

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 10, 2016

TO The Honorable Members of the Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee:
Lee M. Kleinman (Chair), Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Erik Wilson (Vice-Chair), Sandy Greyson,
Mayor Pro Tem Monica R. Alonzo, Adam Medrano, and Casey Thomas II

SUBJECT High Speed Rail Dallas
Connecting Dallas at High Speed

On Monday, November 14, 2016, you will be provided an update on the Texas Central high speed rail project. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark McDaniel'.

Mark McDaniel
Assistant City Manager

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HIGH SPEED RAIL DALLAS

Connecting Dallas at High Speed

*Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee
November 14, 2016*



Texas Central

- Texas Central, a private company, plans to design, construct and operate a private high-speed passenger rail line (HSR) between Dallas and Houston
- Texas Central plans to begin construction in late 2017 and to achieve passenger service by 2022
- The federal review process for the Dallas to Houston High Speed Rail project will include an environmental impact statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)

Draft Environmental Impact Study

- Texas Central has developed preliminary plans and alignments for the rail corridor as well as the station location in Dallas
- The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the City needs to identify potential areas of conflict and provide formal comment to FRA within a 45 window after the anticipated publication of the Draft EIS in January 2017
- City has shared its preliminary concerns with the draft EIS with regard to:
Dallas station – especially with regard to use of city property and multi-modal linkages to the station
 - Alignment – especially with regard to City ROW
 - Impact to existing and planned utilities
 - Proposed maintenance facility
 - Traffic impacts
 - Noise impacts

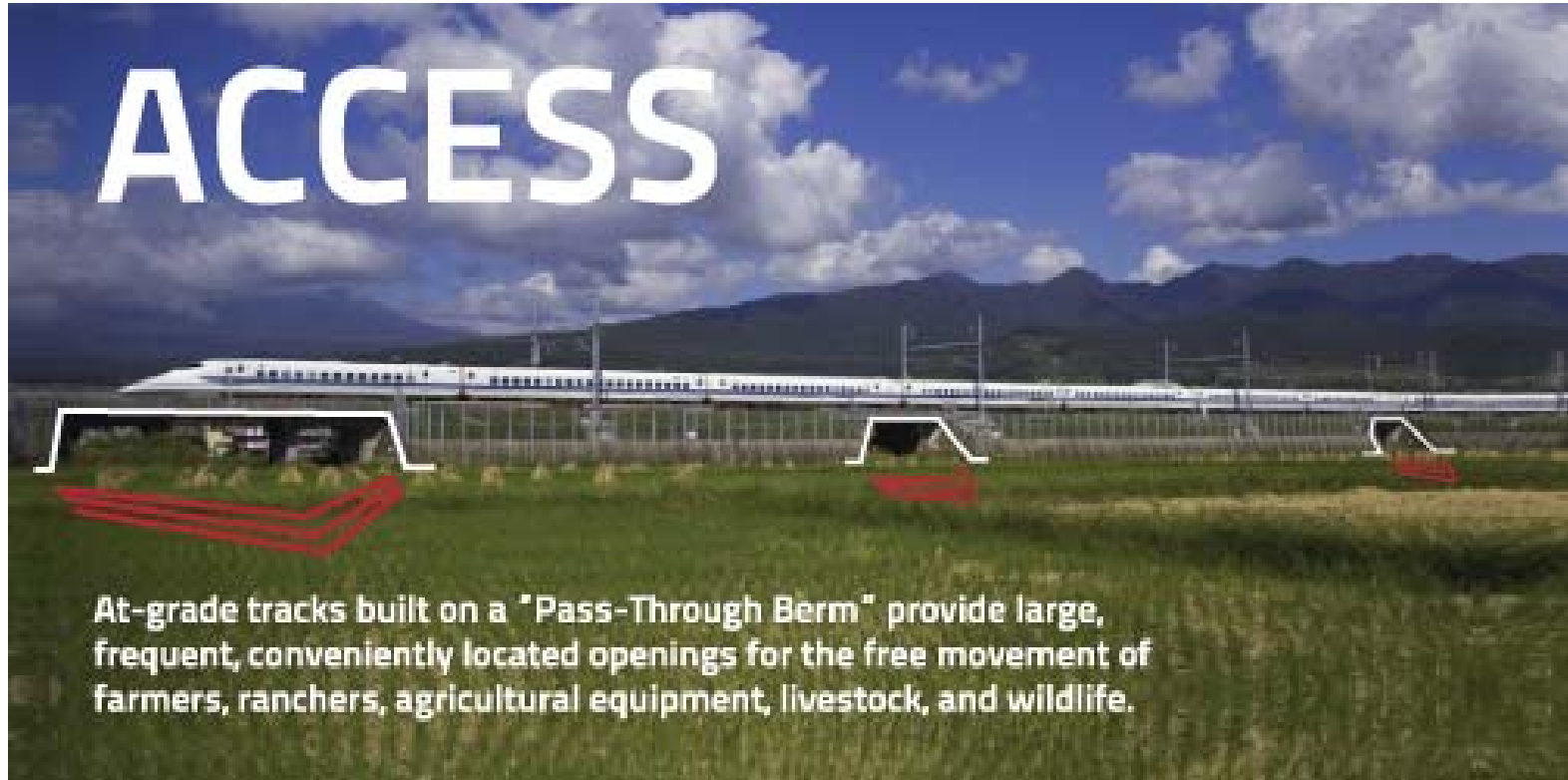
Proposed HSR



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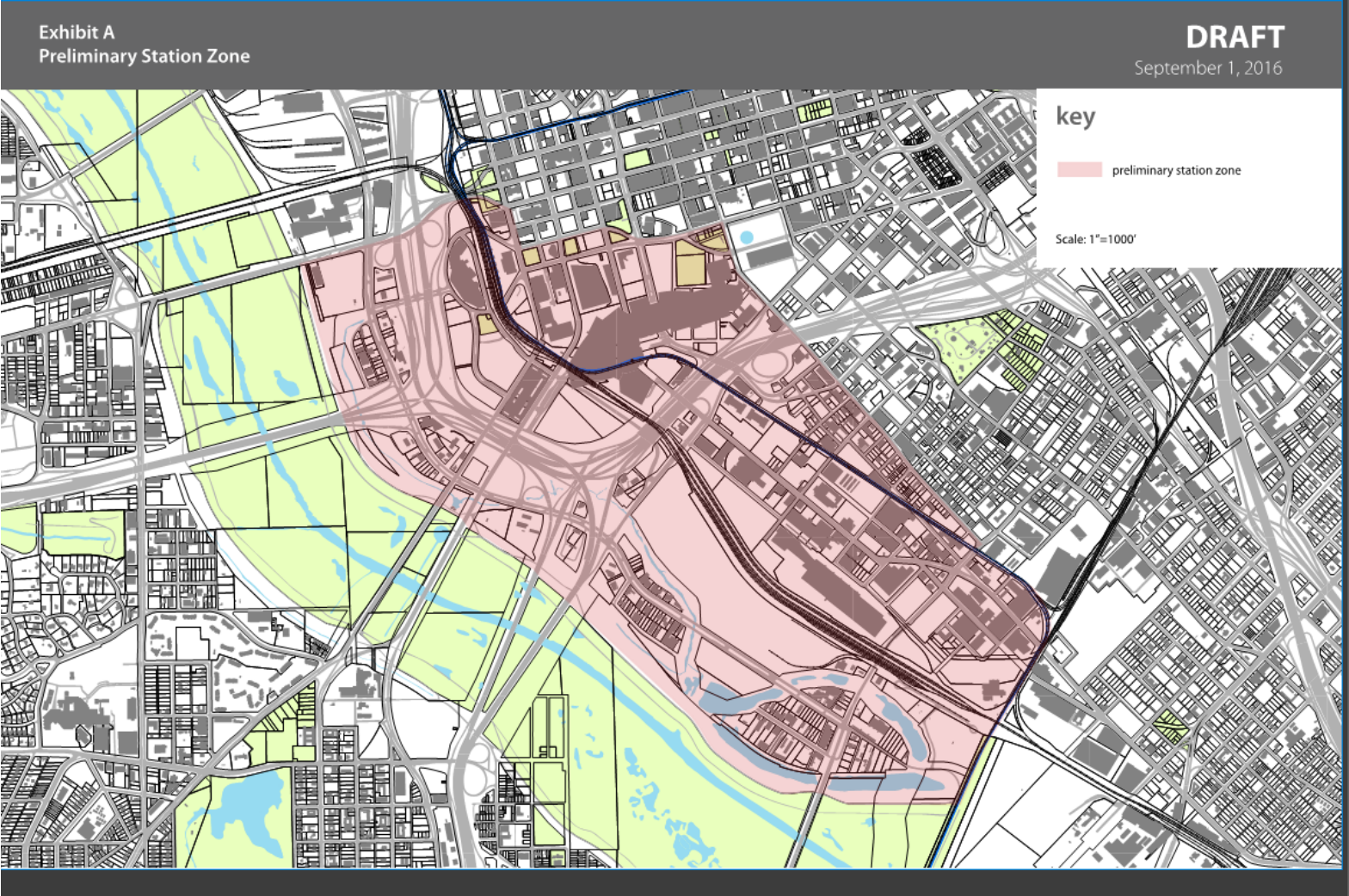
City Efforts

- The Cooperation Agreement provided for the funding for consultant to assist in Section 408 permit application regarding the proposal to construct and operate high speed rail infrastructure within the Trinity River Floodway and a Section 404 application regarding the proposal to construct and operate high speed rail infrastructure within wetland areas
- Under the Cooperation Agreement, Texas Central will contract with consultants to conduct the station zone assessment and assign the contract to the City to manage

Section 408 Permits

- Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army to grant for the alteration, occupation or use of USACE properties, if the Secretary determines the activity "will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness for the project."
- City contracted with HNTB on August 24, 2016
- HNTB will provide specialized assistance to the City during the Section 408 review process and to review the proposal as it relates to the Federal Emergency Management Agency certification permits

Station Zone



Station Zone Proposed Team

- Texas Central is currently conducting the procurement for consultant team for the Station Zone Assessment
- Texas Central has agreed, to the greatest extent possible to utilize local firms, especially MWBE's

Team Expertise

- Urban Design (including Architecture)
- Multimodal Mobility Planning
- Landscape Architecture
- Civil Engineering
- Hydrology
- Economic Development Assessment
- Technology Infrastructure

Scope of Work

- Assessment of existing data and plans
- Stakeholder work sessions to obtain input on issues, opportunities and challenges associated with the proposed high speed rail station
- Preparation and documentation of a draft and a final vision for land development within the station zone
- Identification of key infrastructure needs related to multi-modal mobility and quality of life amenities
- Preliminary cost estimates of these infrastructure needs
- Identification of key issues with the station and rail line proposal as presented in the draft EIS
- Economic development assessment to evaluate the economic benefits generated by this development

Proposed Schedule

Council Transportation Committee briefing	Nov 14, 2016
Project kick-off	Mid Nov 2016
Preliminary data assessment	Mid Nov – Early Dec 2016
First stakeholder work session and community meeting	Early Dec 2016
Preliminary vision development	Early Dec 2016 – Mid Jan 2017
Second stakeholder work session and community meeting	Mid Jan 2017
Council Transportation Committee tour	End Jan 2017
Vision refinement and comments on FRA submittal	End Jan – Early Feb 2017
Council Transportation Committee briefing	Feb 13/27, 2017
Council action	Feb 22/Mar 22, 2017

Texas Central Master Schedule

- Q4 2016 Admin Draft EIS released by FRA to Cooperating Agencies
- Q1 2017 Draft EIS released by FRA
- Q1 2017 Draft EIS Public Hearings (45-day Review/Comment Period)
- Q1 2017 Draft 408 Permit submittal to USACE
- Q3 2017 Final EIS Submittal to FRA
- Q4 2017 Anticipated FRA EIS Record of Decision
- Q1 2018 Anticipated USACE permit approvals
- Q1 2018 Begin construction
- 2022 Trains in Operation

Development Agreement

- In order to explicitly define roles and responsibilities as well as expectations for development with Dallas, recommendation is to enter into a development agreement
- Similar to other Public/Private partnerships
- Will address issues of mobility, ROW, development guidelines, and other impacts to downtown

Coordination with NCTCOG

- NCTCOG is undergoing procurement for consultants to study HSR from Dallas to Fort Worth
- Study is in three segments with three separate consultant studies
- Dallas station study will focus on alignment of potential HSR extension to Fort Worth and impacts of Dallas station being a mid-line vs. end-of-line station

Recommendation

- Committee approval to continue to develop a Development Agreement with Texas Central in order to establish City roles and responsibilities
- Committee approval to continue the station zone assessment work
- Committee approval to complete Memorandum of Understanding with North Central Texas Council of Governments for City Council Approval



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