

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 27, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **DART Cotton Belt Corridor – Release of Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

On April 20, 2018 the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Cotton Belt Corridor Regional Rail Project for public review. The Cotton Belt Corridor project proposes to construct a 26-mile commuter rail line from the DFW Airport, passing through portions of North Dallas to Shiloh Road in Plano.

The DEIS is available for public review for a 45-day period from April 20, 2018 through June 4, 2018. Hard copies of the DEIS are available at several public libraries including Fretz Park Branch Library and Park Forest Branch Library in Dallas. The DEIS is also available on-line at: <http://www.dart.org/about/expansion/cottonbelt.asp>.

City staff reviewed preliminary design and the technical reports used in the DEIS and will continue to work with DART staff on the issues related to grade separated crossings, station locations, sound mitigation and aesthetics along the route.

Please also be advised that the DART Board will consider setting goals and funding for project betterments as a part of their meetings on May 8, 2018 and May 22, 2018. Project betterments are defined as project improvements that are not required in the DEIS as mitigation for project environmental impacts.

Comments on the DEIS can be submitted online to Cottonbelt@DART.org or may be mailed to Mr. John Hoppie, DART Capital Planning, PO BOX 660163 Dallas, TX 75266. Comments may also be submitted in person at one of the following Public Hearings:

May 14, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.
Renaissance Dallas Addison
Lalique Ballroom
[15201 Dallas Parkway](https://www.google.com/maps/place/15201+Dallas+Parkway,+Addison,+TX+75001)
[Addison, TX 75001](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Addison,+TX+75001)

May 15, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.
Richardson Civic Center
Grand Ballroom
[411 W. Arapaho Road](https://www.google.com/maps/place/411+W.+Arapaho+Road,+Richardson,+TX+75080)
[Richardson, TX 75080](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Richardson,+TX+75080)

May 16, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.
DFW Airport Marriott
[8440 Freeport Parkway](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8440+Freeport+Parkway,+Irving,+TX+75063)
[Irving, TX 75063](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Irving,+TX+75063)

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