

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 20, 2026

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council

SUBJECT **State Mandated Removal and Replacement of Crosswalks and Community Engagement**

Background

On October 8, 2025, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) notified the City of Dallas that decorative pavement markings on public roadways do not comply with state standards outlined in the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The City subsequently requested an exception to preserve several community crosswalk designs; however, TxDOT denied the request on January 15, 2026. In response, Dallas submitted a compliance plan on January 30, 2026, committing to bring 30 crosswalks into conformity with state standards within 90 days. In addition, the City committed to City Council it would also explore alternative ways to recognize neighborhood identity through community art initiatives.

Schedule for Removal and Replacement

The Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) is initiating efforts to remove the crosswalk markings included in the City's response letter to the TxDOT notice. TPW will begin work on March 23, 2026, coordinating this effort with the scheduled Oak lawn Ave roadway resurfacing project which includes the Cedar Springs Road intersection in order to maximize efficiency and minimize disruptions to the traveling public. The department anticipates completing the removal of the 30 crosswalks and installing compliant crosswalk markings by April 28, 2026, with a goal of completing the work within approximately three weeks, pending weather and operational conditions.

TPW will monitor progress and provide updates as necessary to the City Council as the work advances.

Development of Alternative Neighborhood Identity Programs

The Office of Arts and Culture is reviewing peer-city approaches to determine alternatives to pavement markings and developing guidance for how public art may be incorporated in the right-of-way going forward. Dialogue with community stakeholders has begun and the Office of Arts and Culture will host three in-person community engagement sessions to gain additional insights about neighborhood identity and potential projects for consideration across each of the impacted communities.

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We kindly ask Council to share information with residents in your respective newsletters. We will provide flyers in a forthcoming communication.

Event	Date	Time	Location	Address
Cedar Springs	April 10th	5:30–6:30 PM	Reverchon Recreation Center	3505 Maple Ave, 75219
South Dallas	April 8th	5:30–6:30 PM	South Dallas Cultural Center	3400 S Fitzhugh, 75210
Uptown	April 6th	5:30–6:30 PM	Theater Three	2688 Laclede St #120, 75201

Following these meetings, we will communicate potential options and next steps.

Please contact Director Ghassan Khankarli (TPW) or Martine Philippe (OAC) if additional information is needed.

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 Assistant City Manager



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