

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE 11 October 2013

TO Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee Members: Lee Kleinman (Vice-Chair), Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alonzo, Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins, Sandy Greyson, and Sheffie Kadane

SUBJECT Trinity River Corridor Project Environmental Impact Statements Update

City staff has been working with our federal partners, the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), to complete the ongoing Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for the Dallas Floodway Project and Trinity Parkway. As a result of recent meetings, the federal partners have requested that additional information be incorporated into the documents for their review. These reviews will ensure that the document released to the public for review and comment represent updated information. To incorporate the requested changes into the two environmental documents, the schedule for completing the documents has been revised. This new schedule represents a slip of approximately three months. According to this schedule, the notification of availability of the EIS documents will occur in March 2014 with the public hearings occurring in April 2014. The final records of decision, which will provide the City and NTTA the permission to begin construction efforts, are anticipated to occur in November 2014. This schedule was developed prior to the government shutdown and assumes federal employees will be working.

City staff has discussed the government shutdown with our federal partners and those working on these EIS documents are minimally affected. During these discussions, the Corps informed the City that they have tentatively proposed a Periodic Inspection of the levees in 2014. Staff will be meeting with the Corps later this month to discuss the process and procedure for this inspection. When this information is more complete, we will provide a briefing to this Committee.

Please contact me if you have questions.

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