

Comments Received at Public Meetings

Transcript of Public Comments
Recorded at 2013-2016 TIP Call for Projects Public Meetings
March 19, 2013

Noon Meeting:

1. **Delia Mizwa**, Uptown Houston District, representing the Uptown Houston Board of Directors, the TIRS, the Development Authority, and the District to state that all three Boards are in full support of the two Uptown mobility projects.

2. **Daphne Scarbrough**, President of Richmond Avenue Coalition, speaking about the Uptown Line Project – After having been so intimately involved with METRO over the last 8 years, the financial figures for this project do not make any sense. This is a project never approved by the FTA because it could not go through the FEIS process or the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). METRO was always going to pay for it with our tax dollars and this reeks a little too closely with the several hundred million spent on the intermodal terminal on the north side of Buffalo Bayou which METRO eventually dropped. I think there are many other projects on your list that are much more worthy. The roadways are in horrible shape! No matter where you are in the city or on the outskirts of the city, that should be the first and foremost thing. The Post Oak people are wonderful, but they have already been through the trolley system—trolleys bought for \$300,000 a piece and sold for \$80,000 each and gave that up because no one would ride them. Certainly, a parking garage is needed but whether the taxpayers need to be paying for that is another story, but the Uptown project should not be on that list. I don't know who is on the Technical Advisory Committee that oversees these projects, but they should be more informed about which projects were approved previously under the FTA process. Because this is our money, it is federal money, it is taxpayer money and right now the roads and bridges around the region have much more need than yet another empty bus going up the middle Post Oak.

Email Comments Received

Post Oak BRT

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**Public Comments to HGAC TPC
Limited To Project and Funding Proposal For
METRO & Uptown Management District**

Dear Mr. Clark:

I submit the following comments to the TPC limited to the project and funding proposals for the Uptown METRO project as I understand them. These are my own individual statements and do not necessarily reflect my membership on the board of CTC or my position as Advocacy Chair for CTC.

Under the law surface transportation and mobility choices are to be “performance based” and not politically or emotionally based. The current METRO and Uptown Corridor plans represent, given the recent voter referendum, a best available technology to move H-GAC toward that goal.

I very strongly support UDA and METRO's leadership in taking the bull by the horns for transit and its ancillary and appurtenant facilities in the Uptown District and urge the TPC to approve of the proposed measures as soon as possible and to commit to and lock in the funding proposals as soon as possible.

The TPC is charged under federal law with performance based planning and promoting of surface mobility

Transit is of crucial importance to Houston if we are to maintain and promote growth in our employment centers in Houston, and the strategic thinking shown in the proposals can lead to workable, and possibly optimal, transit options for a part of Houston whose local and highway traffic patterns often make mobility in the Galleria area look more like Manhattan (but without the transit options) or Calcutta (but with a higher standard of living) than the mobility that the TPC is charged under federal law with planning and promoting.

At the planning stage, environmental issues must be revealed.

The concepts underlying these plans should be moved forward, but I do have some concerns that are in no way intended to strangle the plans.

Source of Funding: TxDOT should not divert funds necessary for it to comply with federal law for its own projects.

The Uptown plans are subject to specific source of funding questions. Competition for funding must be done on a rational basis and not on a political basis. IH-610, between IH-10 and US59 is the most congested area and creates irrational and unsafe traffic patterns for a highway that was rebuilt by TxDOT only in 2007. Traffic in the local area is a mess. In 1991 the public urged TxDOT (then SHD of TX) to rebuild the 610W/59 interchange first before rebuilding IH-610 Loop West to help untangle the Galleria mess. While that apparently will get done after 20+ years, it was repeatedly passed over as a project by TxDOT.

TxDOT should have used its funds to get that interchange project done to unclog the Galleria. Besides severe bottlenecks, that interchange poses major safety and clean air issues many hours of the day.

Since TxDOT has not been serious about the mobility issues for the Galleria, it is time to let METRO take a shot at improving mobility for the Galleria. I do not consider the categorical exclusion, no capacity added rehabilitation of the 610 Loop West north of Bellaire to be a serious effort. Any transit improvements can only serve to increase mobility and the improvements should be undertaken if they are performance based when rank ordered. The anti-rail group already won the rail question, so no further irrational or

emotional political assault should be made on METRO's efforts, particularly when they are joint with the UDA.

METRO is finally taking steps to pursue strategic development of bus-based mobility, and if the dedicated bus lanes are used for many sizes of buses, and fired with natural gas, that would be great with me.

TxDOT Funding Must Be Without Strings

METRO and the UDA must take care not to enter into undisclosed commitments and contingencies regarding TxDOT funding. The Galleria transit development funding must be no strings attached, or at least no strings that are undisclosed to the public. One of such commitments I fear might include a later commitment to pay TxDOT for space on the IH-610 north of Post Oak Boulevard if the bus lanes become elevated into the IH-610 alignment.

Use of "found" money and federal compliance

I question TxDOT's repeated finding of "found" money whether it is used for something I do not approve of such as the Grand Parkway or something I strongly approve of such as dedicated bus lanes and transit centers for the Galleria area.

This is not merely an objection to overestimating costs and the issues that engenders.

The main point here is that TxDOT must show that it has complied with all federal mitigation and abatement requirements on federal projects before it turns over monies to METRO unless the election under which bonds were approved or federal funding specifically permit TxDOT to give the money to METRO.

TxDOT has not completed its environmental abatement on several projects, for example abatement of noise impacts on the nearby Memorial Parklands, noise impacts on the 610 expansion and 290 expansion, wetlands mitigation on the Grand Parkway and does not appear to have a sinking fund for such compliance. In fact, TxDOT refuses to fulfill these requirements.

TxDOT should not be giving money away to METRO, with or without strings, until it has used its federal funds or bonds for the purpose for which they were entrusted.

TxDOT should be required to state under oath that it has fully complied with all environmental abatement and mitigation required for its own projects before giving METRO found or extra money that it received from state debt holders or the FHWA.

TIRZ Funding, Governance, Public Participation, and Transparency

The TIRZ must have open meetings, with notice and comment periods, for this project. These meetings can be conducted jointly with METRO, but financial disclosures have to be made also. The Galleria probably could not have flourished without a TIRZ and it seems to have excellent leadership. But I object to the overuse of TIRZ, MUDs, and other special government entities. Texas has far too many of these. Texas, which claims to be free market has more special government entities than any other state and than many states combined. These entities are essentially unaccountable to the public which flied in the face of Title 49 and 23.

As I am sure the reviewers of these comments know, development authorities have been declared void in California, and Senator Cornyn, when he was AG, questioned their lawfulness.

A Joint Operating Agreement in the form of an MOU must be signed by all parties

With all due deference, the project participants and stakeholders have shown a history of not playing well together. This Uptown project has been on the drawing board for years in one form or another and has been accompanied by much bickering, posturing, and stalemates. Serious public efforts were last launched for a TxDOT/METRO Loop 610 West joint project in 2001. That project fell apart due to fights over funding sharing.

An MOU or other governance document must be signed with a clearly defined arbitration clause or other dispute resolution mechanism.

Where things may break down are with TxDOT seeking reimbursement or restrictions on the future use of the IH-610 Loop north of Post Oak Boulevard.

Scope of the Project and Environmental and Public Participation Issues

This project has presented many meetings in the past years, but there are now new plans, so we need new disclosures, meetings, public participation, and comments.

Metro has advised it is in discussion regarding the use of TxDOT's elevated lanes as an alignment from Post Oak Boulevard to the NWTC and further that METRO considers this to be part of the project.

An Environmental Assessment will be necessary and METRO should just commence writing one.

There will have to be an Environmental Assessment for that segment of the project regardless of how it is funded. This should not cost that much, and if misstatements are kept to a minimum, environmental lawsuits can be avoided.

A project cannot be segmented under federal law, so all environmental impacts along the entirety of the alignment have to be evaluated, even if only the intra-Galleria portion and south Transit Center is funded.

The funding of the Uptown project north of Post Oak Boulevard is not part of the current proposal although the project scope extends to the NWTC. Gas fired buses (recommended below) may militate against air and noise impacts, but impacts have to be evaluated.

Buses are noisy if diesel fired. The air in this area is polluted. It is a CO hotspot. The area north of Post Oak Boulevard presents bayou and parklands impacts and impacts on neighborhoods north of Woodway. FTA projects generally do not qualify for a categorical exclusion.

The use of methane might qualify as an alternative fuel or mitigation.

This should not be a difficult assessment so the parties should just get busy doing it. Attempts to assert that no analysis is necessary will not be met well.

METRO must make certain that it is not charged with environmental damage that is the responsibility of TxDOT to abate.

Nature of the Infrastructure

It is not clear whether the capital budget for the Uptown segment in the Galleria includes constructing a road bed that would be suitable for adding rolling stock later or is the road bed just suitable for surface buses? This was an issue that arose in 2002 as one of the alternatives for infrastructure for the Uptown BRT. The summary does not address this issue and only addresses the surface configuration.

Alignment Between Post Oak Boulevard and NWTC-Part of the Project Is Not Part of the Funding Proposal

Metro has advised it is currently in discussion regarding the use of TxDOT's elevated lanes as an alignment from Post Oak Boulevard to the NWTC and further that METRO considers this to be part of the project.

But the summary does not even mention TxDOT, in these documents or how to get from Post Oak Blvd to the NWTC.

The Uptown TIRZ can accomplish what it needs for its stakeholders in the Galleria area without insisting on the elevated alignment north of Post Oak outside the Galleria.

Other alignments North of Post Oak Boulevard (outside the Galleria) would not need to involve METRO's utilization of the elevated 610 Mainlanes to get to the NWTTC.

What if METRO goes to the City and says it wants to negotiate with the City and the Daughters of Republic of Texas (DRT) to get a donation of a small amount of right of way from the Memorial Parklands to use for dedicated bus lanes. I am frankly tired of hearing METRO say that this cannot be done and will volunteer CTC to be a disinterested voluntary go between to explore this alternative.

Were the project to stay at grade, would TxDOT still give METRO "found" money?

There are many new areas of dense residential development in a more broadly defined Uptown Corridor outside the immediate Galleria area to the north and south that could be serve if the METRO bus project were to remain at grade.

These newer areas do not require an Inner Katy route. Besides the older Lafayette Place neighborhoods north of the Galleria, there is much new dense development on the immediate east side of 610 (immediately inside the Loop) and along Old Katy Road.

Hotspot Issues: Natural Gas Buses Should Be Evaluated For The Uptown Project

Methane-fired buses of various sizes should be considered for hotspot areas like the Galleria. Trolleys are romantic, but are not flexible and have very noisy brakes.

Alignment should be able to accommodate all size buses

METRO has advised that it is attempting to optimize its fleet, and the center alignment should provide flexibility as to bus sizes used on the Uptown routes ranging from Park and Ride buses to mini buses.

Functional Bus Stops Must Be Used

Bus stops must be for the 21st century. While the Uptown-area bus stops look like works of art, they are not functional. Although persons would presumably have shorter waits at Uptown bus stops, new ones should be designed with shelter in mind. Better route signage should be used also.

Pervious Concrete For New Sidewalks May Partially Offset The Impervious Esplanades

Consideration should be given to using pervious sidewalks (and even parking lots) to help offset the loss of the dirt esplanade. In any event, drainage must be a key consideration for the project.

These comments are my personal views and are submitted in an individual capacity. I have lived in an older, dense dwelling neighborhood which borders the Uptown corridor since 1987. I have worked in support of a rational Uptown mobility corridor since 1990 when the CAAA was adopted and am most pleased that it looks like the key transit piece will now move forward under the forward looking leadership of John Breeding, METRO strategic planning, and the H-GAC TPC leadership.

I strongly support the current Uptown transit concept, and I would be happy to assist in neighborhood support and environmental compliance it with all due haste.

Best Regards,

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David:

Does the editorial by the Houston Chronicle regarding the Uptown Mobility Project count as public comment for the TIP? Please see the editorial at the following website:

<http://www.chron.com/opinion/editorials/article/Houston-rail-reborn-4377902.php>

Rod Smith, P.E.

Letters & Other Correspondence

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March 28, 2013

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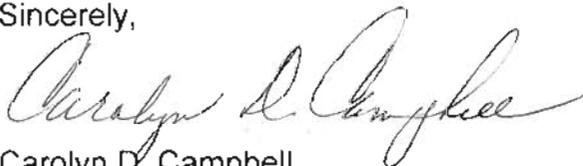
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Sincerely,



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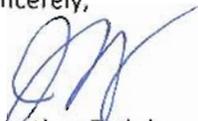
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We have been retailers on Post Oak Blvd for over 37 years. We understand the need for an improved mobility infrastructure for Post Oak Blvd. Over the last several years traffic on Post Oak Blvd has increased dramatically, and with the new office towers and shopping centers being built the need for a mass transit system in the Galleria area has never been more important. The Galleria area and especially Post Oak Blvd are and have been the main shopping district in Houston and arguably the most prestigious street in Houston. If major improvements aren't made to Post Oak Blvd than I fear Post Oak Blvd will lose much of its luster. We are not in favor of a rail project down Post Oak Blvd, but find the Uptown District's plan the connect Post Oak into METRO's highly successful HOV network using buses a cost effective and less intrusive plan than rail and therefore support it.

I respectfully encourage the Transportation Policy Council to approve the Uptown Houston Mobility Grant Application for the funding of a bus transit system down Post Oak Blvd.

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Sincerely,

Kendall Miller
President
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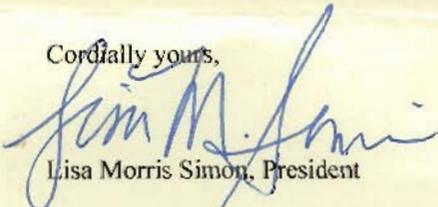
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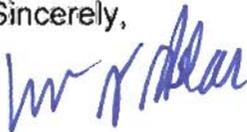
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Legacy Asset Management**

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Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter. Please contact me with further questions or concerns at 713.850.8841.

Best,



Meredith Cress
General Property Manager, Williams Tower
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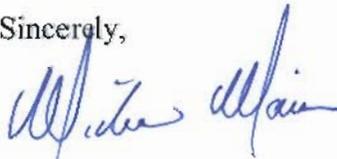
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This improved mobility plan will promote Uptown District as a great neighborhood ensuring a vibrant community for the future. I respectfully encourage the Transportation Policy Council to select the Uptown Mobility projects for funding.

Sincerely,



Michael Mair, P.E., LEED AP
Executive Vice President, Regional Manager
Skanska USA Commercial Development Inc.

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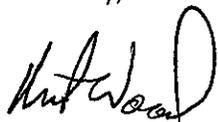
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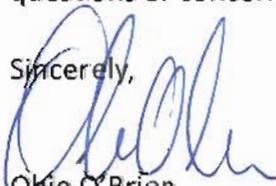
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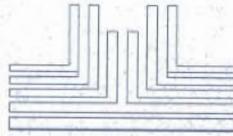
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Sincerely,


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Sincerely,

Rick Comeaux
Senior Property Manager
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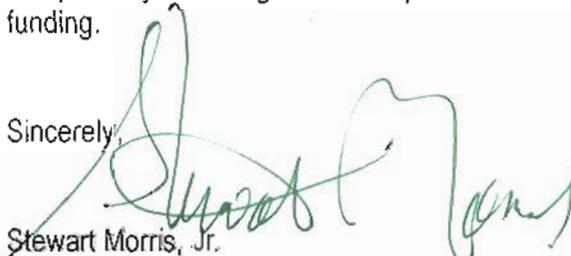
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Thomas C. Lambert

March 29, 2013

Mr. Alan Clark, Director
Transportation Planning
H-GAC
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120
Houston, TX 77027

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Dear Mr. Clark:

METRO writes this letter to reaffirm our commitment to the Uptown District's proposal to reconstruct and widen Post Oak Boulevard, build an exclusive transitway with direct connections to the Northwest Transit Center and also construct a proposed Westpark Transit Center with direct access to the Southwest Freeway.

METRO feels strongly that the Uptown District proposal, when realized, will allow the Authority to upgrade significantly the level of transit services to one of our most economically crucial communities, accelerate the construction of critical transit infrastructure and leverage the resources of the Uptown District and METRO to accomplish more in less time than either entity could separately. Hence, METRO continues to work very closely with the Uptown District and their consultants, the Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in project development.

By submitting this letter to H-GAC, METRO not only reaffirms this project as a priority to the Authority, but also reconfirms our desire to partner with the Uptown District. In addition, the Uptown proposal memorializes our commitment of future resources to operate improved service within the corridor as well as enhance Park & Ride connectivity and operations to the proposed Westpark Transit Center.

The Uptown District proposal offers the prospect of a partnership that can create the transit infrastructure needed to provide first-class transit services for an area of vital economic importance to our region. We, therefore, urge the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to select the Uptown District proposal as a regional funding priority in the FY2015-2016 call for projects.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Lambert
Interim President & CEO

cc: Gilbert Garcia, Chairman of METRO Board of Directors
Judge Dwight Jefferson, METRO Member of Board of Directors
Kurt Luhrsen, Interim Sr. Vice President, Service Design & Development/ METRO
Thomas Jasien, Vice President and Director of Government Affairs/ METRO
Clint Harbert, Senior Director, System Planning & Development/ METRO

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Todd Casper
Vice President

CBRE, Inc.
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March 25, 2013

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April 17, 2013

Mr. Alan Clark
Director of Transportation Planning
Houston-Galveston Area Council
P.O. Box 22777
Houston, TX 77227

Dear Mr. Clark,

On behalf of the 2,100 members that comprise the Greater Houston Partnership (GHP), I want to express our resolute support for the Uptown Transit Project and ask that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) approve the federal and state funds required to construct the needed project.

The Greater Houston Partnership (GHP) has a long-standing mission to be the region's primary business advocate working towards improved mobility and maintaining an infrastructure system that sets Houston apart. Over the past few decades, the Uptown District has positioned itself as a center for retail and commerce, as well as emerged as one of the faster growing residential markets in our region. As the Uptown District continues to attract residents, there is a growing need for public transit services that will allow residents to commute to work, to Memorial Park and to connect to the expanding transportation system throughout our region. The proposed improvements to Post Oak Boulevard, which include acquiring additional right-of-way to create bus rapid transit lanes, will address mobility issues along the congested thoroughfare and help lessen traffic not only on Post Oak Boulevard, but on I-610, I-10 and US-59.

The Uptown Transit Project addresses a regional need and best positions Houston for its long term growth. Houston possesses all the tools required for additional economic success, but we must offer our citizens the proper infrastructure and capacity to prosper. Investments in projects such as this can generate economic benefit through reduced congestion, more reliable travel times, decreased costs of accidents and decreased emissions. We believe that the Uptown Transit Project is a critical piece to a well-functioning transportation network and ask that you support this proposal.

GHP shares your commitment and dedication to the betterment of Houston and stands ready to assist you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at (713) 844-3601.

Respectfully,

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Bob Harvey
President & CEO
Greater Houston Partnership

cc: Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, Chair, Transportation Policy Council

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Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter. Please contact me with further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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March 31, 2013



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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR UPTOWN HOUSTON MOBILITY GRANT APPLICATION

- 1) Post Oak Boulevard Reconstruction and Transitway Development: Richmond Avenue to IH 610 (\$45,000,000)
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Mary Catherine Miller
Chairman of the Board

April 2, 2013

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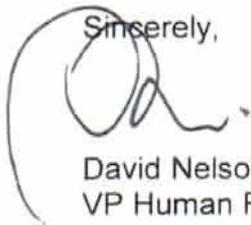
To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as evidence of my (our) support for the above referenced grant application.

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I respectfully encourage the Transportation Policy Council to select the Uptown Mobility projects for funding.

Sincerely,



David Nelson
VP Human Resources
BHP Billiton



March 28, 2013

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Sincerely,

Kathy Barnes-Colvin
Sr. Manager, Corporate Properties
Invesco

March 26, 2013

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APPLICATION**

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Sincerely,



Janice Hale Harris



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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR UPTOWN HOUSTON MOBILITY GRANT

1. Post Oak Boulevard Reconstruction and Transitway Development:
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Please accept this letter as evidence that the Houston Area Urban League supports the above referenced grant application.

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On behalf of the Houston Area Urban League, I respectfully encourage the Transportation Policy Council to select the Uptown Mobility projects for funding.

Sincerely,

Judson W. Robinson III
President & CEO
Houston Area Urban League, Inc.



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