

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****January 14, 2025**

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SUBJECT: MOVING A MILLION MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN STATUS UPDATE

This report provides an update on the Citywide Moving A Million (M1M) Master Transportation Plan.

Overview

On September 12, 2023, City Council approved funding for the Citywide Master Transportation Plan – Moving A Million “M1M” (M&C 23-0757). A contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. was executed on March 11, 2024 (CSC No. 61087), and the project officially kicked off shortly thereafter. M1M aligns Fort Worth’s transportation plans and policies into one unified vision and guides the capital program. The plan will inform future transportation investments by prioritizing projects over a 25-year window for development of funding, design, and construction. The Vision Zero Safety Action Plan (“Vision Zero”) serves as the safety component of M1M and is being developed concurrently. The consultant for that component is Toole Design Group (CSC No. 61067).

Public and Stakeholder Involvement

A project website was established at www.movingamillion.org that includes plan-related engagement and technical information for the M1M and Vision Zero Plans. To date, there were two successful rounds of in-person public open houses, held in June and October 2024. These events brought the discussion directly to the community, with one meeting in each council district and a pre-recorded virtual open house available online for added accessibility.

In partnership with the Communications and Public Engagement team, TPW launched a robust outreach campaign to spread the word. Promotions spanned social media, City News, Roundup, targeted email blasts and printed flyers placed in community centers and libraries to reach residents, stakeholders and neighborhood associations.

The response has been encouraging, with approximately 333 community members participating across in-person open houses, and at 13 pop-up events at various festivals, school events, and transit centers. Before the first round of open houses, a survey was launched to better understand community members’ transportation preferences and perceptions of traffic safety in Fort Worth. The survey gathered over 1,100 responses, both online and in hard copy. The results revealed several trends: over half of respondents reported never using public transportation, yet just as many said they would if meaningful improvements were made. When it came to safety, participants ranked changes in roadway design as the top priority and also emphasized that saving time mattered more to them than speed.

The second round of open houses brought the community even closer to the process, featuring interactive activities that invited attendees to share their “big ideas”. Common themes emerged: safer roadway designs and solutions for congestion relief. Many residents highlighted the incomplete transportation system and train-related delays (at-grade intersections with railroads) as significant contributors to congestion and longer commute times.



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To ensure this is a “One Fort Worth” effort, three key stakeholder committees are driving the development of M1M:

1. **Community Advisory Committee** – This group includes one representative per Council district, appointed by Councilmembers, bringing local insights and community voices to the table.
2. **Technical Advisory Committee** – Comprised of experts from partner agencies such as TxDOT, adjacent counties, Trinity Metro, developers, and the North Central Texas Council of Governments, this committee provides technical expertise and regional alignment.
3. **Interdepartmental Committee** – Representatives from various City departments and divisions collaborate here, ensuring internal coordination.

Each committee plays a critical role in reviewing and refining plan recommendations. The Community and Technical Advisory Committees have met three times, while the Interdepartmental Committee has convened once. Looking ahead, all three committees are set to meet at least three more times, strategically aligned with key M1M milestones. In December, a workshop was held with Community and Advisory Committees to discuss and provide feedback on proposed action strategies the City can pursue over time to achieve its Vision Zero goal.

Deliverables To Date:*State of Safety Report*

The report presents key findings of a citywide crash data analysis (2019-2023) and identifies the corridors and intersections with the highest incidence of fatal and serious injury crashes (Vision Zero High-Injury Network).

State of the System Report

The *State of the System Report* dives deep into current conditions and needs, offering a comprehensive analysis of transportation data, safety trends, land use, economic factors, and other data. The report highlights the challenges of an expansive urban landscape, including congestion, maintenance needs, and safety concerns, while showcasing Fort Worth’s critical role as an economic hub.

What We’re Learning: Travel Patterns, Congestion, and Investment Strategy

- Within the city, hotspots like Downtown, the Near Southside, and the Cultural District see high trip activity, while major corridors serve as lifelines for inter-district travel. Trips leaving Fort Worth gravitate toward eastern suburbs like Keller, Westlake, and the DFW Airport area, reflecting strong regional ties, whereas the western parts of the city and Parker County see much less traffic.
- Fort Worth’s transportation system faces mounting pressures from congestion, network gaps, and limited mobility options, but these challenges also present opportunities for transformative growth. The city’s most congested areas—like Downtown, the DFW Airport, South Access vicinity, and critical corridors such as TX 199 and I-820—underscore the need for targeted interventions to ease traffic and improve accessibility.

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- Public feedback has been clear: residents want safer streets and diversified transportation options, including better pedestrian and bike infrastructure, as well as coordinated land use and railroad-related congestion relief. Strategic investments in these areas can unlock Fort Worth's full potential, creating a more connected city, broadening the tax base and fostering metropolitan growth.

Next Steps and Schedule

Next steps include bringing on additional expertise and resources to further engage Justice40 and Title VI communities (includes vulnerable populations under federal statute). The team will also be working on a gap analysis and needs network to identify critical links missing in the transportation system. Following the gap analysis will come a proposed capital list with fiscal impact analysis, funding profiles and a refreshed network map for roadway, transit, sidewalks, and bikeways. In order to ensure there is clear alignment with the 2026 Bond program and near-term action, a Transportation Investment Program will be developed to highlight the first-four (2026-2029) years of transportation capital investments and ensure swift and timely delivery of mobility projects. The M1M plan is expected to be completed in early FY 2026 and will be submitted for council action.

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