

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 6, 2017

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Transportation Funding Opportunities in the Dallas-Fort Worth Region**

On Monday, October 9, 2017, Michael Morris, Director of Transportation at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) will brief the Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee (MSISC) on upcoming transportation funding opportunities in a briefing titled "*Big Projects in Texas and the Dallas-Fort Worth Region.*" These projects are scheduled to be on the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) agenda on October 12, 2017 as an action item.

By way of background, the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) initially allocated funding in its 10-year Unified Transportation Program using formula allocations that honored longstanding commitments for fair share funding to the major urban areas. However, since the legislature has not provided additional tools to finance large projects (e.g. Comprehensive Development Agreement authority), the TTC is now carving out up to \$12 billion in funding during the next 10 years for several mega-projects around the state. Houston (I-45) and Austin (I-35) have large projects apparently lined up for this funding, and the DFW region will need to select projects for funding, as well.

As a result, TTC Commissioner Vic Vandergriff and Michael Morris led a discussion at the September RTC meeting on how the DFW region can position itself to secure about one-third of these funds. NCTCOG staff and the local TxDOT districts have identified three large projects that could be recommended for this funding. One of the projects would be to rebuild I-820 in Fort Worth, while the other two would be primarily in the City of Dallas: (1) \$800 million to complete funding for the I-635 LBJ East project, and (2) \$1.66 billion focused on the Lower Stemmons/Mixmaster-Canyon/I-45 corridors.

Upon conclusion of the MSISC and RTC meetings, I will provide the City Council with a summary of the discussion and an update on next steps recommended by both groups.

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Assistant City Manager

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