

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 22, 2016

TO Honorable Members of the Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee: Lee M. Kleinman (Chair), Erik Wilson (Vice Chair), Monica R. Alonzo, Sandy Greyson, Adam Medrano, Casey Thomas, II

SUBJECT 2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget Funding for Sidewalks

The City Council provided \$672,780 for sidewalk funding in the FY 2015-16 budget. Staff recommends designating the funding as follows:

- \$150,280 for low income senior home owners for sidewalk repairs
- \$250,000 for sidewalks needed for establishing safe routes to schools
- \$272,500 for sidewalks needed to facilitate pedestrian access to DART bus stops

City staff used the following criteria in selecting sidewalk projects:

### Low Income Seniors: \$150,280

#### Criteria:

1. Homes listed in Dallas County Appraisal District (DCAD) with an age 65 or older homestead exemption
2. Homes located in Neighborhood Plus target areas – see attachments
3. Homes located on streets that have curbs and gutters and existing sidewalks in need of repair (*typically, streets with bar-ditches or unimproved drainage require a complete street improvement in order to adequately install sidewalks*)

Staff has identified over 600 qualifying homes meeting the criteria above and plan to notify the property owners by mail regarding their interest in participating in the sidewalk replacement program.

It is estimated that \$150,280 will repair sidewalks for 100-125 homes. Selection will be on a first come, first served basis, and priority will be given to two or more homes adjacent to each other.

### Safe Routes to Schools: \$250,000

#### Criteria:

Project selection was based on previous recommendations from the now defunct Citizen Advisory Committee, Council and/or citizen input. The five recommended projects are:

1. El Centro Drive– Fontana Drive to Manana Drive (Stephen C. Foster Elementary School) - estimated cost \$70,000
2. Lake Highlands Drive - west side of roadway from Country Club Drive to Lullwater Drive (Robert T. Hill Middle School) - estimated cost \$60,000
3. Neches Street - Madison Avenue to Eldorado Avenue (James S. Hogg Elementary School) - estimated cost \$20,000
4. Forney Road – north side of roadway from Jim Miller Road to Urban Drive, and replace damaged sidewalk west of Buckner Boulevard (Skyline High School) - estimated cost \$40,000

5. Walmsley Avenue – Montclair Avenue to Winnetka Avenue (Sydney Lanier Expressive Arts Vanguard)  
– estimated cost \$60,000

**DART Bus Stops Accessibility: \$272,500**

**Criteria:**

City staff worked closely with DART to develop recommended locations with priority based on daily boardings and/or the severity of existing conditions – see attached list.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



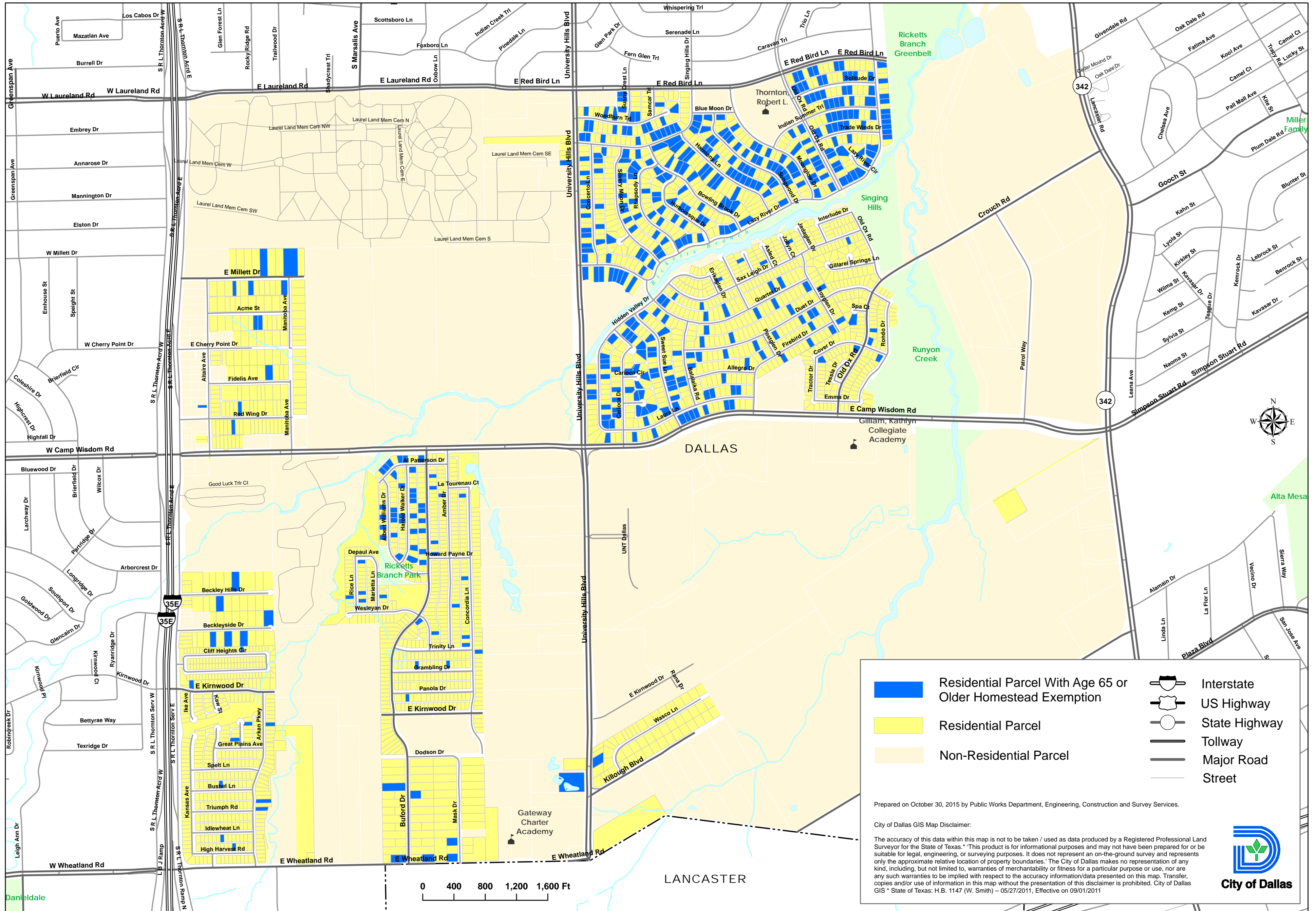
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**Attachments**

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# Parcels with Age 65 or Older Homestead Exemption, Education Corridor



- Residential Parcel With Age 65 or Older Homestead Exemption
- Residential Parcel
- Non-Residential Parcel
- Interstate
- US Highway
- State Highway
- Tollway
- Major Road
- Street

Prepared on October 30, 2015 by Public Works Department, Engineering, Construction and Survey Services.

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Recommended Sidewalk Improvements for Connectivity to DART Facilities:

1. Beeman Avenue – Reynolds Avenue to Culver Street (estimated cost \$25,000)
2. Brook Valley Lane - Marvin D. Love Freeway to Clubview Drive (estimated cost \$15,000)
3. Buckner Boulevard – Scyene Circle to Military Parkway (estimated cost \$30,000)
4. Eads Avenue – east side of roadway from Hutchins Avenue to Reverend CBT Smith Street (estimated cost \$10,000)
5. Frankford Road – replace damaged sidewalk east and west of Meandering Way (estimated cost \$20,000)
6. Fort Worth Avenue – north side of roadway between Walters Drive to Colorado Boulevard (estimated cost \$20,000)
7. Hampton Road – east side of roadway north and south of Swanssee Drive (estimated cost \$10,000)
8. Hunnicut Road – extend sidewalks to bus stops north and south of Samuell Boulevard (estimated cost \$10,000)
9. Hutchins Avenue – extend sidewalk along north side of roadway from Denley Drive to bus stop (estimated cost \$10,000)
10. Northwest Parkway - provide missing sidewalks west and east of Lockhaven Drive (estimated cost \$15,000)
11. Preston Road - west side of roadway between Meletio Lane to Charlestown Drive (estimated cost \$20,000)
12. Royal Lane - north side of roadway from Webb Chapel Road to Damon Lane (estimated cost \$7,500)
13. San Rafael Drive – north or south side of roadway from Garland Road to Highland Road (estimated cost \$25,000)
14. Skillman Street – connect/extend various cross-street sidewalks to DART bus stop along Skillman Street between Winton Street and Vickery Boulevard (estimated cost \$20,000)
15. Walnut Hill Lane – north side of roadway from IH35E to Shady Trail (estimated cost \$20,000)
16. Wheatland Road – north side of roadway from Fellowship Drive to Indian Ridge Trail (estimated cost \$15,000)



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SUBJECT **Federal Asset Forfeiture Program**

On December 21, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that due to a \$1.2 billion rescission from Congress, it has abruptly deferred all pending and future payments from the Federal Asset Forfeiture program to state and local law enforcement partners. This includes approximately \$2 million in confiscated awards for the Dallas Police Department, which are tied to several signed Memoranda of Understanding for past work on joint investigations.

Under this program, when assets and funds are seized during work with federal task forces, local law enforcement agencies receive a portion of the forfeited assets based on their level of involvement, up to 80% (Equitable Sharing). Local law enforcement agencies all across the country, including Dallas, rely heavily on this critical public safety tool to protect our communities and ensure public safety.

In Dallas, funds from the civil asset forfeiture and the DOJ Equitable Sharing Program fund critical narcotic and vice operations, overtime for law enforcement officers that are tasked with tracking drug and human traffickers, drug and medical analysis services, maintenance of cameras in high crime areas, the intelligence fusion center, and equipment for the officers in the Dallas Police Department. Without these funds, it will be challenging for us to sustain the current level of staffing and capabilities we have implemented towards narcotic operations.

The Dallas Police Department Narcotics Division has contributed to the reduction of crime for the 12th consecutive year in Dallas by conducting over 1,200 undercover narcotic buys, arresting over 900 suspected drug dealers and other criminals, taking over 400 guns off the street, and seizing over 3,300 pounds of dangerous drugs.

These missions are primarily funded through the receipt of approximately \$2 million in confiscated awards from joint investigations. The payments are tied to several signed Memoranda of Understanding for past work that were expected to be disbursed in the next few months, but are included in the payments that have been suspended by DOJ. There will be a meeting at the end of January with DOJ and the Asset Forfeiture/Money Laundering Section leadership to discuss the future of this program, which has been moved up from its originally scheduled date in March.

The Dallas Police Department will be able to absorb this loss during FY15-16 because this year is funded by confiscated awards from FY14-15. In future fiscal

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years, while Dallas will still participate in joint task force investigations, the Police Department will have to reevaluate the level of our participation, as well as look at general fund as a source for funding this important work. We will continue to work with our federal elected officials to make them aware of our concerns, and advocate for restored funding.

Should you have any questions about the DOJ Asset Forfeiture program or Equitable Sharing, please don't hesitate to contact me.



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# Memorandum



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SUBJECT: **Graduation Ceremony for Dallas Police Recruit Class #346**

You are cordially invited to attend the graduation of Recruit Class #346 on Friday, February 12, 2016, at 2:00 P.M. The ceremony will be held at Mountain View College located on 4849 W. Illinois Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75211 in the Performance Hall.

At 2:00 P.M., you and stage participants will walk onto the stage to begin the ceremony. All attending City Council Members will be recognized at this time.

Please have your staff contact Sergeant C. Tubbs, #6311 at (214) 670-4811 and/or by email at [charles.tubbs@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us](mailto:charles.tubbs@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us) to RSVP by Monday, February 8, 2016. Thank you for your participation.



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