

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 10, 2026

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Jefferson and Houston Viaduct Options**

Transportation and Public Works (TPW) and the Convention and Event Services (CES) departments recognize the crucial corridors connecting the city core to Oak Cliff, West Dallas, and Southern Dallas. To that end, both departments have been coordinating jointly with consultants since July 2025 seeking solutions that could be presented to the Transportation and Infrastructure (TRNI) Committee for a policy recommendation before beginning broad community engagement.

On October 27, 2025, consultants provided early concepts to both department directors, seeking input about which of the twelve options should or could be viable to present as potential alternatives to the TRNI Committee. The evolution and discussion of draft options took approximately four months, and no final option has been selected.

Prior to receipt of a two-person memo from City Council members, a meeting was already conducted with Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). Additionally, on March 23, 2026, staff from both departments presented options to the TRNI Committee to seek initial input and feedback on potential options for the viaduct connection into downtown.

Staff heard and understood that additional information was requested by City Council members before making a policy recommendation. To that end, city staff convened a seven-hour meeting on April 8, 2026 that included both departments, the project management team for Component 1 of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas (KBHCCD) Master Plan, the project manager of the *Oak Farms Transportation Corridor Study*, and HNTB, TPW's selected traffic consultant for the Jefferson Viaduct project to evaluate, refine and reimagine options. The recommended path at the termination of the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was to:

1. Reimagine an option that includes a phased approach
2. Receive written confirmation, as verbal has already been provided, that no options interfere with or are in opposition to the *Oak Farms Transportation Corridor Study*
3. Provide traffic study and accident data
4. Craft summaries of all twelve considered concepts
5. Include historical information and data on the evolution of the convention center

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Consultants have indicated they will need until mid-May to complete deliverables. Given the timeframe of early to mid-May to receive traffic data and the desire by staff to provide a complete response to City Council questions, we are working with Chairman Ridley to schedule a special called meeting in May.

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