

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 11, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Conservation of Steers at Pioneer Plaza**

Nine bronze steers and one equestrian statue in Pioneer Park are in need of conservation treatment that will require the removal of the bronze sculptures. They will be removed in the next two-three weeks and be relocated to a secure site on City of Dallas property where the conservator can address condition issues and restore the foundations in which they are installed.

This is standard operating procedure for public art installations that require treatment that cannot be done on site. The areas where the steers have been removed will be covered with gravel. A trained conservator will conduct the conservation treatment. The expected timeline for treatment and reinstallation of the entire group is 6-7 months. The steers will be reinstalled in groups of three, so they will not all be gone for the entire time.

Signage to inform the public about the removal of the steers for conservation will be installed at the time they are removed.

This is not related to any other issues in Pioneer Park or the adjoining Pioneer Cemetery.

For additional questions please contact:

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