

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 1, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **ETC Institute COVID-19 Survey Responses**

Earlier this year, ETC Institute administered the 2020 Community Survey to 1,677 Dallas households and briefed the Dallas City Council on the survey results April 1.

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, ETC Institute began conducting surveys to gain insight into the attitudes and behaviors of U.S. residents regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in late March. Surveys were conducted in all 50 states and the 30 largest cities, including Dallas.

ETC Institute administered two surveys of Dallas residents. ETC conducted the first survey the week of April 5 and the second survey the week of April 26. Survey results reveal the financial impact, government response satisfaction ratings, and stay-at-home order compliance actions of Dallas residents with a 95 percent confidence level and a +/- 6.9 percent margin of error. The resulting data includes a comparison of Dallas residents' perceptions to Texas residents' perceptions as well as changes in Dallas residents' perceptions over time.

Notable findings from the early April survey include:

- 29.4 percent of Dallas residents personally knew someone who tested positive for the Coronavirus (COVID-19), compared to 13.1 percent of Texas residents;
- 80.9 percent of Dallas residents thought the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a real threat to their community, compared to 76.4 percent of Texas residents; and
- 62.5 percent of Dallas residents reported that their financial situation had gotten worse as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, compared to 59.1 percent of Texas residents.

A comparison of Dallas' results in early April to results of the survey conducted in late April, reveals the following:

- More Dallas residents personally knew someone who tested positive for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) – positive responses rose from 29.4 percent to 45.5 percent; and,
- More Dallas residents think the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a real threat to their community – positive responses rose from 80.9 percent to 84.5 percent.

A majority of Dallas residents also responded positively to a question about their confidence in city and county leaders to manage community needs during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Dallas residents also rated the City's response more favorably than county, state, and federal response efforts.

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ETC Institute will publish the most recent results next week on their website <https://etcinstitute.com/>. The attached document provides additional details on the survey results. ETC Institute will conduct its next survey of Dallas residents in late May; updated results will be provided at that time.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or Jack Ireland, Director of the Office of Budget.



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Dallas and Texas Survey Responses
(excluding "don't knows")

#	Survey Question	Dallas 4/5 Survey	Texas 4/19 Survey
1	Do you have confidence in your city and county leaders to manage your community's needs during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (answered yes)	47.1%	56.5%
2	Do you personally know anyone who has tested positive for the Coronavirus (COVID-19)? (answered yes)	29.4%	13.1%
3	Do you think anyone in your household might currently be infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19)? (answered yes)	2.9%	2.5%
4	Do you think local officials in your community are doing a good job of keeping you informed about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic? (answered yes)	75.7%	67.5%
5	Do you think the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a real threat to your community? (answered yes)	80.9%	76.4%
6	Do you think the COVID-19 Pandemic will be a national pandemic for 12 more weeks? (answered yes)	25.7%	19.0%
7	Do you think you will have problems paying for basic necessities such as rent/mortgage, food, utilities, etc. during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (answered yes)	22.1%	32.9%
8	Do you think your financial situation will get worse in the weeks ahead? (answered yes)	55.1%	47.7%
9	Financial impact: My work hours have been reduced as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)	21.3%	23.2%
10	Financial impact: Projects/contracts have been postponed as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. (answered yes)	30.9%	21.1%
11	Financial impact: Sales are down at my company/business as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. (answered yes)	19.9%	12.7%
12	Has your financial situation gotten worse as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak? (answered yes)	62.5%	59.1%
13	In your opinion, how likely are you or others in your household to get infected with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) over the next few weeks? (answered very likely/likely)	15.4%	19.4%
14	Life Change: Avoiding hospitals/doctors offices as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. (answered yes)	51.5%	40.9%
15	Life Change: Not going to church/religious services as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. (answered yes)	54.4%	51.9%
16	Life Change: Spending more time with my family as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. (answered yes)	52.2%	49.8%
17	Life Change: Started working more from home as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. (answered yes)	40.4%	27.8%
18	Life Change: Volunteered to help others as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. (answered yes)	10.3%	8.9%
19	Satisfaction with City Government Response (answered excellent/good)	61.0%	50.6%
20	Satisfaction with County Government Response (answered excellent/good)	63.2%	53.6%
21	Satisfaction with State Government Response (answered excellent/good)	46.3%	54.0%
22	Satisfaction with U.S. Government Response (answered excellent/good)	33.1%	44.7%

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Dallas Responses
(excluding "don't knows")

#	Survey Question	4/5/2020	4/26/2020
1	Do you have confidence in your city and county leaders to manage your community's needs during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (answered yes)	47.1% ▲	59.8%
2	Do you personally know anyone who has tested positive for the Coronavirus (COVID-19)? (answered yes)	29.4% ▲	45.5%
3	Do you think anyone in your household might currently be infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19)? (answered yes)	2.9% ▼	2.9%
4	Do you think local officials in your community are doing a good job of keeping you informed about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic? (answered yes)	75.7% ▲	76.6%
5	Do you think the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a real threat to your community? (answered yes)	80.9% ▲	84.5%
6	Do you think the COVID-19 Pandemic will be a national pandemic for 12 more weeks? (answered yes)	25.7%	Not Asked
7	Do you think you will have problems paying for basic necessities such as rent/mortgage, food, utilities, etc. during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (answered yes)	22.1%	Not Asked
8	Do you think your financial situation will get worse in the weeks ahead? (answered yes)	55.1%	Not Asked
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12	Has your financial situation gotten worse as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak? (answered yes)	62.5% ▲	71.3%
13	In your opinion, how likely are you or others in your household to get infected with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) over the next few weeks? (answered very likely/likely)	15.4% ▲	24.9%
14	Life Change: Avoiding hospitals/doctors offices as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. (answered yes)	51.5%	Not Asked
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21	Satisfaction with State Government Response (answered excellent/good)	46.3%	Not Asked
22	Satisfaction with U.S. Government Response (answered excellent/good)	33.1%	Not Asked
23	Have you had problems paying for basic necessities, such as rent/mortgage, food, utilities, etc. during the Corona Virus (COVID-19) Pandemic? (answered yes)	Not Asked	32.00%
24	How would you rate your level of stress, anxiety, and/or depression during this time? (answered extremely stressed)	Not Asked	12.9%

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Dallas Responses
(excluding "don't knows")

# 25 Have you or someone in your household filed for unemployment?	4/5/2020	4/29/2020
Yes	Not Asked	20.1%
No	Not Asked	75.6%
Would like to but cannot access	Not Asked	4.3%

Please indicate how your financial situation has gotten worse as a result of the Corona Virus		
# 26 (COVID-19) - multiple responses allowed	4/5/2020	4/29/2020
Unable to work due to sickness of myself or other person in my household	Not Asked	2.9%
None of these	Not Asked	16.7%
Job loss	Not Asked	17.7%
Projects/contracts postponed	Not Asked	21.5%
Sales are down at my company/business	Not Asked	29.7%
Work hours reduced	Not Asked	33.5%
Value of Stocks/Investments down	Not Asked	55.5%

Please indicate if you are taking any of the following actions to comply with the area's stay at home order and public health directives - multiple responses allowed		
# 27	4/5/2020	4/29/2020
Working from home	Not Asked	54.5%
Using delivery/curbside pick-up to obtain necessities	Not Asked	61.7%
Avoiding hospitals and doctor's offices	Not Asked	67.9%
Buying necessities less frequently	Not Asked	74.6%
Not spending time with people outside my household	Not Asked	78.5%
Avoiding crowded parks and trails	Not Asked	83.7%
Wearing a mask while in stores	Not Asked	91.4%

# 28 Have you or any member of your household accessed mental health services during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in order to help deal with anxiety, stress or depression?		
	4/5/2020	4/29/2020
Yes	Not Asked	5.3%
No	Not Asked	93.3%
Would like to but not able to access	Not Asked	1.4%

What are your primary sources of information about the Corona Virus (COVID-19)? Multiple responses allowed.		
# 29	4/5/2020	4/29/2020
National News	Not Asked	75.10%
Local News	Not Asked	63.60%
Social Media	Not Asked	50.20%
Friends/Family/Colleagues	Not Asked	38.80%
Local/national websites	Not Asked	33.50%
Health Professionals	Not Asked	32.10%
Local Newspaper	Not Asked	22.00%
National Newspaper	Not Asked	21.10%
Local Radio	Not Asked	19.10%

Overall, how would you rate the way leaders at the following levels of government have responded so far to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus) pandemic?		
# 30	4/5/2020	4/29/2020
National Level (sum of excellent/good)	Not Asked	35%
State Level (sum of excellent/good)	Not Asked	40%
County Level (sum of excellent/good)	Not Asked	55%
City Level (sum of excellent/good)	Not Asked	56%

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SUBJECT **Prioritization of Authorized Hearings**

On April 15, 2020, City Council was briefed by the Sustainable Development and Construction Department on the policy for prioritizing authorized hearings to leverage City resources and investment. The new method for determining the order of authorized hearings calls for staff to review various programs, funding, or other activities related to development in prioritizing the authorized hearings.

Staff has prioritized the list based on this set of criteria and is providing the list to City Council. The prioritized list will be maintained on the Department's webpage.

As authorized hearings are considered by either the City Council or the City Plan Commission, staff will provide a list showing the placement of the proposed authorized hearing. The list will be provided prior to the public hearing to consider initiating the proposed authorized hearing.

Staff will review the criteria for each authorized hearing on a quarterly basis to determine if changes have occurred to warrant a change in the order. Changes such as a recently adopted land use plan or a significant infrastructure project starting within the next six months would garner additional points and may elevate the authorized hearing on the list. Any changes to the list will be distributed to City Council and the City Plan Commission as well as reflected on the Department's webpage.

If you have questions about the prioritization, please contact Kris Sweckard, Director of Sustainable Development and Construction, at 214-671-9293.

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SUBJECT **Moody's Investors Service Recognizes Dallas Police & Fire Pension System
Federal Appeals Court Ruling as 'Credit Positive' - INFORMATION**

Today, Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) released a brief Issuer Comment article regarding the credit positive impact of the Fifth US Circuit Court of Appeals ruling upholding certain changes to the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System's (DPFP) Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). Moody's considers the ruling a credit positive to the City of Dallas in that, "it provides near certainty that the removal of participants' lump-sum withdrawal options in 2017 was permissible, eliminating a potential liquidity risk for the system and ultimately the city's budget." According to Moody's report, "pensions are a significant credit challenge for Dallas," and "had the court ruled differently, DPFP participants could have resumed large withdrawals from the pension system, potentially threatening the system's near-term solvency."

Previously, the DPFP board of trustees ended lump-sum DROP benefit withdrawals starting in 2017 and in March 2018, a lower federal court ruled that the decision was permissible in response to a lawsuit filed by several DPFP plan participants. Following an appeal, the case was elevated to the Supreme Court of Texas for review. Moody's notes that, "Texas' highest court ruled that the changes were permissible under the Texas Constitution, and the federal appeals court similarly ruled that the action by the DPFP board did not violate the US Constitution."

This article is not a rating change from Moody's but reflects the positive impact of the federal appeals court ruling and prudent benefit changes that have helped stabilize the DPFP in an especially challenging time for municipal governments. Please let me know if you need additional information.

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Federal appeals court hands City of Dallas another win on pension changes

On 27 April, the Fifth US Circuit Court of Appeals upheld certain changes to the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System's (DPFP) Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). The ruling is credit positive for the [City of Dallas](#) (A1 stable) because it provides near certainty that the removal of participants' lump-sum withdrawal options in 2017 was permissible, eliminating a potential liquidity risk for the system and ultimately the city's budget.

Had the court ruled differently, DPFP participants could have resumed large withdrawals from the pension system, potentially threatening the system's near-term solvency. The DPFP previously faced a solvency crisis because many large lump-sum withdrawals by participants from their DROP accounts followed investment losses in real estate and other alternative asset classes in 2014 and 2015.

A renewed threat to the DPFP's near-term solvency could have forced the city to prop up the system's asset base with unexpectedly high contributions at a particularly inopportune time, given the budget challenge that Dallas – like all local governments – faces because of the coronavirus-driven economic downturn. With the federal appeals court confirming the halt to lump-sum withdrawals was permissible, the risk of near-term insolvency is now almost certainly eliminated. The chances that the plaintiffs can successfully appeal to the US Supreme Court are exceptionally low, should they make an attempt.

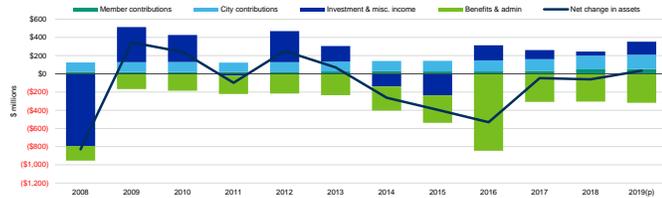
Pensions are a significant credit challenge for Dallas. While the DPFP is one of the city's two pension systems, it accounts for roughly two-thirds of Dallas' adjusted net pension liability (ANPL). As of its fiscal 2019 (ended 30 September 2019) reporting and based on a 4.22% discount rate, Dallas' ANPL was \$6.2 billion, 394% of its revenue. Its reported net pension liability, based on a weighted-average 6.73% discount rate, was \$3.8 billion. In fiscal 2019, pension contributions consumed around 12% of the city's operating revenue.

On a long-term funding basis, the lump-sum benefit withdrawals are neutral to the pension system and the city's unfunded pension liability because total liabilities fall by an amount commensurate with each withdrawal. On a near-term basis, however, heavy withdrawals would pose a threat to the DPFP's solvency, in part because the system struggles to unwind its heavy asset allocation to real assets and other alternatives.

While [2020 market volatility](#) has the potential to present a new challenge, the system's annual cash flow and asset base have nonetheless stabilized in recent years, in large part because of higher contributions and benefit changes, including the halt of lump-sum DROP withdrawals. The system's net cash flows were close to zero in 2017, 2018 and 2019, a significant improvement from the heavy declines in 2014 through 2016 (see Exhibit 1). As a

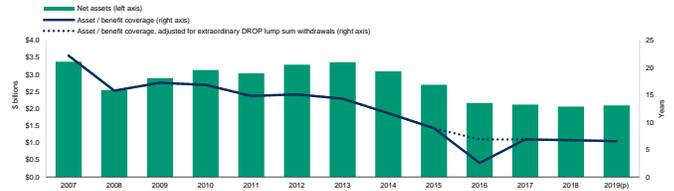
result, the system's asset base and the size of assets compared with benefit outflows, which we call "asset/benefit coverage," have significantly stabilized (see Exhibit 2).

Exhibit 1
Cash flow of Dallas' Police & Fire Pension System has improved since heavy withdrawals in 2016...



2019 results are preliminary.
 Source: Dallas Police & Fire Pension System financial reports

Exhibit 2
...and the system's asset position has stabilized as a result



Source: Dallas Police & Fire Pension System financial reports

DROP programs generally allow employees to continue working at the end of their careers and concurrently receive pension benefits rather than credit for additional service time. Rather than being sent to employees, however, the payments accumulate in a DROP account held by the pension system (often credited with interest) that can be taken as a lump sum or as a supplement to normal retirement benefits when employees stop working. The DFPF DROP program offered very high rates of guaranteed interest, ranging from 6% to 10% annually from 2008 to 2017, and allowed on-demand lump-sum withdrawals by DROP participants. At their peak in 2016, DROP accounts were more than half of the DFPF's assets.

In addition to numerous other benefit changes and higher city contributions that have helped to stabilize the DFPF, its board of trustees ended lump-sum benefit withdrawals starting in 2017. Since then, participants in the system must collect their DROP balances in the form of annuities. Several DFPF participants filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking to have their lump-sum DROP withdrawal option reinstated. In March 2018, a lower federal court ruled that the elimination of the lump-sum withdrawal feature was permissible because it did not impair DROP benefits but, rather, just altered the timing of their distribution.

After receiving the plaintiffs' appeal, the federal appeals court asked the Supreme Court of Texas to review whether the DFPF board of trustees violated the state's constitution when it altered the method by which participants could withdraw their DROP balances. Texas' highest court ruled that the changes were permissible under the Texas Constitution, and the federal appeals court similarly ruled that the action by the DFPF board did not violate the US Constitution. In March 2019 and in a separate case, the Supreme Court of Texas also decided that reductions to the interest rate applied to DROP account balances was permissible.

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CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 1, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Update on CableRunner USA, LLC. Fiber Optic Pilot Program and Citywide Fiber Network**

Through a briefing memo provided on November 15, 2019 (attached for your reference), City staff announced the onset of a collaborative pilot program with CableRunner USA, LLC. (CableRunner) to utilize sections of the City's storm sewers to connect fiber optic cable between City Hall, the Canton Street Service Center, and five traffic signals between the two buildings. As utilizing storm sewers to support fiber optic communication is a methodology new to the City of Dallas, the pilot program was initiated to determine the technology's viability as an option to assist in building a City-owned, high-speed, fiber network and connect all City facilities to support smart infrastructure.

As the CableRunner fiber was installed and the traffic signals were connected in early April 2020, staff from the Department of Transportation (TRN) and Information and Technology Services (ITS) are monitoring the performance of the CableRunner fiber. While evaluating the CableRunner fiber, TRN and ITS are also working with a larger interdepartmental team, including the City Attorney's Office (CAO), Dallas Water Utilities (DWU), and Public Works (PBW), to craft a request for proposal (RFP) to build out a citywide fiber network. Staff anticipates the RFP to be out for advertisement within the next 3-6 months.

The overall vision of the fiber network includes enhancing the City of Dallas' ability to connect high-speed fiber to neighborhoods, City facilities, and other infrastructure such as traffic signals and streetlights. As CAO, TRN, and PBW have worked with small cell providers to design and start the buildout of smart streetlight poles, a City-owned fiber network would allow for the deployment of smart technologies such as cameras, environmental sensors, and even Wi-Fi.

Understanding that the development of an RFP and buildout of a citywide fiber network will be a long-term effort dependent on available funding, the City teams listed above are coordinating with all available stakeholders, the Office of Innovation, and the Office of Resilience to continue evaluating options for short-term opportunities to address the public's need for high-speed Internet service as well as the implementation of smart city initiatives.

As the teams continue working on the RFP for the citywide fiber network and short-term options for public access to high speed Internet, staff will provide the City Council with a formal update on these initiatives in early Fall of 2020.

DATE May 1, 2020

SUBJECT **Update of CableRunner USA, LLC. Fiber Optic Pilot Program and Citywide Fiber Network**

Should you have any questions, please let me know.



Majed A. Al-Ghafry
Assistant City Manager

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CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 1, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **New Procurement Opportunities**

The Office of Procurement Services (OPS) would like to inform the City Council of the following contract opportunities that have been advertised in the last week in the *Dallas Morning News*. These opportunities are also on Bonfire, the City's electronic bid portal: <https://dallascityhall.bonfirehub.com/login>. (Free registration is required to view the opportunity in full.)

In addition, we have updated citywide opportunities for the current quarter on the OPS website: <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/procurement/pages/default.aspx>.

Solicitation No.	Solicitation Name
1. CIZ1913	Erosion Control and Storm Drainage Improvements Part I (Dallas Water Department)*
2. BIZ20-00013493	International Organization for Standardization Accredited Registrar Service

**Solicitations that begin with a "C" are for construction projects and the issuing department handles those procurements directly. OPS only advertises and unseals submissions for the construction procurements.*

Once an opportunity/solicitation is advertised, it is considered an open procurement until the City Council awards the contract. Please be advised that Section 12A-15.8(g) of the Code of Ethics prohibits communication between councilmembers and bidders or proposers on open procurements.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Chhunny Chhean, Director of Procurement Services.


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CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 29, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Building Permits for Elective Construction**

Based upon the Governor's most recent order, Sustainable Development & Construction is making plans to issue permits for elective construction projects that have been reviewed but were prohibited from having permits issued.

Building Inspection has approximately 80 electronic plans and 100 paper submittals on hold. The electronic submittals will be issued without person-to-person interaction. Once City staff designates the review as complete in the electronic plan review system, the applicant, from their own device, will print the permit and receive the approved plans without coming to a City facility. Final approvals by staff will be done on Thursday, April 30th, after business hours, making permits available for applicants to print on Friday and begin work.

The paper submittals require the applicant to come to the Oak Cliff Municipal Center and pick up their permit and plans. To avoid a rush and overcrowding in the permit center, staff will begin notifying applicants Thursday to pick up their permits. A note will be on the permit that construction cannot take place until May 1st. Applicants will be given specific time windows to pick up their permits to minimize the number of people in the building.

If you have questions about the issuance of these permits, please contact Kris Sweckard, Director of Sustainable Development and Construction, at 214-671-9293.

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