

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 16, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update**

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is in the process of updating the City of Dallas' Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HazMAP). The HazMAP is updated every five years and aims to document and analyze the City of Dallas' vulnerability to natural and man-made risks and hazards, to reduce their impacts on life and property within the city. OEM has started the update process by bringing together personnel from relevant city departments and regional partners in the Mitigation Working Group (MWG). The MWG will collaborate through regular meetings to update the HazMAP with best practices, relevant projects, and updated information. OEM will also be meeting individually with relevant departments to develop hazard mitigation projects for the plan. This plan also opens the opportunity for the City of Dallas to apply for federal funding for hazard mitigation.

The process for plan updates is currently scheduled to last until late March/early April 2023. Once the plan has been finalized by the MWG, it will be sent to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval. Prior to the plan being sent to TDEM and FEMA, OEM will provide the City Council with the opportunity to review the plan and provide feedback. After the plan has been reviewed and approved by TDEM and FEMA, the plan will be brought before the City Council for official, and final, adoption.

To engage the public in the planning process, a draft version of the updated HazMAP and a form to submit feedback will be available on OEM's website and the city's and OEM's social media channels. To further engage the public in the planning process, and to comply with federal regulations, the City of Dallas will hold 3 in-person Townhall meetings where members of the public can ask questions and provide comments on the HazMAP. The Townhall meetings will be held in early October, early December, and mid-February. Members of the City Council are welcome, and encouraged, to attend the public meetings. Please note that the timing of the public meetings may change as the planning process dictates. Public meeting dates and times will be advertised on OEM's website and on the City of Dallas and OEM social media channels. When public meeting dates and times have been finalized, an update will be provided to the City Council. OEM is excited to engage the city and the public in updating this hazard mitigation plan.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.



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