



McKinney/Cole Avenue Two-Way Conversion

Frequently Asked Questions

1. General Project Information

What is the McKinney/Cole Avenue Two-Way Conversion project?

This project is a result of City and downtown Dallas stakeholders investigating ways to increase safety for vehicle and pedestrian traffic while expanding on the functionality of the right-of-way along McKinney and Cole Avenues between the limits of Harvard Avenue and Allen Street. The scope of the conversion includes:

- Convert the following roads from one-way operation to two-way operation:
 - McKinney Avenue from Allen Street to Harvard Avenue
 - Harvard Avenue from McKinney Avenue to Cole Avenue
 - Cole Avenue from Harvard Avenue to Carlisle Street
 - Carlisle Street from Cole Avenue to Allen Street
 - Allen Street from Carlisle Street to McKinney Avenue
- Replace existing signs, markings, traffic signals for two-way operation
- Pedestrian improvements – sidewalks at strategic locations, curb ramps, lighting, median refuge, crosswalks, and midblock crossing
- Traffic Calming – curb extensions (bulb outs) with parking at select locations
- Trolley Relocation and Associated Overhead Catenary System
 - Cole Avenue from Blackburn Street to Lemmon Avenue
 - Blackburn Street from Cole Avenue to McKinney Avenue
 - Allen Street from Cole Avenue to McKinney Avenue
- Upgrade existing traffic signals
- Street Reconstruction - Cole Avenue from Blackburn Street to Lemmon Avenue

What are the goals of this project?

The goals of this project are to calm traffic, improve safety, provide more route choices, create public gathering spaces (Pocket Parks), convert one-way to two-way traffic operations, all while maintaining trolley operation and minimizing disruption to local businesses during construction.

What is the expected timeline for the start of construction and the conversion?

City staff presented a Revised 30% design in October 2024 for public comment and review. The estimated timeline for the project (tentative) is below:

- Gather and review community feedback: October 2024
- Identify community preferences: November 2024
- Update the community at 60% design: February 2025

- Prefinal Design: April 2025
- Final Design: June 2025
- FHWA Approval: August 2025
- Construction: January 2026

How will the future McKinney Avenue Transit Authority (MATA) extension factor into this project?

The potential MATA extension is not part of the two-way conversion. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is planning to conduct a feasibility study for MATA trolley extension. The McKinney/Cole proposed concepts will not prevent a MATA streetcar extension, and the streetcar will use shared travel lane with vehicles to accommodate vehicular traffic flow. Flexible use lanes will be impacted by any future extension.

Will this project be included in the City of Dallas Bike Network?

While most of the bike network in Uptown would not affect the McKinney/Cole project, two proposed sections of the project would overlap with improvements to the bike network and include modifications to the right-of-way to accommodate bike facilities. The City is still seeking input on if the two sections need to be incorporated and if they would be beneficial for access to the Katy Trail and alternative bike routes (Turtle Creek and Travis/Carlisle).

How can I provide feedback on the project to City representatives?

Residents were asked to provide feedback on the project and the bike network considerations at the most recent public meeting on October 2, 2024. Further comments or considerations regarding the proposed project designs can be emailed to:

Ryan Wagoner
ryan.wagoner@dallas.gov

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Changho.yi@dallas.gov

How can I be included in future communications about this project (public meetings, updates, etc.)?

If you would like to be included in future communications about this project, please send your contact information (name, email address and primary mailing address, if applicable) to the following City staff member:

Ryan Wagoner
ryan.wagoner@dallas.gov

You can also find project updates on the Transportation page of the City of Dallas website by clicking the “Current Projects” link under the “Updates” tab:

<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/transportation/Pages/Projects.aspx>

Future meeting details will also be posted to the City of Dallas Event Calendar when they are scheduled: <https://dallascityhall.com/calendar/Pages/default.aspx>

Where can I view the project plans and proposed options?

All McKinney/Cole Two-Way Conversion project materials will be made available on the webpage of the same name on the Transportation page of the City of Dallas website:

<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/transportation/Pages/Projects.aspx>