipp, Mayor's Appointee  
Daniel Barnes, D-4 (Rep. Melina Castro)  
Gerardo Camacho, D-3 (Rep. J. Alexandro Lozano)  
Y. I. Santoscoy, D-2 (Rep. Susannah M. Byrd)

**Others Present:**

Daryl W. Cole, Streets Director  
Richard Bristol, Street Department  
Ray J. Mendoza, Street Department / Bridges & Meters Division  
Christina J. Daly, U. S. Customs & Border Protection

**Absent:**

Tanny Berg, D-1 (Rep. Ann Morgan Lilly)  
Mike Breitingner, D-7 (Rep. Steve Ortega)  
Blanca Dominguez, D-6 (Rep. Eddie Holguin, Jr.)  
Vacancy – D-5 (Rep. Presi Ortega)  
Vacancy D-8 (Rep. Beto O'Rourke)

**Agenda**

**Item 1:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mike Dipp. Vice Chair Dipp asked that the record show the Agenda was posted the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October at City Hall, and that there was a quorum present. Vice Chair Dipp called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

**Item 2:** Motion made by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Ms Santoscoy and carried to approve the Minutes for the meeting of Thursday, September 28, 2006.

**AYES:** Mr. Barnes, Mr. Camacho, Ms Santoscoy.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Vice Chair Dipp

**NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE:** Chair Berg, Mr. Breitingner, Ms Dominguez.

**At this time Item 4 was discussed prior to Item 3.**

#### **Item 4. Discussion and Presentation by General Services Agency on the Status of On-going Capital Projects at the International Bridges:**

Mr. Mendoza stated that representatives from GSA were unable to attend the meeting, but that they did e-mail information that the contract was awarded on the reconstruction of the Paso Del Norte Port of Entry.

Ms. Christine Daly from U. S. Customs and Border Protection arrived at this time. She confirmed that they are scheduled to meet on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October at the PDN at 11 a.m. to discuss the project which is scheduled to begin within six months. She stated that GSA did get the additional funding. She also said that she has received permission from Headquarters to have Mr. Mendoza sit in on all the meetings. Mr. Cole requested a final set of drawings from Ms. Daly, who is the point of contact for the project. Ms. Daly stated that they have a new project manager, Mr. Vicente de Armas who just took over El Paso, and the new project manager for GSA is Mr. James Morgan.

Vice Chair Dipp told her the Commission appreciated her input and invited her to attend all the meetings, and asked that the secretary send Ms. Daly notices of the meetings. Ms. Daly left the meeting at this time.

**Item 3: Presentation of Bridge Management Report** – Mr. Mendoza discussed the Santa Fe Street Bridge Project, and stated that the City has issued the official Notice to Proceed for preliminary design. A rendering of some of the options was distributed.

- Ray stated that they are redoing the toll facility to add capacity and to be able to process pedestrians easier and quicker.
- Concept selected for new pedestrian toll area to include new counting equipment (to count pedestrian traffic), and a heat camera will be incorporated in the design.
- Providing security for the employees, the parking area, and the receiving of money.
- Possibly having a digital board for advertising and messages.

**Motion was made by Mr. Camacho, seconded by Mr. Barnes and carried to accept the plan as presented to the Commission.**

**AYES:** Mr. Barnes, Mr. Camacho, Mr. Dipp, Ms Santoscoy.

**NAYS:** None

**NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE:** Chair Berg, Mr. Breitinger, Ms Dominguez.

**Item 5:** Discussion on Action on Review of the Preliminary Draft of the International Bridge Commission Annual Report to City Council.

A discussion was held on Mr. Barnes' request to add an amendment to the draft resolution of the Strategic Goals in regard to the terminal hub.

Motion made by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Camacho and unanimously carried that we add this amendment into the strategic goals. All in favor.

**AYES:** Mr. Barnes, Mr. Camacho, Mr. Dipp, Ms Santoscoy.

**NAYS:** None

**NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE:** Chair Berg, Mr. Breitinger, Ms Dominguez.

Mr. Barnes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Santoscoy carried to accept these as our strategic goals and have a final draft at the next meeting.

**AYES:** Mr. Barnes, Mr. Camacho, Mr. Dipp, Ms Santoscoy.

**NAYS:** None

**NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE:** Chair Berg, Mr. Breitinger, Ms Dominguez.

**Item 6.** There were no open comments.

**Item 7.** Motion was made by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Camacho and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

**AYES:** Mr. Dipp, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Camacho, Ms Santoscoy.

**NAYS:** None

**NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE:** Mr. Berg, Mr. Breitinger, Ms Dominguez

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Approved as to form:

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Department Head / Board Secretary