UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
SPECIAL CALLED
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
Friday, December 18, 2009
AGENDA

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DATE: Friday, December 18, 2009
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
PLACE: University of Houston
        Board Room 220
        Ezekiel Cullen Building
        4800 Calhoun
        Houston, Texas 77204

Chair: Welcome W. Wilson, Sr.
Vice Chair: Jim P. Wise
Secretary: Nelda Luce Blair

I. Board of Regents Meeting
   A. Call to Order

II. Presentation of information on METRO’s proposal for the Southeast Line and the University Line as they impact the University of Houston Campus – University of Houston
   
   Action: Information

III. Executive Session
   A. Section 551.071 – Consultation with System Attorneys
   B. Section 551.072 – Deliberations Concerning Purchase, Lease or Value of Real Property
   C. Section 551.073 – Deliberations about Negotiated Contracts for Prospective Gifts or Donations
   D. Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters, Including Appointment, Evaluation or Dismissal of Personnel
IV. Report and Action from Executive Session

   **Action:** Information and/or Approval

V. Adjourn
COMMITTEE: UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA

ITEM: Presentation of information on METRO’s proposal for the Southeast Line and the University Line as they impact the University of Houston Campus

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:
University personnel will brief the Board of Regents about proposed routes offered by METRO for the new Southeast and University light rail lines and their impact on the University of Houston campus.

FISCAL NOTE:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Powerpoint Presentation of the Background and Impact of the Southeast Line and University Light Rail Lines

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

COMPONENT: University of Houston

PRESIDENT Renu Khator

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VICE CHANCELLOR

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CHANCELLOR Renu Khator

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Locating Stations to Best Serve UH

UH Shuttle Routes

UH Circulation Plan
UH Proposed Multi Modal Station Locations
Multi Modal Stations

- UH contemplates 3 multimodal stations
  - Wheeler at Calhoun serving
    - Residence halls
    - College of Optometry
  - Scott at Holman (or thereabouts) serving
    - Athletic venues
    - Cougar Walk pedestrian access to campus
  - Elgin serving
    - Arts district
    - Schools of Architecture and Law
Multimodal Transit Centers
Wheeler Station Multimodal Transit Center
(East University Station)
UH Multimodal Transit Centers

Elgin Station  Multimodal Transit Center

Scott Street  Station Multimodal Transit Center
Multi Modal Station Funding

• East University (Wheeler) Station
  – $16.2 M federal funds requested via Cong. Sheila Jackson Lee
• Scott and Elgin Stations
  – UH seeks METRO’s agreement to be the conduit for federal funds
• UH to provide matching funds
METRO Routes 08-07-09
Southeast (green) and University (yellow) Lines
Southeast Line
8-07-09 (green)

- Federal Transit Authority gave final approval for funding and route Aug. 2009
- One of METRO's proposals shows the Cleburne Station in a different place indicating that some movement of stations is possible despite final FTA approval of the route
Southeast Line Track Map
Cleburne Station as of 2-28-08
Southeast Line Track Map
Wheeler from Scott to Calhoun
Impact on UH Campus

• Southeast Line as shown in 2008 takes 45ft ROW for one track; in 2009 takes 91ft for dual lines.
• Takes parts of existing UH police station and day care center as turns from Scott to Wheeler
• Runs down what is now Wheeler. Condemned property south of Wheeler will be the new street
• Creates station across from Moody Towers at Calhoun
Southeast Line - Remaining Issues
(excluding financial issues)

• Execute contract for sale of 13 Wheeler lots (price and all deal points are agreed)
• New points of access and external traffic flow are agreed at staff level
• Access and crossings for handicapped UH residents to be confirmed as required by law
• Construction of interior loop road to be determined and funded
• No estimated construction start date
UH Proposed Inner Loop Road
(for shuttle routes)
University Line (yellow)

- 7-23-08 METRO Route map
- University Line turns north at Scott (no “tail”)
University Line Route Map as of 3-31-09 (showing "tail")
University Line Track Map
Scott St. at Cleburne as of Sept. 2009
Possible "Tail" Configurations:
Cleburne Station Detail
Possible Station Configurations:
Example of Single Line
(inbound and outbound tracks)

(NOTE: Double line would be TWICE as wide)
University Line - Remaining Issues (excluding financial issues)

- Location of Scott Street station(s)
- Location of station that interconnects with Southeast Line
- Elimination of “tail”
- Extent of ROW (45ft v. 91ft)
- Continuation of University Line along Elgin (with station on Elgin at Cullen)
- Continuation of University Line to Eastwood Transit Center
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