



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

May 3, 2022

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS WITH NCTCOG, TRINITY METRO AND TXDOT

The City is partnering with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Trinity Metro to advance four regionally significant projects within the City of Fort Worth. The entities have developed federal, state and locally funded projects to advance the multimodal goals of the City and region. Those projects and the City's role for each are explained below.

East Lancaster Avenue: NCTCOG intends to submit one or more federal discretionary grant application(s) on behalf of the City and region in support for TxDOT's East Lancaster Corridor project under future funding calls over the next year. The project needs to be further developed in order to ensure the project is competitive. The current federal transportation spending bill, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), includes multiple programs in which the East Lancaster project reconstruction is eligible. City, TxDOT, and NCTCOG staff are working to coordinate a unified planning and implementation process to ensure that the project is competitive for federal funding, based on community vision, and is delivered in a timely fashion. Once the process and timeline have been defined, the City and TxDOT will begin the planning and engineering work in the Fall of 2022. This project will reconstruct East Lancaster Avenue from Dottie Lynn Parkway to Downtown as a multimodal smart corridor that includes high-comfort pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, enhanced transit, broadband, and other smart streets features. The City will be asked to contribute approximately \$16.5 million, consisting of \$6,430,160 in local funds being reallocated from the TEXRail Extension project; in addition to \$10 million for reconstruction as part of the 2022 Bond Program. The project already has commitments of \$40 million in other federal funds from the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and \$10 million in state funds from TxDOT.

TEXRail Extension: Trinity Metro's TEXRail extension project will extend the existing commuter rail service 2.1 miles south from Fort Worth Texas & Pacific (T&P) Station in downtown Fort Worth to a new Near Southside station to be located at Mistletoe Boulevard between Jerome Street and behind Baylor Scott & White (BSW) All Saints Medical Center. The project is a necessary step to eventually extend the route to near Chisolm Trail Parkway as identified in the adopted Mobility 2045 Long-Range Plan. The federal cost share of the project is made up \$71.4 million in CMAQ funds from RTC, \$38.9 million in leftover FTA funds from the initial TEXRail project to the airport; and \$11.3 million in federal funds being reallocated from the Katy Lofts project. RTC has also allocated the equivalent of \$21.1 million in Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) for the project. The bulk of the local match will be \$48 million from Trinity Metro. The City will be looked to for \$7.16 million in local funding towards the project to match the federal funds. The City funds will be spent when other non-city local funding has been exhausted. City and Trinity Metro staff will be working to secure a donation of the BSW-owned land for the future Mistletoe Station. The land has an approximate value of \$1.56 million which will also be used to fulfill the local match requirement for the federal portion of the project.

Trinity Lakes Station: The Regional Transportation Council is committing \$26,474,000 in federal funds and the equivalent of 5,348,000 in TDCs towards Trinity Metro's new Trinity Lakes Trinity Railway Express (TRE) Station and associated private development near the station. There will be a resolution presented to Council to acknowledge support for the project.

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IH 35W Guaranteed Transit: The Regional Transportation Council committed over \$16 million to this project which will reimburse transit riders using the Trinity Metro route in the IH 35W Managed Lanes between Downtown and Alliance if they arrive after the scheduled arrival time. There is not a financial commitment from the City in the project, but it is an innovative service that will increase the reliability of transit. The resolution to be presented will acknowledge City support for the project.

The proposed funding profile with known or expected sources for the four projects are shown in the table below:

Projects	Funding Sources						Total
	Federal		Local		State	Other	
	Cash	TDCs (non-cash)	Trinity Metro	Fort Worth	TxDOT		
East Lancaster Corridor	\$100M ¹			\$16.4M	\$10M		\$166.4M
	\$40M ¹						
TEXRail Extension	\$71.4M ²	21.1M	\$48M	\$7.2M		\$1.5M ⁴	\$167M⁵
	\$38.9M ³						
Trinity Lakes Station	\$26.7M	5.3M					\$26.7M⁵
Guaranteed Transit	\$16.03M	3.3M					\$16.03M⁵
Total	\$293.03M	29.7M	\$48M	\$28.1M	\$10M	\$1.5M	\$376.13

¹ Includes \$100M federal discretionary grant(s) (not received, application(s) to be developed by COG) and \$40M in RTC funds. East Lancaster has an -\$83,569,840 shortfall without the additional federal grant funds.

² Federal-share to be removed and reallocated to the TexRail Extension project.

³ \$71.4M in CMAQ funds from RTC (which includes reallocation from Katy Lofts) and \$38.9M in leftover federal funds from the initial TEX Rail project to the airport.

⁴ Baylor Scott and White (BSW) Land Donation Value.

⁵ Does not include TDCs as those are non-monetary funds used to match the federal funds.

A resolution supporting, acknowledging, and/or committing funds to these regional projects will be presented on May 10th for consideration.

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