

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 5, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Slow Streets Pilot Program to Increase Residential Space for Social Distancing**

As part of the June 4, 2020, Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Human and Social Recovery and Assistance meeting, the Committee was briefed on the City of Dallas' Slow Streets Pilot Program. The Slow Streets Pilot Program, in collaboration with the Better Block Foundation, Amanda Popken Development, Bike DFW, and the Coalition for a New Dallas, will provide Dallas residents with an opportunity to close residential streets to through-traffic in an effort to provide a safer atmosphere, close to home, to enjoy outdoor activities while maintaining social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City of Dallas Slow Streets Pilot Program, mirrored from similar programs in Austin, Texas and Kansas City, Missouri, will be permitted on 10 residential streets for a period of 30 days. The selected pilot locations, which will be permitted on a first-come, first-served basis, will require a permit application submitted by a "Block Captain," notification to all residents on the block, and approval from at least 25% of those residents. Once a pilot block is permitted by the City of Dallas' Department of Public Works, all necessary traffic control and signage will be provided by the partnering organizations.

Additional information including criteria for pilot locations, permit requirements, and the application process, can be found at the following link: <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/public-works/Pages/Data-and-Maps.aspx>. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Ali Hatefi, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works or Robert M. Perez, Director of Public Works.

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Majed A. Al-Ghafry, P.E.
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