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Latest News

- DART staff made a presentation to the newly formed McKinney Urban Transit District (MUTD). The district was created to consider transit options for the cities of McKinney, Celina, Princeton, Melissa and Lowry Crossing. The DART staff outlined options for the MUTD to contract with DART for some level of service, most likely focused on transit for elderly persons or those with mobility limitations. The Denton County Transportation Authority also made a proposal. The MUTD meets again April 5.
- D2: The D2 Technical Committee has recommended a set of alternatives to present to the Stakeholder Committee and continue to advance through the evaluation process. Three corridor alternatives are recommended – Pacific, Elm and Commerce – with a potential fourth alternative being Ross/Arts District. All alternatives would utilize the DART-owned right-of-way through Victory Park and include options for connecting to the Deep Ellum area by way of Swiss Ave or Monument St.
- D2: Dallas County and other organizations are providing geotechnical information and plans/elevations for facilities and structures along the D2 alternatives.
- D2: City of Dallas utility departments continue to provide plans about their infrastructure for D2 alternatives.
- D2: Continuing to engage business and community leaders to keep them informed on D2 project status.
- Cotton Belt: Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program (RRIF) loan pre-application was filed Feb. 24.
- Cotton Belt: Develop comprehensive communications approach, hold staff level meetings and prepare for initial public meetings tentatively planned for May.
- Cotton Belt: early design work on DFW Airport portions of the alignment continues in order to coordinate with the FWTA TEXRail Project.

D 2 Meetings since Friday, Feb. 23

- **City of Dallas (COD) Transportation and Trinity River Project (TTRP) Committee:** City staff briefing on Urban Transit Design Guidelines that were reviewed by DART staff.
- Meeting with McKinney Avenue Transit Authority (MATA) Chairman-Phil Cobb
- Meeting with Westdale Asset Management

D2 Upcoming meetings

- **Mar 8, City of Dallas Parks Department and Parks for Downtown Dallas:** Review all D2 Alternatives with Swiss Avenue connections to assess the impacts to Carpenter Park and to establish a list of concerns to be considered as the D2 Study/Project progresses.
- **Wed, Mar 22, 3:30 p.m., DART Board Room, Joint D2 Technical and Stakeholder Committee Meeting:** Study Team will present results of the review of alternative alignments and recommendations for alignments worthy of detailed evaluation.
- **Mon, Apr 10, City of Dallas Transportation and Trinity River Project (TTRP) Committee:** D2 briefing.
- **May 8, Joint DART Board/COD TTRP Committee:** D2 briefing.
- **TBD:** Meeting with Victory Park area property representatives. Follow up to Jan. 31 meeting on Y junction at near Victory Station.

Cotton Belt Meetings Since Feb. 23

- Coppell city staff conducted their own public meeting on the project on March 1. DART was not a participant in the meeting

Cotton Belt Upcoming Meetings

- Ongoing coordination discussions between DART and corridor city staffs.
- Continuing to engage business and community leaders to keep them informed on Cotton Belt project status.
- Additional dates/times for meetings with stakeholders and elected officials to be determined.

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