
MAYOR'S 2010
STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS:
"AT YOUR SERVICE...SERVING THE GARLAND
COMMUNITY"

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ECONOMY AND BUDGET

- Garland has not been immune to the national recession.
- Outstanding service levels have been maintained in spite of financial challenges.
- Continue to have strong reserve balances.
- Maintained high bond ratings by demonstrating proactive management and farsighted forecasting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

• 31 Cities in Texas with Population > 100,000

• In 2008, Garland was:
12th Lowest in Overall UCR Part I Index Crimes
10th Lowest in Violent Crime
13th Lowest in Property Crime

Part I Index UCR Crimes include:
Murder, Rape, Robbery,
Aggravated Assault
Burglary, Larceny (Theft), Auto Theft

■ Year-to-Date

■ Murder	- 14.3 %
■ Rape	- 25.0 %
■ Robbery	+0.8 %
■ Aggravated Assault	-33.9 %
■ Burglary	-1.4 %
■ Theft/Larceny	-3.2 %
■ Auto Theft	-1.3 %

■ Violent Crime	- 21.5 %
■ Property Crime	-1.5 %

BUILDING A DOWNTOWN

- 5th Street Crossing opening
 - Streetscape grant
 - MICD
 - 189 apartment units
 - Retail space for lease
- GP&L new administration building and remote drive thru payment center
 - LEED Building
- Downtown Richland College opening
- Arts Venues and Performances



PUSHING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Hyatt Place Grand Opening
- Company Expansion
 - Ecolab
 - Investing \$19 million in new machinery and equipment over 4 years
 - Sears Logistics
 - Investing \$7 million in facility and equipment improvements over 5 years
- 310 new jobs created
- \$79 million in tax base additions
- GEDP
 - Expanded to include Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas and Richland College, Dallas County Community College District
 - 35 companies are members of GEDP
 - Continuation of DCMA



TOP 50 BUSINESS FOCUS

- Visited 65 of top companies
- Revisited 25 of top companies



National Circuit Assembly



Hatco



Precision Solar Controls

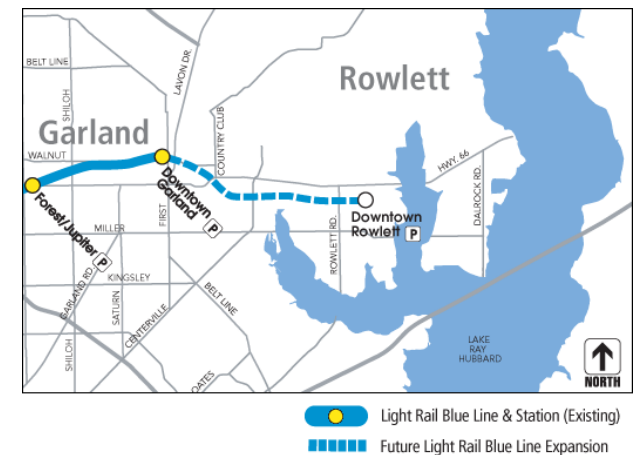
STAYING ACTIVE

- Building a region and city of choice
 - Working with state and national officials
- Hiring of lobbyist firm
- Involvement
 - Metroplex Mayors
 - NLC
 - U.S. Conference of Mayors
 - Mayor's Institute of City Design



TRANSPORTATION

- Eastern Extension
 - Estimated completion:
4th quarter 2011
- DART
 - Continuous improvements and upgrades to DART Rail lines and bus stops
 - New Blue line extension into downtown Rowlett



PROJECT UPDATE

- Road Projects
 - Country Club Project
 - University Channel Project
 - Downtown Road Improvements
 - President George Bush Turnpike Eastern Extension
- City Projects
 - Harris Hollabaugh Recreation Center



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

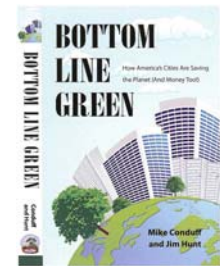
■ Garland Goes Green

- 2 LEED Buildings
- Green 101 Classes
- Hybrid Vehicles
- Energy Depot at GP&L
- EWS Recycle, and Landfill Green Initiatives
- Right-sizing vehicle initiative featured in “Bottom Line Green” book



■ Healthy Fit City

- Garland named a Fit Friendly Company by the American Heart Association (November 2009)



CITY PROGRAMS

- Good Neighbor Award
- Neighborhood Vitality
 - GNMA
- GREAT Homes
- Branding and Marketing Study
- Evening In/Out Program



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

