Memorandum



DATE February 16, 2018

CITY OF DALLAS

Honorable Members of the Economic Development & Housing Committee: Tennell
Atkins, Chair, Rickey D. Callahan, Vice-Chair, Lee M. Kleinman, Scott Griggs, Casey Thomas, II, B. Adam McGough, Mark Clayton, Kevin Felder, Omar Narvaez

SUBJECT Economic Development & Housing Impact Studies for Priority TXDOT Projects

Summary

Staff recommends that a workforce housing and economic development impact analysis and plan be performed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), by the City, or by the City in collaboration and in coordination with TxDOT, for all TxDOT projects as studies are completed to determine transportation needs to be filled, impact on the surrounding area, how to cost-effectively and efficiently improve mobility.

Background

TxDOT seeks to work with planners and engineers to plan, design, and build new roads in a manner that spurs economic development and job creation. Staff recommends that in concert with these efforts, an analysis should also be done to determine the economic impact of priority TxDOT projects and to plan for the impact that the projects will have on workforce housing and economic development.

To the extent these projects impact the City financially, the City has an interest in working jointly with TxDOT as well as the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Moreover, if the City does not assume a leadership role in this planning and analysis process, it risks being unable to influence the design and outcomes in a manner consistent with community input and the City's policy goals.

Fiscal Impact

There is no immediate fiscal impact. Staff will work with TxDOT to determine if TxDOT has funding for the impact analysis as priority projects are identified, if cost sharing between the City and TxDOT is possible, or if the cost of the proposed studies will be the sole responsibility of the City. Upon determining how the studies will be funded, Staff will bring a recommendation to the Committee and City Council for approval. If the City will be funding any priority project study, a vendor will be competitively procured.

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Coordination

Staff has coordinated this item with Planning and Urban Design, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, Transportation Planning, the Office of Economic Development, and Dallas Downtown Inc.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and requests your consideration for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda as directed by this committee.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council T.C. Broadnax, City Manager Larry Casto, City Attorney Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor Bilierae Johnson, City Secretary (Interim) Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, Chief of Staff to the City Manager Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager Jo M. (Jody) Puckett, Assistant City Manager (Interim) Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer Theresa O'Donnell, Chief of Resilience Directors and Assistant Directors