

Memorandum



DATE January 16, 2026

CITY OF DALLAS

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Follow-Up on TxDOT Pavement Markings Exception Request**

On January 15, 2026, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) issued a formal response to the City of Dallas regarding our request for an exception to Pavement Marking Standards on Public Roads.

TxDOT did not accept the exception request submitted on November 6, 2025, because the request did not include a signed and sealed document from a licensed traffic engineer and the intersections identified do not meet current Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD) requirements. TxDOT emphasized that all treatments must comply with the TMUTCD, the Secretary of Transportation's Safe Road Initiative, and the Governor's directive issued October 8, 2025, which prioritize uniformity and predictability in traffic control devices statewide.

The City is required to submit either an action plan to bring these locations into compliance or an updated exception request containing a licensed engineer's seal by January 31, 2026. Failure to comply may result in withholding or denial of state or federal funds and/or suspension of agreements between TxDOT and the City. TxDOT also requested that the City refrain from installing additional non-standard markings during this period and continue to prioritize pedestrian and traffic safety.

TxDOT did not clarify how our crosswalks impede pedestrian and vehicle safety as requested by our appeal letter. Staff will work with the City Attorney's Office on our response. We will continue to keep City Council informed of all correspondence and progress on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Assistant City Manager, Dev Rastogi, at dev.rastogi@dallas.gov if you have questions.

Service First, Now!

A handwritten signature of Kimberly Bizer Tolbert.

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City Manager

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