## Memorandum



DATE April 7, 2023

<sup>TO</sup> Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

## **SUBJECT** Agenda Items 8 and 31, April 12, 2023, City Council Agenda – Advance Funding Agreements with TxDOT for Design of Two Deck Caps Over IH-30

During the April 12, 2023 City Council Agenda meeting, City Council will consider agenda items 8 and 31. These items are for Advanced Funding Agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the preparation of plans, specifications and estimates, and final engineering of the bridge abutment foundations to accommodate future deck caps over Interstate Highway (IH) 30 in the vicinity of Lamar Street and Old City Park from East Ervay Street to Hardwood Street ("Projects").

Both Projects are related to TxDOT's redesign of IH-30 from IH-35 East to IH-45, known as the IH-30 Canyon, and align with the City's guiding principles for the IH-30 redesign as well as the implementation of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Master Plan. The deck caps are intended to reconnect communities that have been separated years ago by the construction of the original freeway. The reconnected communities will include the Dallas Downtown Historic District, the Dallas Farmers Market, the Cedars Area, Dallas Heritage Park, and several other residential and commercial areas.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ghassan "Gus" Khankarli, Ph.D. P.E., PMP, CLTD, Director of the Department of Transportation, at <u>ghassan.khankarli@dallas.gov</u>, or Rosa Fleming, Director of the Office of Convention and Event Services, at <u>rosa.fleming@dallas.gov</u>.

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