

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 30, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **D2 Eastern End Alignment - Zone B Progress Update #3**

Background

On March 24, 2021, the City Council passed a resolution ([CR 21-0535](#)) in support of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) D2 project. The resolution included a map (copy attached and [linked](#)) that separated the alignment into two zones; Zone A, where the alignment is set with no significant changes, and Zone B, the eastern end of the alignment where discussions with DART, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and other stakeholders are continuing. The goal of these continued discussions is to explore potential refinements, enhancements and/or modifications to D2 in Zone B (hereafter referred to as “alternatives”) to address community concerns and optimize the project’s interface with IH-345. This process involves the following key steps:

- Document and discuss key issues
- Develop alternatives based on input from agencies and stakeholders
- Evaluate and compare key factors to enable decision-makers and elected officials to clearly understand the differences in potential impacts, benefits, costs, scope, and schedule
- Develop an agency staff recommendation and a draft interlocal agreement

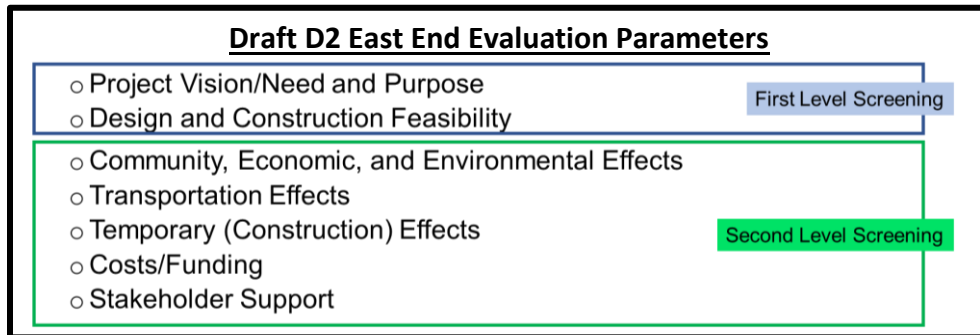
Section 6 of the resolution contained a provision for elected and appointed officials of the City, DART, NCTCOG, and TxDOT to be briefed on a regular basis to document progress and stakeholder feedback.

Progress

The first progress memorandum to City Council on [April 23, 2021](#), provided information on the creation of a work plan and schedule (Attachment 2). The second progress memorandum to City Council on [May 21, 2021](#), outlined work that had been completed to identify issues, develop the range of Zone B alternatives to be evaluated, and begin drafting the evaluation process and parameters.

Throughout June and July, the City, DART, NCTCOG, and TxDOT staff worked to finalize the evaluation parameters and the alternatives to be evaluated. The draft evaluation parameters are shown below. Staff from the partnering agencies began evaluating the alternatives through the first level screening, in which options were reviewed for constructability and whether they address the objectives of the D2 project. On July 2 and July 9, 2021, the City, DART, NCTCOG, and TxDOT staff met to discuss the findings from the first level screening and to refine the alternatives that are feasible to be advanced based on the screening parameters.

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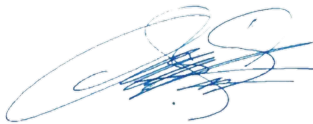


Next Steps

City staff have coordinated with DART and NCTCOG to schedule a stakeholder/public meeting for [August 5, 2021](#) to present the work to date, the range of alternatives being evaluated, the evaluation process and parameters, and findings from the first level screening.

The partner agencies will continue to meet and are committing the necessary resources to guide this process so that evaluation of potential refinements, enhancements, and/or modifications to the Zone B eastern end of the alignment is complete by the end of September 2021 and any recommended refinements, enhancements, and/or modifications are finalized no later than December 2021.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ghassan Khankarli, Director of the Department of Transportation, at ghassan.khankarli@dallascityhall.com.



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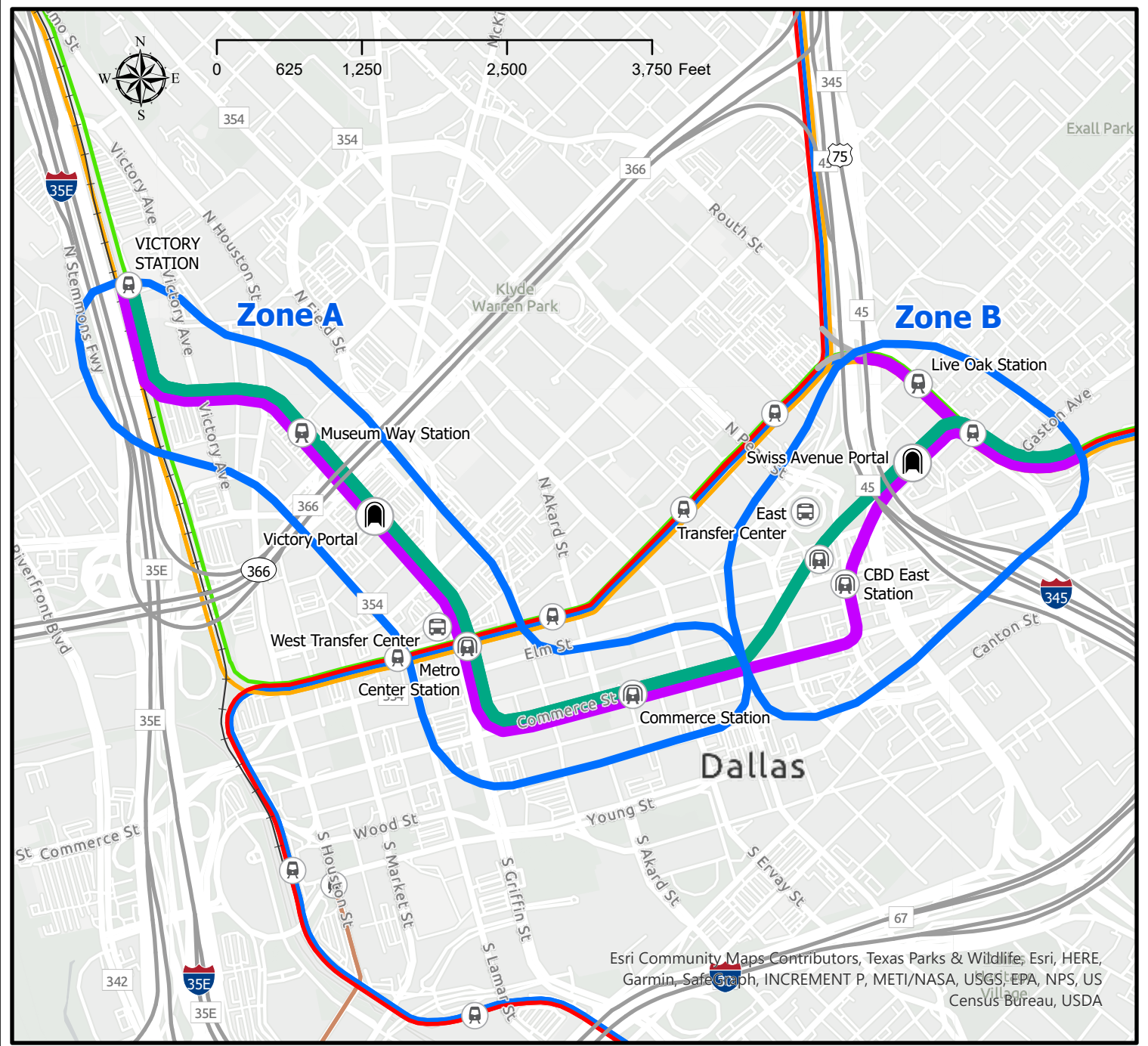
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| T.C. Broadnax, City Manager | Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager |
| Chris Caso, City Attorney | Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager |
| Mark Swann, City Auditor | Dr. Eric A. Johnson, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services |
| Biliera Johnson, City Secretary | M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer |
| Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge | M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion |
| Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff to the City Manager | Directors and Assistant Directors |

Attachment 1 DART D2 Project Council District 2, 14

- █ Locally Preferred Alternative - City Council Resolution September 2017
 - █ DART's Current Proposed Alternative

 - █ BLUE LINE
 - █ GREEN LINE
 - █ ORANGE LINE
 - █ RED LINE
 - █ MCKINNEY AVENUE TROLLEY
 - █ DALLAS STREETCAR
- + TRINITY RAILWAY



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Attachment 2

DART D2 East End Evaluation Process Schedule

