

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 23, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Interagency Transportation Report - August 2019**

Many agencies in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex support the region's vast transportation network including the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA), Dallas Fort-Worth International Airport (DFW Airport) and others.

The attached Interagency Transportation Report aims to deliver brief updates on these agency's efforts and their impact on the City of Dallas. This report has traditionally been distributed monthly to the Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure and Sustainability (MSIS) Committee. When committee meetings are re-established, we anticipate returning to a similar practice coinciding with the Committee that oversees the City's transportation efforts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone at (214) 670 – 1875 or by email at [majed.al-ghafry@dallascityhall.com](mailto:majed.al-ghafry@dallascityhall.com).

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Majed Al-Ghafry, P.E.  
Assistant City Manager

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c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
Chris Caso, City Attorney (Interim)  
Mark Swann, City Auditor  
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary  
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge  
Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff to the City Manager  
Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager

Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager  
Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer  
Michael Mendoza, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services  
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer  
Laila Alequresh, Chief Innovation Officer  
M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion  
Directors and Assistant Directors

# INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION REPORT - AUGUST 2019

RTC / TxDOT / NTTA / DART / DRMC / DFW Airport / HSR



## **NEW RTC OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020**

In June 2019, the RTC appointed the following new officers:

**Chair** Andy Eads, County Judge Denton County  
**Vice Chair** Roger Harmon, County Judge, Johnson County  
**Secretary** Dr. Theresa Daniel, County Commissioner, Dallas County

## **RTC TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM PROJECTS**

In June 2019, the RTC approved projects for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program.

This Set-Aside Program supports funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives such as: trails, on-street bikeways, bicycle/pedestrian signalization, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb ramps, traffic controls and calming measures, signage, and road diets throughout the North Central Texas Council of Governments region.

Two projects in Dallas were included in the June 2019 approval:

- Cotton Belt Trail Segments 18 & 20
  - These trail segments will be built by DART in conjunction with the rest of the Silver Line (aka "Cotton Belt") alignment.
- Harry Hines Multimodal Connection located in City Council District 6.
  - Dallas County will construct approximately one mile of sidewalks on both the east side (10-foot-wide) and the west side (7-foot-wide) of Harry Hines Blvd. The sidewalks will run from the existing Bachman DART Station at Webb Chapel, north to already completed sidewalks on Harry Hines Blvd. at Manana Drive. The project connects multimodal projects in the northwest Dallas area, including DART light rail stations, Harry Hines sidewalks north of Manana Drive (to Forest Lane), the pedestrian bridge at Walnut Hill Lane, the Northaven Trail, and the Denton Drive multimodal facilities. The project will be constructed by Dallas County no later than 2023.

## **RTC FUNDING PARTNERSHIP - JOPPA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE & LOOP 12/CARBONDALE IMPROVEMENT**

In June 2019, the RTC approved funding for the following Dallas projects located in City Council Districts 7 and 8:

- Pedestrian bridge over the Union Pacific rail line/yard adjacent to Linfield Road to increase safety and mobility of pedestrians.
- Loop 12 intersection roadway improvements into the neighborhood
- Loop 12 sidewalk improvements

*all amounts in millions*

Project Improvements	RTC (Federal CMAQ)	City (TDC's)	TxDOT	Union Pacific	Total
Bike/Pedestrian Bridge**	\$7.00	\$0.60	\$0	\$1.00	\$8.00
Loop 12 Intersection	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.25	\$0	\$1.25

\*\*Use of TDC's dependent upon federal rules, using Dallas Policy Bundle TDCs, & TDCs are not counted in the funding total, funding totals may be reduced to match eligible expenditures

### Proposed Improvement Locations



### **RTC APPROVES \$2M IN TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS TO USE IN FY2019-2020**

The City of Dallas demonstrates support for 17 of 20 items in the RTC's "Metropolitan Plan Policy Bundle."

The Metropolitan Policy Bundle is a voluntary list of policies that local governments and transportation agencies can choose to adopt that aim to address issues affecting transportation in the region. These policies cover a wide range of topics such as employee trip reductions, parking management, safe access to schools, complete streets, and the like. Cities and transit agencies that voluntarily adopt at least 50 percent of these policies are eligible for Transportation Development Credits (TDCs).

Because of Dallas' adoption of these policies, the RTC approved an allocation of \$2M TDCs for the City.

TDCs are non-cash credits allocated to states to account for toll road and tolled managed lanes that benefit the federal system. The RTC establishes the process for allocating TDCs regionally, and these credits are generally awarded to projects that are multi-modal, innovative, and strategically important but that lack available local funding. The City can use these TDCs for the local match requirement for FY2019-2020 federally funded local projects.

Recent projects in Dallas that have used TDCs for the local match include design for the Cotton Belt Veloweb trail and construction of multiple sections of the trail corridor; reconstructing Park Lane from Greenville Avenue to Hemlock to accommodate bicycle lanes and sidewalks; and construction of the SoPac Trail from Greenville Avenue & Meadow to Northaven Trail.

**RTC UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Date	Time	Location
August, 2019	<b>NO RTC MEETING</b>	
September 12, 2019	1:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Transportation Investment Summit</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Irving Convention Center 500 Las Colinas Blvd. W Irving, TX 76039</p>



## **TxDOT STUDIES TRUCK LANE RESTRICTIONS**

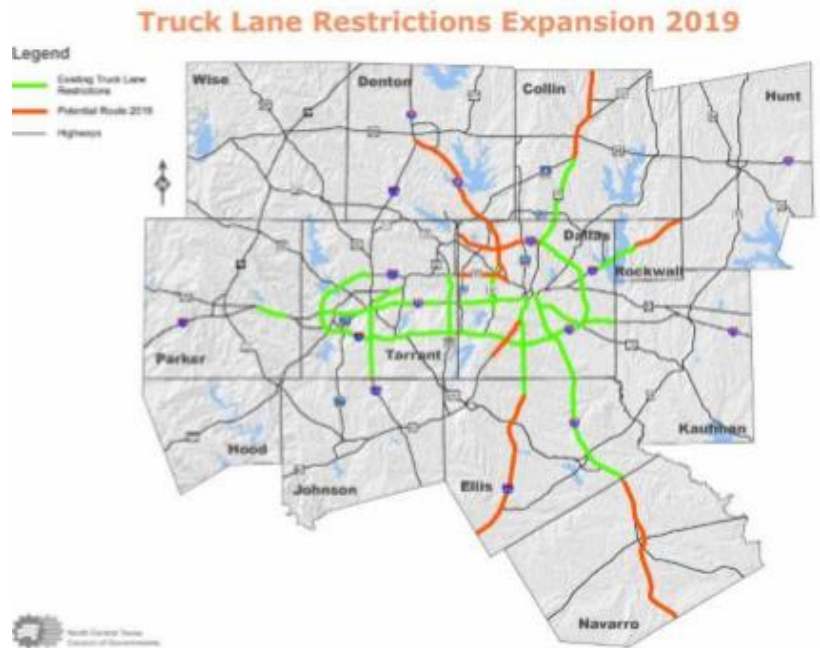
TxDOT and the North Central Texas Council of Governments are studying several corridors in Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Navarro and Rockwall Counties to determine if truck lane restrictions should be expanded. Corridors being studied are:

### **In Dallas City Limits**

- IH 35E from Spur 366 to Corinth Pkwy
- SH 183 from IH 35E to Dallas/Tarrant County line
- US 67 from IH 35E to FM 1382
- IH 635 from US 75 to Dallas/Tarrant County line

### **Other sites in DFW**

- US 75 from SH 121 South to Collin/Grayson County line
- IH 45 from Navarro/Ellis County line to Navarro/Freestone County line
- IH 35E from US 77N to Ellis/Hill County line
- IH 30 from SH 205 to Rockwall/Hunt County line



TxDOT staff held a public hearing on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to receive feedback and comments. Additional truck lane restrictions are being considered (see map above – green are existing; orange are study corridors). For more information see [www.nctcog.org/input](http://www.nctcog.org/input)

## **Texas Transportation Commission – New Appointee**

Governor Greg Abbott appointed Robert C. “Robie” Vaughn to the Texas Transportation Commission. Mr. Vaughn’s term runs through February 1, 2025. Mr. Vaughn lives in Dallas and is the owner of Vaughn Capital Partners, LLC and Vaughn Petroleum, Ltd.





## **NEW DART STAFF**

David Schulze was appointed as DART's first executive level Chief of Staff and will serve as senior advisor to the President/Executive Director. Mr. Schulze's email address is [dschulze@dart.org](mailto:dschulze@dart.org) and his phone number is 214-749-3004.

Gregory Elsborg has been hired as the Vice President, Chief Innovation Officer. He is tasked with driving new business partnerships, growing DART's Mobility as a Service (MaaS) operations and leveraging technology to aid innovation. Mr. Elsborg's email address is [wgoree@dart.org](mailto:wgoree@dart.org) and his phone number is 214-749-2733.

## **DART RENAMES COTTON BELT "SILVER LINE"**

In June 2019, the DART board approved a resolution to name future service running on the Cotton Belt Commuter Rail the "Silver Line." Information and a link to receive email updates on this project can be found at [www.dart.org/cottonbelt](http://www.dart.org/cottonbelt)

## **DART APPROVES VICTORY PLAZA REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

The DART board approved a development agreement for Victory Plaza, located on the east side of I-35E near the American Airlines Center. The development agreement allows for the financing, design, engineering and construction of DART's one-acre Victory Plaza with Anland North Commercial.



Anland owns approximately three acres of property north of and adjacent to the DART property and intends to develop it with a 350,000 square foot Class "A" office building and 13,000 square feet of retail space.

### **SHUTTLE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN DART AND UTSW MEDICAL CENTER AND PARKLAND HOSPITAL**

In July 2019, the DART Board approved a three-year agreement with UT Southwestern Medical Center to continue funding and operating a shuttle in the Medical Center area. The shuttle serves Children's Hospital, Parkland Hospital, Bass Center and William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital.

At the same meeting, the DART Board approved a \$5.8 million four-year agreement with Parkland Hospital to provide site-specific shuttle services. A 1998 DART policy allows shuttle services that connect to rail stations or transit centers when an employer or other entity agrees to pay for it.





## **DRMC MEETING**

The Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition is a transportation advocacy group made up of cities, counties and transportation agencies in a five-county region (Dallas, Denton, Collin, Rockwall and Ellis) with a primary mission to advance critical mobility projects through advocacy efforts with state and federal elected officials and regional transportation agencies.

The next DRMC meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2019. Meetings are held at the North Texas Tollway Authority headquarters at 5900 West Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093.

2019 Airport of the Year



## **DFW AIRPORT ADDING A SIXTH TERMINAL**

DFW plans to open a sixth terminal at the airport, "Terminal F," by 2025.

The new terminal will be located at a current parking area south of Terminal D and will include up to 24 new gates. The airport's new release says that "the design of Terminal F is expected to accommodate a changing aviation industry as DFW utilizes innovative technologies to facilitate the movement of customers, maintain cost efficiencies for airlines and improve operational performance."



## **Recent Court Ruling**

In July 2019 the 14th Court of Appeals of Texas ruled that a lower court erred in granting summary judgment and issuing a permanent injunction against Texas Central and its contractors for survey work conducted in Grimes County.

The county had claimed that the surveys performed for the project unreasonably interfered with the public's use of roads. The lower court ruled in

favor of Grimes County, issuing summary judgement and a permanent injunction from performing surveys or other studies that damage, alter or impair county rights-of-way.

Texas Central appealed the lower court ruling and the Court of Appeals ruled that the lower court erred in granting summary judgement and issuing the permanent injunction.

Texas Central stated that they are performing standard survey practices that are used across the State by TxDOT, roadbuilders and construction companies.