

CCTRA RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 3000 -01-11

STATE OF TEXAS

COLLIN COUNTY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

COUNTY OF COLLIN

DECEMBER 14, 2015

On Monday, December 14, 2015, the Collin County Toll Road Authority Board of Directors met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Jack Hatchell Collin County Administration Building, 4th Floor, 2300 Bloomdale Road, City of McKinney, Texas, with the following members present, and participating, to wit:

President Keith Self

Director Susan Fletcher, Precinct 1

Director Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2

Director Chris Hill, Precinct 3

Director Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

1. President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 3:19 p.m.

2. **Consent agenda to approve:** President Self asked for comments on the consent agenda. Hearing no comments, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda. (Time: 3:19 p.m.)

Motion by: Director Susan Fletcher

Second by: Director Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5 - 0

a. AI-40893 November 16, 2015, Minutes, County Clerk.

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

3. AI-40887 Local Environmental Document (prepared by the North Central Texas Council of Governments) for the Collin County Outer Loop (CCOL) Segment 3A (South Dallas Parkway to SH 289) to include the ultimate concept design for the interchanges at OL/DNT and OL/SH289, Engineering.

Clarence Daugherty, Engineering, introduced Nick Ataie, P.E. and Project Manager with CH2M Hill. Mr. Ataie gave a technical update on the Segment 3a schematic which included the interchange footprints for both the OL (Outer Loop) at DNT (Dallas North Tollway) and the OL at Preston Road. Due to an Atmos gas pipeline project already under construction, the technically approved corridor alignment required a minor alignment adjustment. No new property owners will be affected by this new alignment though some additional ROW (Right of Way) is required.

The interchange concepts were coordinated with TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) and NCTCOG (North Central Texas Council of Governments). There were meetings with approximately 75% of the property owners along the corridor regarding the alignment adjustment. All owners were notified by certified mail of the meeting and had the opportunity to speak at the meeting. Lastly there was a public meeting held in the Commissioners' Courtroom. Future activities include adoption of the Local Environmental Document, continued development of the final design plans, ROW acquisition for Segment 3a and beginning full schematic development from the Denton County line to Custer Road.

There was a lengthy conversation regarding the impact of the new alignment on the major property owner and the cost of the new alignment. Mr. Daugherty introduced Will Barresi, P.E. with CH2M Hill, to explain the factors taken into account which resulted in this alignment. Mr. Barresi said there were at least six public meetings held in 2012 for people to view the alignment options, and this particular alignment came from a public comment made by a former Collin County Commissioner. Factors involved in selecting this alignment included social, environmental and cost. The new alignment was presented to and approved by the Court with no comments. Commissioner Williams was not present at that meeting and therefore was not able to speak against this alignment.

Mr. Daugherty introduced Sandy Wesch, Project Engineer with NCTCOG. Ms. Wesch presented a PowerPoint presentation on the environmental status. A local environmental document has been prepared for the construction of a two-lane eastbound frontage road and early acquisition of ROW for the ultimate design of the Collin County OL from the future Dallas North Tollway to SH289 (Preston Road) including the future interchanges. The environment document discusses: the social, economic and environmental effects of the project; the need for the project; the purpose of the project; alternatives; and environmental resources, effects and mitigation. Ms. Wesch is seeking approval of this document from the Court.

Regarding the need for the project, Collin County is the fastest growing county in the region with a population of approximately 900,000. By 2040 the population is estimated to be over 1.5 million. The County is proactively planning the development of transportation facilities to accommodate future growth. This project will also provide a necessary east-west link in the county and access to the future extension of DNT, SH121, US75 and an alternate route for US380.

The purpose of the project is to help establish and preserve a transportation corridor; increase the economic development opportunities in northern Collin County; provide roadway capacity, mobility and accessibility for developing areas by providing more direct links to existing major highways; and to provide the basic transportation infrastructure necessary to allow for expansion.

The existing land uses in the corridor include farmland, timberland, railroad and utilities and requires approximately 218 acres of ROW. The project would not displace any residential or commercial structures and there are no regulated material sites within the proposed ROW. Ms. Wesch said the effect on vegetation and wetlands/waters of the US is minimal and no threatened or endangered species are located in the project area or proposed ROW.

All property owners were contacted by Collin County staff and three meetings with the owners were held in August and September of 2015. The majority of the property owners had no issues. A public meeting was held in October 2015 with the preliminary design, ROW, designs for the DNT and SH289 interchanges, draft environmental document and an environmental constraints map were available for review. Staff from Collin County, NCTCOG and the consultant team was available to answer questions. There were two written comments against the final alignment. In conclusion investigations conducted did not reveal any significant impacts to the social, economic, and/or environmental resources. Prior to building the second frontage road or main lanes, additional environmental studies would be required. If the County wants federal money, the subsequent studies would have to be done at a federal level. This study was done at a local level.

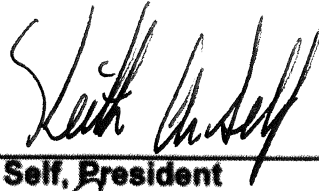
With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the local environmental document. (Time: 3:47 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

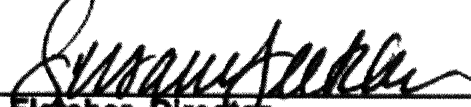
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Board, President Self adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.



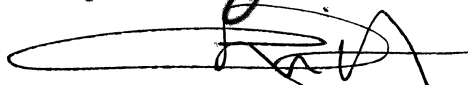
Keith Self, President



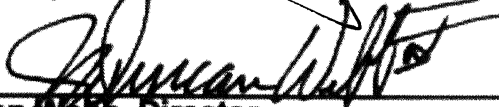
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