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COURT VICTORY ALLOWS DALLAS TO RESUME TRINITY RIVER CORRIDOR PROJECT

DALLAS—State District Court Judge Anne Ashby handed the City of Dallas a legal victory today giving the City flexibility with the Trinity River Corridor Project and authorizing the City to resume selling Trinity River Corridor Project bonds.

Judge Ashby, of the 134th Judicial District, granted the City a summary judgment, ruling the City has the flexibility and “is authorized to make reasonable changes to the (Trinity River) Project.” The City sought the summary judgment following lawsuits filed by project opponents.

“We are grateful to Judge Ashby for her positive ruling,” Mayor Ronald Kirk said. “The citizens of Dallas want these projects completed. The judge’s ruling helps us to move forward to realize our dreams for the Trinity.”

The \$246 million Trinity River Corridor Project was approved by Dallas voters during a May 1998 bond election. When completed, the Project will increase flood protection, improve downtown



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area traffic congestion, encourage development of the lands along the river, and provide recreational amenities and environmental benefits.

Judge Ashby ruled the 1998 bond proposition constitutes a valid contract with the voters and that any other publications concerning the project do not and that the “City is authorized to expend any bond proceeds already raised from the Previously-Issued Trinity River Bonds and any bond proceeds which shall be raised from the remaining issues” of those bonds.

“We are extremely pleased,” said Rebecca Dugger, director of the Trinity River Corridor Project, the largest public works project in the city’s history. “The judge’s favorable ruling will allow us to continue the work to make this important project a reality and fulfill our commitment to citizens.”

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