

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 22, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **2011 Bike Plan Update**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update to the 2011 Dallas Bike Plan, which is expected to be completed near the end of 2024. While projects are being designed and implemented now, the finalization of the updated bike plan will guide the direction and inform our needs going forward.

At the August 13, 2024, City Council Briefing Budget Workshop for the City Manager's Recommended FY24-25 Budget, Council requested additional information regarding Bike Plan initiatives and staffing. Below you will find our next steps for Bike Lane Funding, Leveraging Funding, Safety, Project Delivery and Staffing, and Reimagining and Realignment of the Transportation and Public Works Departments:

1. **Bike Lane Funding:** The FY25 Budget shows \$2M for Bike Plan projects. In addition, the City received \$2.2M from DART's excess sales tax funds that is dedicated to bike lane projects in the coming year and for the purchase of a bike lane sweeper (\$200K). As such, total available bike lane project funding for FY 25 is \$4M, a 60% increase from the \$2.5M in the FY 24 budget.
2. **Leveraging Funding:** Bike Lane projects are also being implemented through street reconstruction projects, allowing us to leverage funding to expand our bike network. Some current projects include Riverfront Blvd, Pemberton Hill, and CBD/Fair Park link. Future projects include projects like Columbia-Main, Harwood, and Chalk Hill.
3. **Safety:** The City has enhanced safety for our cyclists with the installation of the first bike lanes traffic signal at Gaston/Abrams intersection and the implementation of green pavement markings at some intersection locations such as Richmond Ave at Skillman St.
4. **Project Delivery and Staffing:** On August 14, 2024, the City Council approved two on-call engineering contracts totaling \$900,000 for the design of bike lanes and shared use paths, which will allow for faster mobilization and delivery of projects than would be achieved through a single engineer position.

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5. **Reimagining and Realigning of the Transportation and Public Works Departments:** We realized synergy and optimized resources by combining the Department of Transportation and Public Works into one department named, Transportation and Public Works Department. This realignment generates savings of \$1.5M. Therefore, the Department plans to use engineers from its roadway and traffic engineering sections to support Bike Lane projects. With the addition of consultants and cross utilization of existing staff we are increasing our bench of resources to support FY25 projects and those identified in the Updated Bike Plan.

Feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions, or contact Assistant City Manager, Dev Rastogi at dev.rastogi@dallas.gov.

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