

Memorandum



DATE: January 6, 2017

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:
Adam Medrano (Chair), B. Adam McGough (Vice Chair), Sandy Greyson, Tiffinni A. Young,
Jennifer S. Gates, Philip T. Kingston

SUBJECT: **DART Citations**

On Monday, January 9, 2017, you will be briefed on DART Citations by Court & Detention Services Director Gloria Lopez Carter and Assistant Director Ryan Rogers. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



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[Attachment]

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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DART Citations

Overview of Presentation

- Executive Summary: DART's Proposal
- Background –DART's Citations, Process, and Concerns
- Pros and Cons
- Next Steps



DART's Proposal

- DART has proposed the possibility of filing approximately 21,000 DART citations with the Dallas Municipal Court. DART would redirect all offenses currently occurring in the city limits of Dallas from the JP Courts to the Dallas Municipal Court
- This proposal keeps standing agreements that DART Officers transport offenders to Lew Sterrett, and not the CDC



Background –DART’s Citations

- Below is an estimate of the potential annual DART filings with the Dallas Municipal Court under the proposed changes:

Violation Type	Count	Percent
Fare Evasion	18,659	87%
Crosswalk	521	2%
Public Intoxication	136	1%
Disorderly Conduct	119	1%
Drug Paraphernalia	113	1%
Parking	53	0%
Interfere w/Rail Road	53	0%
Assault	24	0%
Other	1,847	9%
<i>TOTAL Violations</i>	21,525	100%



Background – DART's Processes

Defendant has 30 days from the date issued to pay \$50 Admin fee

After the 30 days, the defendant is given the opportunity to request a hearing

Citation transfers to the Court and DART loses the \$50 Admin fee



Background –DART's Concerns

- JP Courts are slow in pursuing cases; months to trial
- DART wants warrants on their cases; not happening at the JP Courts



Pros and Cons

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DART Enforcement Improves• Potential >\$600,000 net to the City• Easily absorbed by existing staff• Technologies align (etickets/subpoenas)• Chief Prosecutor and Administrative Judge approve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lowers “Case Clearance” rate



Next Steps

- Map the new CTS process and integrate technology
- Training and information updates (clerks, judges, prosecutors, 311, website)
- Expected implementation as early as Spring of 2017



Questions

