# **INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

## To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

No. 25-0046



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## SUBJECT: THE EAST BERRY STREET CORRIDOR PLAN UPDATE



This informal report provides the status of the East Berry Street Corridor Plan (The Plan).

The East Berry Corridor study area boundaries are from IH-35W to Lake Arlington (see map below). This corridor project aims to reconstruct East Berry Street using complete streets design standards, with the goals of enhancing safety and comfort for all users, supporting transit, and providing necessary elements for swift capital delivery and economic development.

The Plan informs the design schematic of the 2022 Bond East Berry Street Corridor Improvements Project (City Project No. 104222). The main outputs of the East Berry Corridor Plan are recommendations for the schematic of the East Berry Street Improvements from IH-35 to Miller Avenue. The Plan and the schematic will increase the City's competitiveness when grants and other funding opportunities arise. East Berry Street from Cobb Park Drive to US-287 is under consideration for the 2026 Bond Program.

A comprehensive engagement strategy was completed by the City's consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., to gather feedback from the community and stakeholders on street design, transportation priorities, zoning, and economic development. The study period began in January 2023 and ran until August 2024. The consultant conducted four rounds of open houses, a series of focus groups, and surveys, as well as maintained a website to keep the public informed and receive input. The Plan contains the existing conditions report, a needs analysis, a project list, an implementation plan, and the framework for creating a form-based code with associated zoning recommendations.

The recommendations include the installation of fiber, cooling pavement, and selection of nine strategic sites to bolster economic development. The full draft of The Plan is available to review at <a href="https://engagekh.com/east-berry-street/east-berry-street-home">https://engagekh.com/east-berry-street/east-berry-street/east-berry-street-home</a>. The Plan won the Texas American Planning Association Gold award for transportation plans at the 2024 Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference.

The Final East Berry Street Corridor Plan is scheduled to be presented to the City Council for adoption in April or May of this year. If approved, the next step will be the adoption of the recommended form-based code, potential zoning changes on parcels to match the newly adopted form-based code, and Master Thoroughfare Plan amendments. This series of adoptions lays the foundation by which the City can turn The Plan into projects that achieve the listed goals and outcomes. The proposed schedule is as follows:

- Plan Adoption
- Master Thoroughfare Plan Amendment
- Form-Based Code Adoption
- Zoning Properties to match Form-Based Code
- East Berry Schematic from IH35 to Miller Ave

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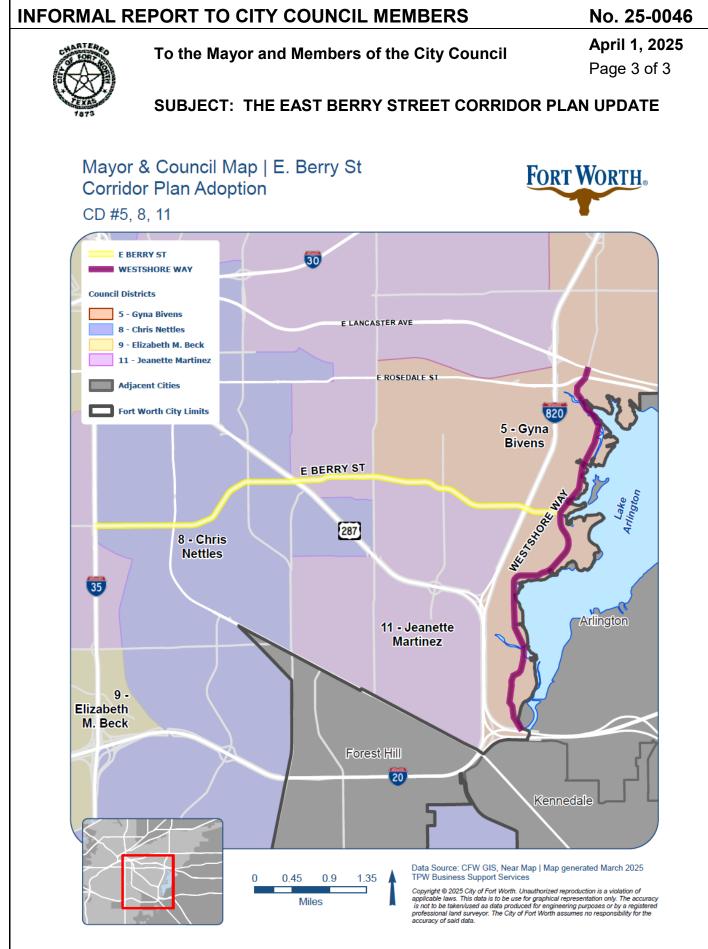
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