

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 20, 2018

TO The Honorable Members of the Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee:
Lee M. Kleinman (Chair), Rickey D. Callahan (Vice-Chair), Sandy Greyson, Adam Medrano,
Casey Thomas, II and Tennell Atkins

SUBJECT **S.M. Wright Project Update**

The City of Dallas has been working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) towards the completion of the S.M. Wright transportation improvement project since the 1990s. The project includes improvements to the S. M. Wright Freeway (SH 310/US 175), C. F. Hawn Freeway (US 175) and IH 45 as a part of a two-phased project, with goals of improving traffic safety by removing the current connection from C. F. Hawn Freeway (“Dead-Man’s Curve”), improving mobility and transportation efficiency, and enhancing community connectivity and aesthetics. In April 2012, The City of Dallas and the North Central Texas Council of Governments entered into an agreement to establish a funding partnership for real estate acquisitions associated with Phase I of the S. M. Wright Project. In addition, the City entered into an agreement with TxDOT in 2014 for the City’s right of way obligations associated with Phase I of the S. M. Wright Project.

Due to safety issues and recent accidents at the Dead-Man’s Curve, TxDOT expedited implementation not only of Phase I but also of Phase II and Phase IIB of the S. M. Wright Project to convert the existing S. M. Wright Freeway from C. F. Hawn Freeway to IH 45 into a low speed, signalized, pedestrian-friendly boulevard. Phase 1, under construction, includes direct freeway-to-freeway ramps connecting westbound C.F. Hawn Freeway to northbound IH 45, and southbound IH 45 to eastbound C.F. Hawn Freeway. Phase I project carries a construction cost of \$103.9 million and is scheduled to be complete in December 2019. Attached are copies of the project map and recent photos of the current construction.

Through numerous neighborhood and public meetings held during project development, Phases II and IIB of the project are now under design. The project design is anticipated to be complete in March 2019, with construction extending from 2019 to 2022. The construction cost of Phases II and IIB is estimated at \$81.0 million. Construction of Phases I, II, and IIB is provided for by federal and state funds. To ensure local standards and control over the completed S. M. Wright Freeway between C. F. Hawn and IH 45 through the neighborhood, the City desires to assume responsibility for operations and maintenance of the completed roadway.

On May 9, 2018, the City is seeking authorization to request TxDOT to remove the S. M. Wright Freeway between CF Hawn and IH 45 from the state highway system, and for the City to assume operations and maintenance responsibilities of the completed roadway.

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Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

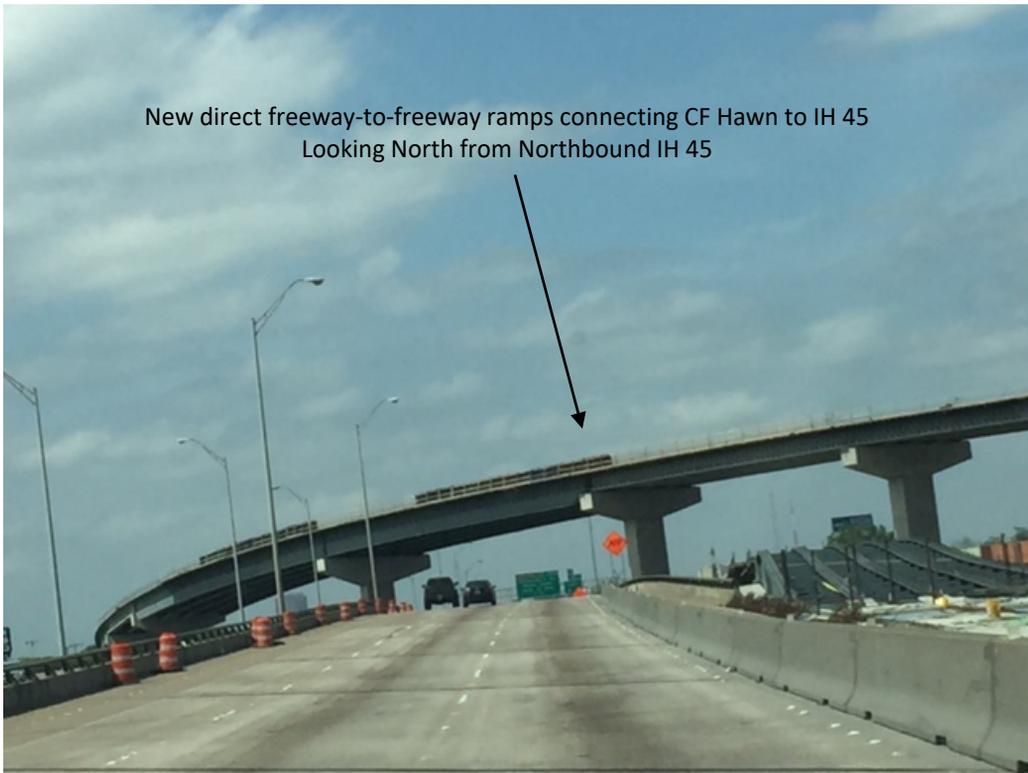


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