

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 24, 2026

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Additional Community Engagement in Budget Development Process**

Budget and Management Services (BMS) continues to seek community engagement and input as part of the budget development process. Engagement opportunities for the development of the FY 2026-27 budget include:

1. Annual Community Survey conducted by ETC Institute as a random sample, statistically valid survey is used to assess resident perceptions and priorities of the city and city services. This survey is being conducted February through May, and additional information is available in the previously distributed [Friday memo](#). Survey results will be presented to the City Council by ETC representatives on June 17.
2. Spring Town Hall Listening Sessions were held March 23-26.
3. Budget Priorities Survey was launched at the Spring meetings and will continue to be available on the financial transparency website through June 30. Additionally, BMS partnered with Dallas Public Library and the Department of Park and Recreation to distribute flyers and make the survey QR code available at branch libraries and recreation centers. This survey is available to all residents and is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Simplified Chinese. For the online survey link, please visit the [survey website](#).
4. Public Hearings are scheduled for April 8, May 27, and August 25 before the full City Council during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting.
5. City Council Member hosted Budget Town Hall meetings are scheduled for August 11-25 to receive resident input on the City Manager's recommended budget.

The purpose of this memorandum is to make you aware of an additional engagement opportunity that is now being implemented. On May 1, BMS will partner with Zencity to launch an additional statistically valid version of the Budget Priorities Survey. The Zencity survey and the Budget Priority Survey (listed in #3 above) include the same questions. Zencity will use a representative sample to ensure statistically valid results and be administered online only and distributed through randomized advertisements across social media platforms and mobile apps.

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Marketing materials are attached for you to use through your communication channels with residents to help promote these community engagement efforts.

BMS will provide the City Council with the results of the various community engagement efforts over the next several months as part of the regular budget development updates.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Janette Weedon, Director of Budget and Management Services.

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Chief Financial Officer

#### Attachment

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# City Of Dallas Budget Priorities Survey

Also available in Spanish,  
Vietnamese, and Simplified Chinese



## What City issues matter most to you?

From April through June, the Office of Budget and Management Services is conducting the Annual Budget Priorities Survey. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey using the QR code.



## ¿Qué asuntos de la Ciudad le parecen más importantes?

De abril a junio, la Oficina de Presupuesto y Gestión realizará la Encuesta Anual de Prioridades Presupuestarias. Por favor, tómese unos momentos para completar la encuesta utilizando el código QR.



## Những vấn đề nào của Thành Phố là quan trọng nhất đối với bạn?


Từ tháng 4 đến tháng 6, Văn Phòng Quản Lý Ngân Sách và Dịch Vụ đang thực hiện Khảo Sát Các Ưu Tiên Ngân Sách Thường Niên. Vui lòng dành chút thời gian để hoàn thành khảo sát bằng cách quét mã QR.



## 你最关心哪些城市问题？

从 4 月到 6 月，预算和管理服务办公室（Office of Budget and Management Services）将进行年度预算优先事项调查。请使用此处的二維碼填寫表格。



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# 2027 BUDGET PRIORITIES PULSE SURVEY

**MAY - JUNE 2027**



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SUBJECT **Updated Compliance Timeline for Department of Justice Americans with Disabilities Act Web Content Accessibility Rule**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the Americans with Disabilities Act Web Content Accessibility Rule. On April 20, 2026, via [Federal Register](#), the Department of Justice extended the compliance from April 24, 2026, to April 26, 2027.

On April 10, 2026, the Office of Housing and Community Empowerment (OHCE), in collaboration with Communications & Customer Experience/311 (CCX/311) and Information & Technology Services (ITS), provided a comprehensive update on the rule's background, the importance of equal access for people with disabilities related to City of Dallas web content, and concrete steps taken to ensure compliance. The City of Dallas is committed to moving forward and complying with the ADA Web Content Accessibility Rule. On April 23, 2026, Module 5 of the series "Creating Accessible Web Content and Documents for People with Disabilities" offering detailed steps on making PDFs accessible was launched. To date, over 600 unique City of Dallas team members have attended one or more of the Modules, with many attending multiple sessions. Going forward, OHCE and its partners will offer hands-on workshops for staff to reinforce learnings and provide new trainings customized to unique web content. Training recordings have been shared with staff and will continue to be made available through Workday Learning to support ongoing department training and consistent implementation across the City.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact myself or Daisy Fast, Director, Office of Communications and Customer Experience, Jeffrey Stoval, Chief Information Officer, or Thor Erickson, Director, Office of Housing and Community Empowerment at 214-460-3632 or at [thor.erickson@dallas.gov](mailto:thor.erickson@dallas.gov).

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Cedillo-Pereira'.

M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira  
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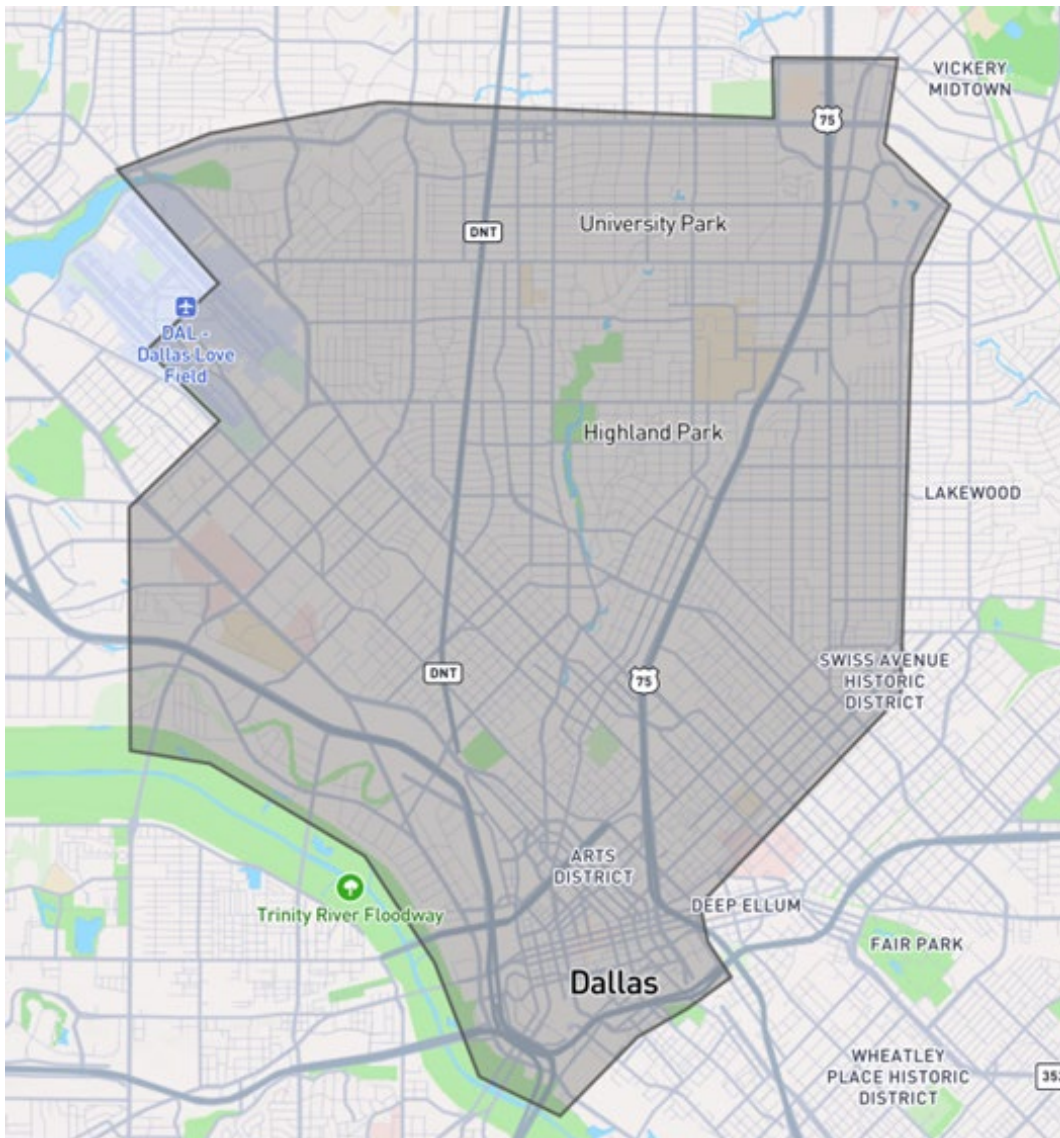
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SUBJECT **Launch of Tesla Robotaxi Services**

City staff have been informed that Tesla Robotaxi, LLC (Tesla), an autonomous ride service, launched service in Dallas on April 19, 2026; the initial service area is shown on the map below. Prior to deployment, Tesla contacted the Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works to advise of their launch plans and held meetings with first responders and Transportation and Public Works staff to provide an overview of Tesla's [First Responder Interaction Plan and Emergency Response Guide](#).



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Tesla has also informed City staff of their intent to host in-person, hands-on training for members of the Dallas Police Department, Dallas Fire-Rescue, and other emergency response personnel, to ensure familiarity with Tesla Robotaxi vehicles.

Over time, Tesla intends to expand its operation to cover all of Dallas. Tesla's entry and planned expansion in the Dallas market strengthens our position as a forward-thinking technology and mobility hub. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Ghassan "Gus" Khankarli, PhD, PE, PMP, CLTD, Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, at [ghassan.khankarli@dallas.gov](mailto:ghassan.khankarli@dallas.gov).

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SUBJECT **Update on FY27 Community Project Funding Requests**

This memorandum provides an update on the status of Community Project Funding submissions for the Fiscal Year 2027 federal budget. Members of Congress submitted project requests to the House Appropriations Committee, with a deadline of April 17, 2026, for consideration in the FY2027 federal budget.

The Community Project Funding process is highly competitive. Each Representative may submit no more than 20 requests for projects within their district. Selection processes vary by Member; some convene peer-city roundtables, while others rely on internal or external review committees to evaluate proposals.

The City of Dallas [submitted](#) 25 projects to the North Texas congressional delegation for consideration. Of these, 18 projects have been advanced to the House Appropriations Committee. The selected projects are listed below.

## [Rep. Beth Van Duyne \(TX-24\)](#)

- \$8 million – DPD Drone First Responder Expansion Initiative (citywide)
- \$600,000 – DPD Lake Ray Hubbard Marine Patrol Vessel Replacement (citywide)

## [Rep. Jasmine Crockett \(TX-30\)](#)

- \$10 million – Love Field Air Traffic Control Tower (Citywide)
- \$5 million – Fair Park Loop Trail (District 7)
- \$750,000 – Deep Ellum Safety Improvements (District 2)
- \$700,000 – Freight Mobility Plan (Citywide)
- \$500,000 – Kleberg Library Improvements (District 8)

## [Rep. Julie Johnson \(TX-32\)](#)

- \$6 million – Abrams Road Infrastructure Improvements (District 9)
- \$4 million – Garland Road Erosion Control Improvements (District 9)
- \$5 million – Bachman Park Safety Improvements & Trail (District 6)
- \$5 million – Military Parkway Infrastructure Improvements (District 7)
- \$5 million – Skillman Street Infrastructure Improvements (Districts 9, 14)
- \$3 million – Midway Road Safety Improvements (District 12)
- \$2 million – Masters Road Sports Complex (District 5)
- \$500,000 – Forest Audelia Community Center (District 10)

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**Rep. Marc Veasey (TX-33)**

- \$6 million – Wright Street Shared Use Path (District 1)
- \$1 million – Anita Martinez & J. Zaragoza Rec. Centers Improvements (District 6)
- \$500,000 – Canada Drive Infrastructure Enhancements (District 6)

**Next Steps**

The amounts listed above reflect requested funding levels and may be reduced during the appropriations process. These projects are considered budget riders and remain subject to change as the federal budget process evolves. The federal budget development process remains unpredictable. House leadership has indicated that a Continuing Resolution is likely to fund the government beyond September 30, 2026, the end of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, due to the election year. While Fiscal Year 2027 officially begins on October 1, 2026, the timeline for final passage remains uncertain.

As the appropriations process continues, we encourage you to thank our United States Representatives for their leadership and advocacy on behalf of the City of Dallas.

The Office of Government Affairs will continue to monitor developments and provide updates to City leadership as additional information becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Dominguez, Director of the Office of Government Affairs, via email at [Eric.Dominguez@dallas.gov](mailto:Eric.Dominguez@dallas.gov).

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