



CITY OF MARTINEZ

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA February 18, 2009

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Anjana Mevani, Assistant Planner
Timothy Tucker, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Downtown Martinez Community-Based Transportation Plan

DATE: February 5, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution accepting the Downtown Martinez Community-Based Transportation Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Martinez, with a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), embarked on a study of transportation needs and possible solutions to assist low and moderate income residents in accessing public transportation in Downtown Martinez in January 2008. The Downtown Martinez Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) is part of a regional program created by MTC. It utilizes a grass-roots approach to identify barriers to mobility in areas with low and moderate income residents throughout the region and to develop solutions to overcome them. The collaborative process has involved residents, community leaders, local businesses, community and faith-based organizations, transit operators, school officials, public agencies, and a Stakeholder Committee.

The project team (City of Martinez, MTC, Wilbur Smith Associates, and Stakeholder Committee) gathered input from the community through surveys and meetings to learn about transportation issues in order to develop a list of feasible and effective transportation improvement solutions and projects. A total of 229 community transportation surveys were collected over the summer months. Survey respondents highly ranked a neighborhood shuttle, improved bus stops, and increased bus services as the most important and valuable transportation solutions that would most benefit them. The public outreach portion of the Downtown Martinez CBTP wrapped up with a Community Open House on October 21, 2008. The public had an opportunity to see the results of the survey, learn about the draft transportation solutions, and provide input by voting on projects that overcome transportation barriers.

The Downtown Martinez CBTP was completed recently and includes an assessment of existing conditions for transportation, identification of transportation needs and development of transportation solutions. The Downtown Martinez CBTP also includes a list of recommended improvements and potential funding sources for implementation that will make it safer and more

comfortable for people to walk, bike, drive, and use the bus in/out of Downtown Martinez. By preparing this plan the City of Martinez, will be eligible for additional transportation funding sources through MTC as well as other funding sources.

The City has already seen dividends from the Plan. Working with the County Connection (CCCTA) Martinez received a \$100,000 grant through MTC to improve several bus stops in town. This project has been incorporated into the City's recently approved Capital Improvement Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) made grant funds, in the amount of \$60,000, available to the City of Martinez to develop a Community-Based Transportation Plan for the downtown area. MTC funds were used for this report/project on a reimbursement basis.

ACTION:

Adopt resolution accepting the Downtown Martinez Community-Based Transportation Plan report.

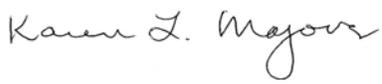
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Downtown Martinez Community-Based Transportation Plan

APPROVED BY:


City Manager

APPROVED BY:


Assistant City Manager Community &
Economic Development

RESOLUTION NO. -09

ACCEPTING THE DOWNTOWN MARTINEZ COMMUNITY-BASED
TRANSPORTATION PLAN REPORT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission made grant funds available to the City of Martinez to develop a Community-Based Transportation Plan to assist in the planning of transportation improvements in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the project team (City of Martinez, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Wilbur Smith Associates, and Stakeholder Committee) gathered input from the community through surveys and meetings to learn about transportation issues in order to develop a list of feasible and effective transportation improvement solutions and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Martinez Community-Based Transportation Plan identifies transportation needs, evaluates options for filling transportation gaps, and identifies solutions to address the needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Martinez, that the Downtown Martinez Community-Based Transportation Plan is accepted.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Martinez at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 18th day of February, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK
CITY OF MARTINEZ