

# INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

5<sup>th</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007 – 3:00 P.M.

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

**Item 1:** Chair Tanny Berg called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Present were:

**Tanny Berg, Chair** – D-1 (Rep. Ann Morgan Lilly)  
**Mike Dipp, Vice-Chair** - Mayor John Cook's Appointee  
**Victor M. Aguirre**, D-5 (Rep. Rachel Quintana)  
**Daniel Barnes**, D-4 (Rep. Melina Castro)  
**Mike Breitinger**, D-7 (Rep. Steve Ortega)  
**Gerardo Camacho**, D-3 (Rep. J. Alexandro Lozano)

### ABSENT

**Vacancy** - D-2  
**Blanca Dominguez**, D-6 (Rep. Eddie Holguin, Jr.)  
**Saul Frank**, D-8 (Rep. Beto O'Rourke)

### OTHERS PRESENT

Daryl W. Cole, Streets Director  
Richard Bristol, Street Department  
Ray Mendoza, Bridges & Meters  
Jorge Castillo, Economic Development

**Item 2:** Motion made by Mr. Dipp, seconded by Mr. Breitinger and carried to approve the Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007.

**AYES:** Mr. Berg, Mr. Dipp, Mr. Aguirre, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Breitinger, Mr. Camacho..

**NAYS:** None

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

### **Item 3: Discussion and Action on Presentation of Bridge Management Report.**

Mr. Mendoza gave an update on City projects, e.g.:

- Notice to Proceed (NTP) issued to PSC (Parkhill, Smith & Cooper) on May 9 on the Santa Fe Street Bridge Enhancement Project for the preliminary design of the canopies, lions placita and the pedestrian walkway, etc.
- PSC was notified to proceed with the categorical exclusion for the building site, pending the SIB Loan to be approved in Austin.
- Received environmental clearance for the Stanton Street Bridge Project in January 2007.
- NTP issued June 5 for the preliminary design to BPLW+ASCD for Stanton Street Bridge Enhancement Project.
- Zaragoza Bridge projects – Pending bid for the DCL safety lighting; awaiting on agreement to continue the Zaragoza Commercial Expansion Project.

- Cesar Chavez Connection with Mexico – waiting for the agreement to proceed with the feasibility study.
- Working to get some message boards installed at Zaragoza Bridge; will eventually be incorporated in the design phase for Santa Fe and Stanton Street Bridges.

Chair Berg asked for renderings of what the projects are going to look like. Mr. Mendoza will request from PSC. Mr. Cole will bring renderings to show at the next meeting, and will invite a representative from PSC to make a presentation.

Mr. Barnes asked that we put off this discussion until we have an aerial view in order to be able to vision the projects. Mr. Cole stated that we will constantly have a slide projector with an aerial of the three bridges at all of our meetings.

**ITEM 4. Discussion and Action on the GSA Head House Project at the PDN Bridge.**

Weekly summary reports were e-mailed to the Commissioners who have e-mail. Copies were distributed at the meeting.

Chair Berg asked that we invite representatives from GSA again, and to let them know that we are disappointed that they did not show up to this meeting. Mr. Berg also stated that we add to the minutes that we are extremely disappointed that there is no schedule yet for the Head House Project, and that we think it is very unprofessional to not have a construction plan. Chair Berg asked that Item No. 4 be on our next meeting agenda again, and that we need to be proactive and come up with a plan on what is going to happen in August when they release the people at the base of Oregon Street.

Mr. Barnes asked that we add to the Minutes that the people being released on Oregon Street are being released into a residential neighborhood, an area where there are no facilities for bathrooms, water, and no guidance to get them back to where there is commerce.

Chair Berg stated that he applauds the City staff as they have bent over backwards to get GSA to work with the City of El Paso.

**ITEM 5: Discussion and Action on Regional Transportation Initiatives.**

Mr. Don Miche, a professor at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), made a presentation on transportation issues.

**ITEM 6: There were no Open Comments.**

Motion made by Mr. Breitinger, seconded by Mr. Barnes and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved as to form:

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Department Head / Board Secretary