

Memorandum



DATE January 30, 2026

CITY OF DALLAS

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Update on TxDOT Pavement Markings**

On January 15, 2026, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) issued a formal response to the City of Dallas regarding the request for an exception to Pavement Marking Standards on Public Roads. TxDOT denied the City's request for an exception submitted on November 6, 2025, stating the intersections identified do not meet current Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD) requirements and the request for exception lacked certification from a licensed traffic engineer. TxDOT emphasized that all treatments must comply with 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.

In response, the City submitted a formal compliance plan to TxDOT on January 30, 2026, confirming that the 30 crosswalks listed in our November 6th letter will be brought into compliance within 90 days. A copy of our letter is attached. While the City maintains that existing crosswalk designs do not present measurable public safety issues, we appreciate TxDOT's partnership in sustaining safe and efficient multimodal transportation within Dallas.

Additionally, staff is connecting with community leaders to explore creative approaches that reflect neighborhood identity and character through community art initiatives. These efforts aim to preserve the unique sense of place in our communities while continuing to meet current state standards for pavement markings.

Staff will coordinate with TxDOT and community stakeholders throughout this process and will keep the City Council updated. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Assistant City Manager Dev Rastogi at dev.rastogi@dallas.gov if you have questions.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly Bizer Tolbert".

Kimberly Bizer Tolbert
City Manager

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c: Tammy Palomino, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
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Baron Eliason, Inspector General (I)
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Dev Rastogi, Assistant City Manager

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Directors and Assistant Directors



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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Texas Department of Transportation
Attn: George Villarreal, P.E.
Director, Traffic Safety Division
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

RE: Plan of Action for Compliance with Pavement Marking Standards on Public Roads in Texas

Dear George Villarreal, P.E.:

The City of Dallas is in receipt of your letter dated January 15, 2026, concerning compliance with Pavement Marking Standards on Public Roads in Texas per the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

While the city still maintains its current safety data for the existing crosswalk design and configurations at the locations provided in our exception request have presented no measurable public safety issues and have not been a detriment to the safety of road users, the city intends to bring the 30 crosswalks listed in our letter to TxDOT dated November 6, 2025, into compliance within 90 days of the date of this letter.

The city appreciates TxDOT's partnership in sustaining safe and efficient multimodal transportation within the City of Dallas. Please confirm receipt of this letter and advise of any additional procedural requirements to complete the implementation of the action plan.

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Kimberly B. Tolbert
City Manager

CC: Ceason Clemens, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District Engineer