



MEMORANDUM

TO: Galveston Intermodal Transportation Committee
FROM: John Carrara
DATE: July 21, 2010
SUBJECT: Report on Various Agenda Items

Item F2. Livable Communities/ Downtown Transit Terminal. We continue to work with the Federal Transit Administration to add the fourth (and final) year of congressional earmark funds of \$1,050,000 and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds allocated locally. These actions should be approved by September, finalizing a total in excess of \$7,000,000 in federal funds for the terminal, parking garage, and LCI programs. City Council has instructed The Goodman Corporation to work with Mitchell Historic Properties to develop a draft agreement within 60 days in response to MHP's proposal to develop and construct a transit terminal and garage facility on the northeast corner of 25th and The Strand. The city council's decision on this should be known by the end of September. The two FTA grants may then need to be amended to reflect a revised program. The revisions could be accomplished by the end of 2010.

Item F3. Commuter Rail. The stakeholder committee (elected officials) will meet next week to review the expanded alternatives, discuss ways to raise sufficient funds to implement the locally preferred alternative, and consider cost savings actions.

Item F4. Seawall Boulevard Improvements. Design development of improvements to Fort Crockett batteries were reviewed with stakeholders June 30. Upon their approval, a package was submitted to the Texas Historical Commission for approval to release additional federal funds and to allow spending of the Frito Lay donation on the Hampton battery. Please note that the THC review is not the cause of delay as reported in the Daily News. It is merely one of the steps in moving forward.