

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 5, 2008

TO Members of the Transportation and Environment Committee:
Linda L. Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Jerry R. Allen, Carolyn R. Davis, Vonciel Jones Hill, Angela Hunt, Pauline Medrano and Ron Natinsky

SUBJECT Central Expressway Landscaping

Attached is the "North Central Expressway Landscaping Update" briefing that will be presented to you on Monday, September 8, 2008 at the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Miguez'.

Ramon F. Miguez, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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North Central Expressway Landscaping Update

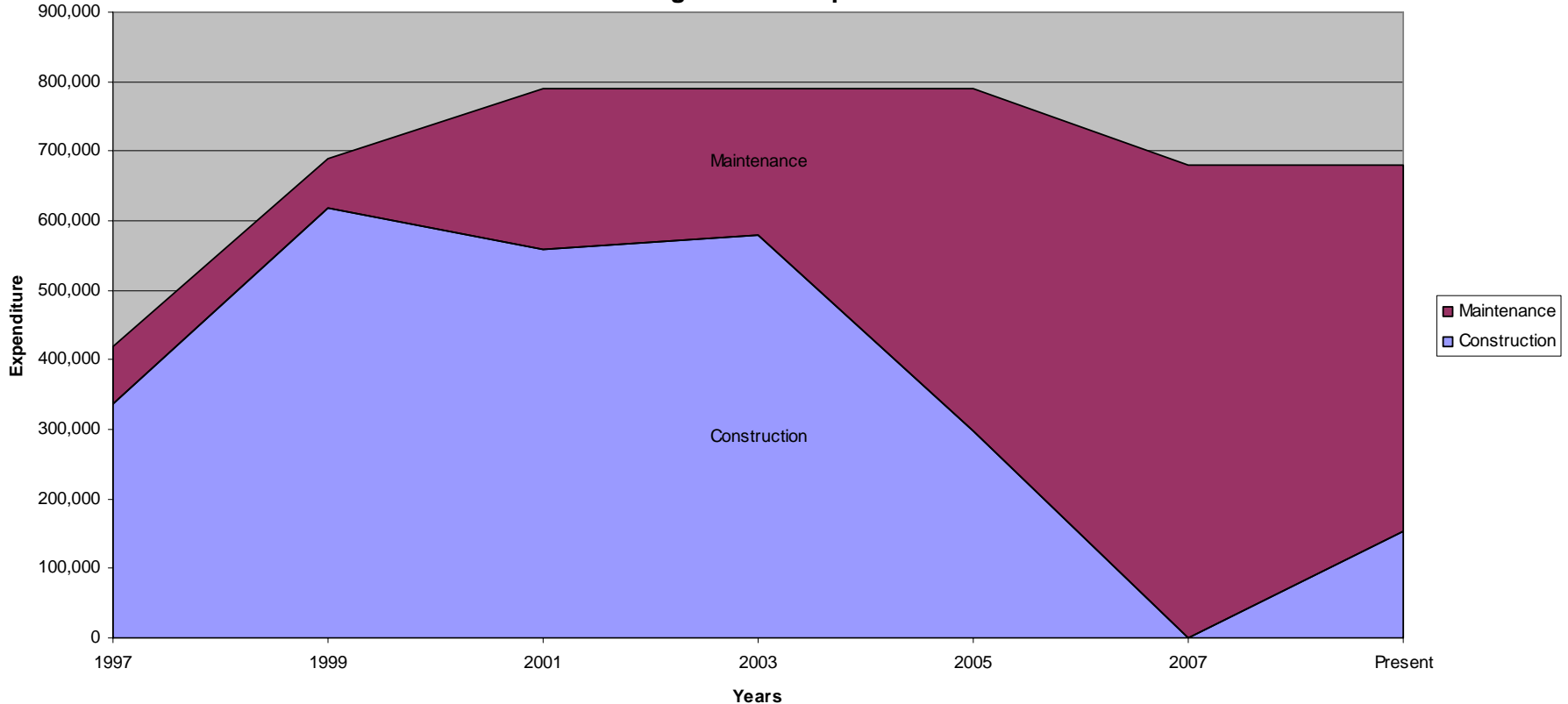
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Funding for Maintenance

Consumes an Increasing Portion of Annual
Dallas District Landscape Allocation

**Construction Landscape Program
Average Annual Expenditure**



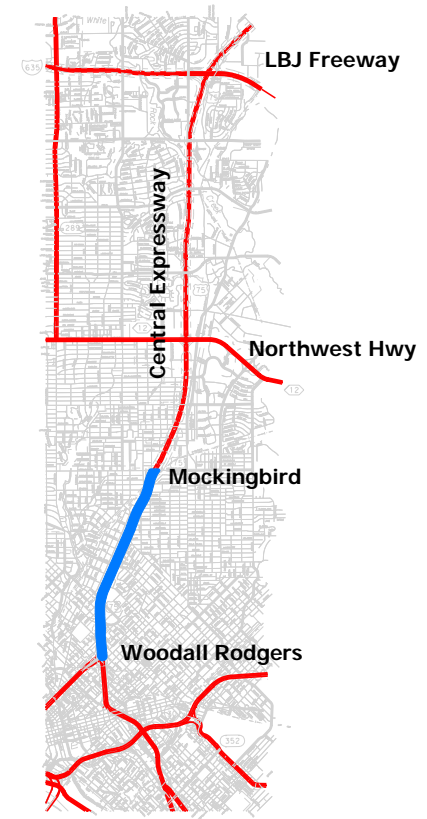
TxDOT Landscape Maintenance Practice (Xeriscape)

- Install Suitable Plant Material
- Provide maintenance 4-5 years
 - Supplemental irrigation
 - Weed control
- Regular roadside maintenance beyond
- Examples
 - Loop 12 @ IH 35E & US 67
 - IH 20 @ IH 35E & US 67
 - IH 30-Canyon, Ferguson, Jim Miller



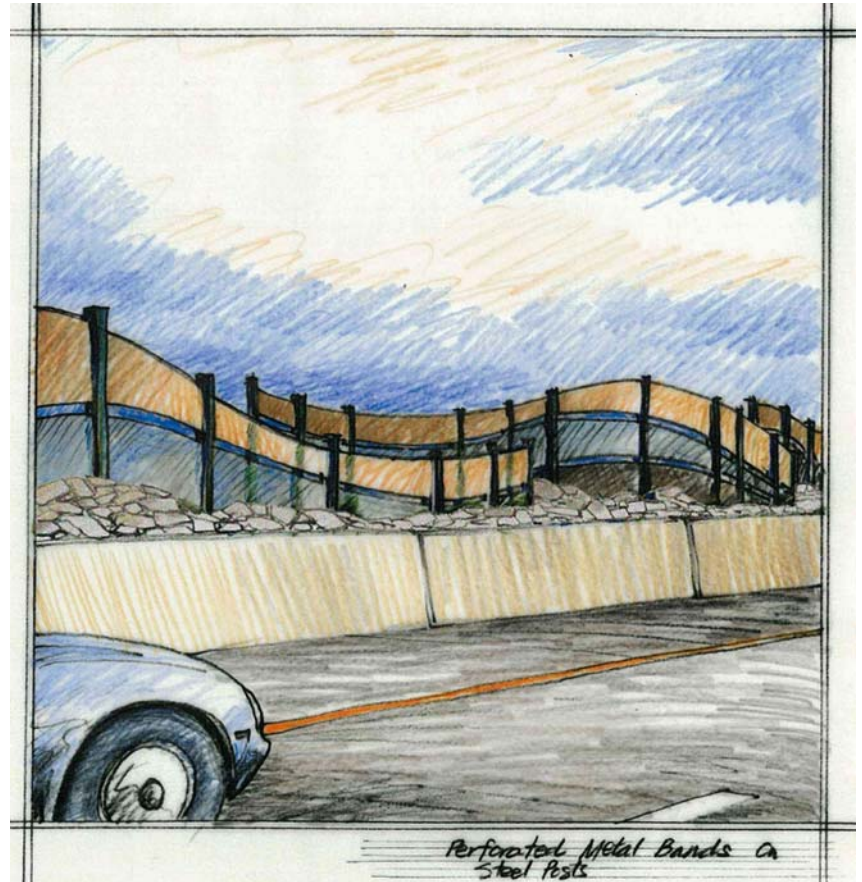
US 75 Current Strategy

- Two Phased Approach
- Phase One – Hardscape
 - Vertical Panels placed in Center Median
 - Beginning in Spring 2009
- Phase Two – Landscape
 - Replacement Plant Material in Center Median



Phase One - Hardscape

- Vertical Panels
 - Staggered in Median between Woodall Rogers & Mockingbird
 - Installed by TxDOT contractor
 - No cost to City
 - Maintenance by TxDOT



Mockingbird Ln/University Blvd	1
Lovers Lane/Southwestern Blvd	2
Caruth Haven Ln	2 3/4

Phase Two – Landscape

- Median Planting
 - Predominantly Grasses
 - Evaluate Trial Planting at Churchill Way (Late Summer 2009)
 - Based on successful trial, develop maintenance agreement with City
 - TxDOT contractor install plants



Fountain Grass



Myhly Grass



Maiden Grass



The Future

- TxDOT to continue working toward its landscape maintenance concept
- Provide capital investment in landscape development when maintenance partners are available
- Seek partners for select cross street bridges of US 75
 - Uptown Improvement District @ Hall, Lemmon, Blackburn/Haskell
 - Others as interest grows