

UDPRP Review Summary

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Urban Design Peer Review Panel

DATE: 11.30.18

TIME: 8:30am

PROJECT: DART D2

LOCATION: Dallas City Hall Room 5ES

Overview

Below is a summary of Urban Design Peer Review Panel advice for the 2nd milestone review of the DART D2 project as derived from the November 30 Peer Review session.

Advice Summary

- [1] The panel is encouraged by the current approach to project development assuring that technical considerations are evaluated alongside the resulting urban conditions as a direct component of the D2 design decision making process.
- [2] The panel requests the opportunity to provide input and recommendations regarding historic preservation measures relating to the current alignments and their direct impacts on the adjacent historic context.
- [3] The panel expresses significant concern around the amount of disruption being proposed at the east portal location, and suggests great care be taken to minimize or limit such disruption through the following means:
 - Continued exploration of alternatives within the east portal area that more closely align track and portal infrastructure with the existing street grid and fabric minimizing disruption to valuable land within the potential future urban neighborhood.
 - Continued study and feasibility analysis toward a less disruptive, or below grade alternative within the eastern end of the alignment.
 - Additional study of the east portal area and alignment should be explored through the engagement of local urban design expertise, area stakeholders, DART and the City to work toward envisioning and securing the best possible urban design outcome for the eastern end of the project.
- [4] The panel expresses concern regarding the resulting pedestrian experience from transit to the east portal area generated by the removal of the existing Deep Ellum Station, and strongly recommends great care be given toward introducing a safe and convenient pedestrian connection from the closest transit station, through Carpenter Park, to the station portal area.
- [5] The panel expresses concern with the loss of east to west connectivity at the west portal area, recommending great care be given toward maintaining pedestrian and vehicular connectivity at Horde Street, and at minimum a pedestrian connection at Corbin Street.
- [6] As project development advances, the panel recommends continued effort be made to shorten distances between pedestrian access points to below grade station platforms wherever possible.
- [7] The panel recommends that the City takes a lead on this project to work with appropriate parties and stakeholders to organize meetings and work sessions as necessary to better understand the urban design implications of the proposed eastern alignment, specifically related to the design of the street fabric.