Memorandum



DATE April 21, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Interstate Highway (IH)-345 Feasibility Study – Update of City of Dallas Panel Discussion and Next Steps

Background

On October 19, 2022, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), accompanied by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the City of Dallas' Department of Transportation (TRN), briefed the Dallas City Council on TxDOT's IH-345 Feasibility Study and its path to the recommended Refined Hybrid Option for redevelopment of IH-345. Following the October 19, 2022, City Council briefing, TRN staff drafted a resolution of support for the Refined Hybrid Option of IH-345 for consideration during the February 22, 2023, City Council agenda meeting.

Noted in memorandums sent to the Mayor and City Council on February 15, 2023, and March 24, 2023, the agenda item for City Council to consider support for the Refined Hybrid Option for the redevelopment of IH-345 was deleted to hold additional discussions on the options for redevelopment, based upon previous City Council briefings. The February 15th and March 24th memorandums also noted that TRN would co-host a community panel of subject matter experts to discuss the different options of reconfiguration of IH-345 and answer questions from the public. The March 24, 2023, memorandum to the Mayor and City Council also detailed that following the community panel, City staff would brief the Mayor and City Council and the agenda item for the resolution of support would be brought to City Council for consideration.

Given the background and discussion of the IH-345 Feasibility Study provided above, the purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update of the development and timeline of the panel discussion and next steps for City Council to consider a resolution of support for the Refined Hybrid Option for the redevelopment of IH-345.

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Understanding the status of the resolution of support for the Refined Hybrid Option for redevelopment of IH-345, next steps to move this item forward will include a public panel discussion to share details of and ask questions about the IH-345 Feasibility Study, a briefing to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, a City Council briefing, and then an agenda item for City Council for a resolution of support for IH-345 redevelopment. The next steps are tentatively scheduled as follows:

- 1. Public Panel Discussion: May 8th, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Dallas City Hall Council Chambers,
- 2. Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Briefing: May 15, 2023,
- 3. City Council Briefing: May 17, 2023,

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4. City Council Consideration of proposed resolution: May 24, 2023.

As this memorandum has provided updates on the panel discussion and the next steps to progress a resolution of support for redevelopment of IH-345, should there be any questions, please contact Dr. Ghassan "Gus" Khankarli, Director of Transportation, by email at ghassan.khankarli@dallas.gov.

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