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To: Honorable Members of the Dallas Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Subject: I-345 Update

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has plans to reconstruct I-345 from south of I-30 to north of Spur 366/Woodall Rodgers Freeway due to the increasing maintenance costs and frequency of repairs for the existing elevated structures. An initial feasibility study for I-345 was conducted in 2012 to explore several alternatives. This effort was expanded in 2014 into the Dallas City Center Master Assessment Process (CityMAP), which examined multiple concepts for I-345 and several other highways near downtown Dallas. Building upon CityMAP, TxDOT evaluated five concepts for I-345 through a second feasibility study. The second feasibility study focused on developing design concepts and gathered feedback from local partners and stakeholders regarding the five alternatives. The feasibility study concluded in 2022, with the "Hybrid Option" identified as the preferred alternative for detailed design in the schematic and environmental phase. On May 24, 2023 the Dallas City Council passed a resolution conditionally supporting the "Refined Hybrid Option" recommended by TxDOT.

Since the May 24, 2023 resolution, TxDOT has continued to work with city staff and stakeholders to advance the I-345 project through the environmental and schematic phase. TxDOT has presented updates to the city council on all eight sections outlined in the resolution.

On September 17, 2025, the environmental phase of the project was completed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was determined for the I-345 project.

TxDOT is currently conducting engineering investigations, including subsurface utility work and geotechnical borings. In addition, studies continue on various topics including drainage and structural design.

The estimated construction cost is \$1.65 billion. TxDOT's 2026 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) identified \$370 million for I-345. TxDOT updates the UTP annually. TxDOT will continue to explore funding opportunities through the annual UTP update, as well as grant applications.

Please contact me at [Ceason.Clemens@txdot.gov](mailto:Ceason.Clemens@txdot.gov) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ceason Clemens".

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