

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 10, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Margaret McDermott Bridge Status Update**

This memorandum provides an update on the status of the Margaret McDermott (I-30) Bridge project. On April 12, 2019, the City Manager, as directed by City Council at its meeting dated April 10, 2019, requested funding from the Trinity Park Conservancy to cover additional construction costs associated with the full retrofit which entails replacing all cables including a new lower cable anchorage assembly with a larger anchor rod (letter is attached as exhibit A). In addition, the City Manager requested a response from Trinity Park Conservancy no later than April 19, 2019.

The City Manager received a response letter (attached as exhibit B) from the Trinity Park Conservancy dated April 19, 2019, indicating their fundraising efforts are concentrated on the successful completion of Harold Simmons Park and that they will consider ways to help upon concluding the fundraising efforts.

In the absence of funding commitment by the Trinity Park Conservancy, the City has no other option than to move forward and pay the additional costs to get the project completed and reserves its right to pursue all other responsible third parties for these additional costs.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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

Attachments

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Chris Caso, City Attorney (Interim)
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Kimberly Bizzor 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
Directors and Assistant Directors



April 12, 2019

Ms. Deedie Rose
Board Chair
Trinity Park Conservancy
1414 Oak Lawn, Suite 200
Dallas, Texas 75207

Dear Ms. Rose:

The City of Dallas has been working towards the completion of the Margaret McDermott Bridge with our partners at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Through various efforts dating back to the early 2000's, funding has been secured through public and private efforts. The private philanthropic efforts were appreciated and assisted in the development of the Margaret Hunt Hill and Margaret McDermott Bridges. The City initiated these design contracts with Santiago Calatrava and construction was performed through TxDOT. The McDermott Bridge has not opened to date as a result of fatigue on the cable anchorage system. In an effort to resolve the issues surrounding the cable anchorage system, the design team led by Santiago Calatrava has developed a solution that required replacing the existing cable anchorage system with a larger rod and additional dampeners. TxDOT's contractor has agreed to perform this work and priced the replacement and associated actions at \$7,091,014.

At the City Council meeting on April 10, 2019, the City Council authorized the payment to TxDOT, contingent upon formally requesting funding from the Trinity Park Conservancy (TPC). As part of this action, I was directed as City Manager to request these funds and a response from TPC no later than April 19, 2019.

Your timely response is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Majed Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager, at 214-671-9465.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.C. Broadnax', written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

T.C. Broadnax
City Manager

cc: Majed Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager
Terry Lowery, Director, Dallas Water Utilities
Sarah Standifer, Assistant Director, Dallas Water Utilities



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April 19, 2019

Mr. T.C. Broadnax
City Manager
City of Dallas
1500 Marilla St., 4EN
Dallas, TX 75201

Dear Mr. Broadnax,

Several years ago, at the City of Dallas' request, funds were privately raised to support the City's aspiration for two signature bridges, with all development being the responsibility of the City and its governmental partners. We really appreciate all of the City's hard work and exceptional efforts.

At this point, Trinity Park Conservancy's fundraising efforts are concentrated on the successful completion of Harold Simmons Park. As we finish fundraising efforts, we will consider how we can be helpful.

We remain dedicated to the City of Dallas and look forward to the opening of the Margaret McDermott Bridge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deedie Rose". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Deedie Rose
Board Chair