

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 3, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Nominations for Bike Plan Advisory Committee**

Bike Plan Update – Consultant Contract Award

The Dallas Bike Plan is the City’s guide for implementing a system of on-street and off-street bicycle facilities to enable and encourage bicycling as a safe, alternative mode of transportation. On Wednesday, December 8, 2021, City Council will be voting to award a consultant contract to Gresham Smith to update the 2011 Dallas Bike Plan (agenda item #49) to reflect current conditions, needs, and preferences.

Through the City’s strategic mobility plan (*Connect Dallas*), which established a transportation decision-making framework for prioritizing capital transportation projects for funding, it was recognized that many of the projects and connections called for in the 2011 Bike Plan no longer reflected existing conditions, needs, and preferences. *Connect Dallas* recommends that the plan be updated to identify priority bike projects that will have the greatest impact.

Nominations for Bicycle Advisory Committee

An advisory committee of community representatives is needed to steer the Dallas Bike Plan update, in addition to the public input that will be solicited throughout the process. As such, the Department of Transportation is seeking a nominee from the Mayor and each of the City Council members for representatives to serve on the Bicycle Advisory Committee, which may work in consultation with the recently established micro-mobility working group, as needed.

Staff requests that the representatives reflect the range of bicycling interest and skills that are seen across the city, from “interested but concerned” to “enthusiasts”. The Department of Transportation also plans to nominate two representatives to serve on the Committee, one of whom will be a staff member from the North Central Texas Council of Governments, which contributed funds for the Bike Plan update.

The Committee will be tasked with helping to inform the vision and goals for the plan update and to ensure that community values are represented in the plan’s recommendations. They will also be tasked with:

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- Helping with the outreach effort for public input opportunities.
- Identifying preferred bicycle facility types, priority connections, areas of concern, and evaluating trade-offs of bicycle route alternatives.
- Making recommendations on the prioritization framework, implementation priorities, and project phasing.

Please submit your nomination to Jessica Scott, Bicycle Mobility Manager at jessica.scott@dallascityhall.com by Friday, December 24, 2021.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ghassan 'Gus' Khankarli, P.E., Director of the Department of Transportation, at ghassan.khankarli@dallascityhall.com.



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