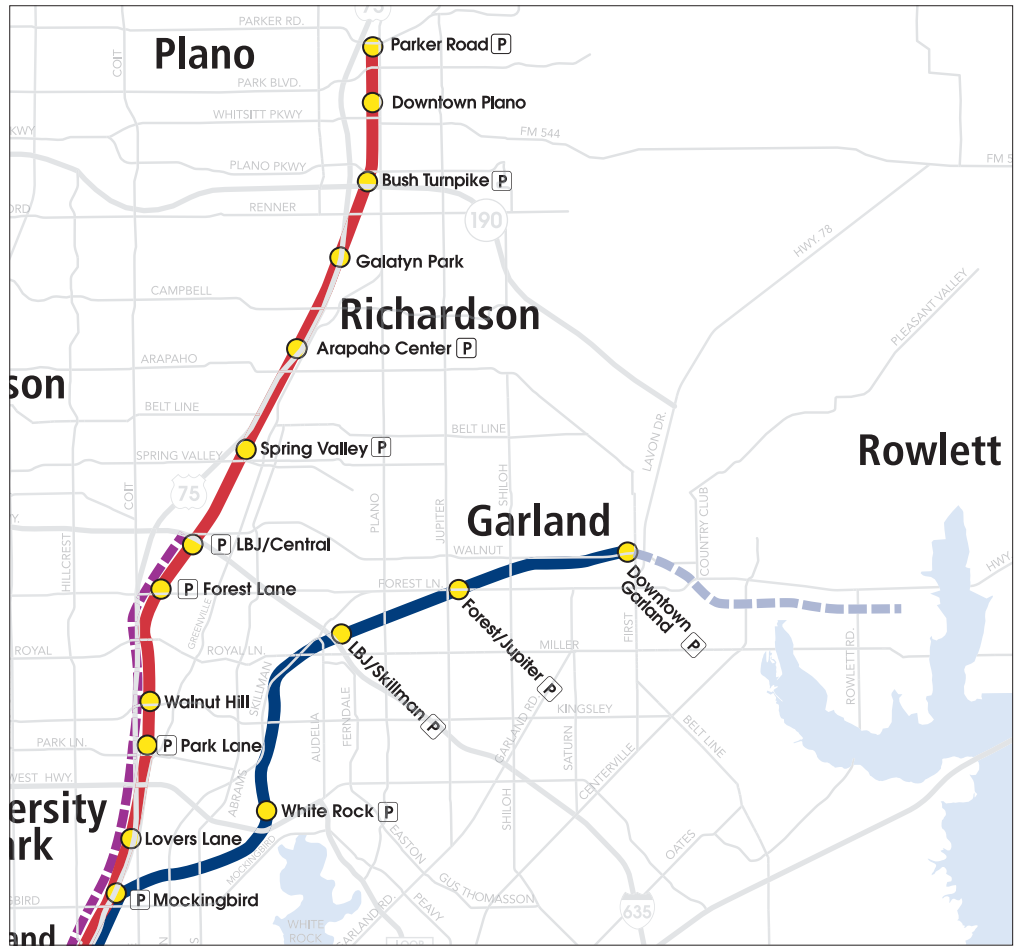


## The Rowlett Extension

The pieces are coming together to bring DART Rail Service to Rowlett. In 1995, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) identified the Rowlett Corridor with the Northeast Corridor Major Investment Study (MIS). In 1997, the corridor was included as a Phase II project in the DART Transit System Plan. The proposed DART Rail to Rowlett project is an extension of the Blue Line which branches off the main Light Rail Transit (LRT) Line at Mockingbird LRT Station in Dallas and ends in downtown Garland.

The study area for the proposed DART Rail to Rowlett extends from the existing Downtown Garland Station into downtown Rowlett. It involves the cities of Garland and Rowlett, which are located within DART's service area. The Rowlett LRT extension will utilize the existing MKT Railroad.

During the Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Assessment (PE/EA), efforts for the Rowlett LRT Extension line engineering detail will be developed and the associated environmental impacts will be fully documented.



Public and agency involvement will occur throughout the study process to ensure that the DART Rail to Rowlett PE/EA results are consistent with local guidelines, a public consensus is reached, that impacts are identified and appropriate mitigation measures developed.

### Calling on the Community

A community-based work group will be established, consisting of citizens from Garland and Rowlett. This group will be comprised of representatives from organized interest groups, business leaders, and other stakeholders in the corridor. These persons will offer input on issues and potential solutions on behalf of their organization or area. If you are interested in becoming a member of either group, please contact Lawrence Meshack [jmeshack@DART.org](mailto:jmeshack@DART.org) or Joanna Colvin [jcolvin@lgroupinc.com](mailto:jcolvin@lgroupinc.com).

## Public Involvement Process

The objective of the public involvement process is to ensure that stakeholder concerns are heard and addressed and that the resulting project has broad public support.

Neighborhood groups, businesses, property owners, residents, public officials, the driving public, and others along the project corridor have an interest in understanding the study, the schedule, and the issues that may affect them. A Public and Agency Involvement Plan was developed to establish a

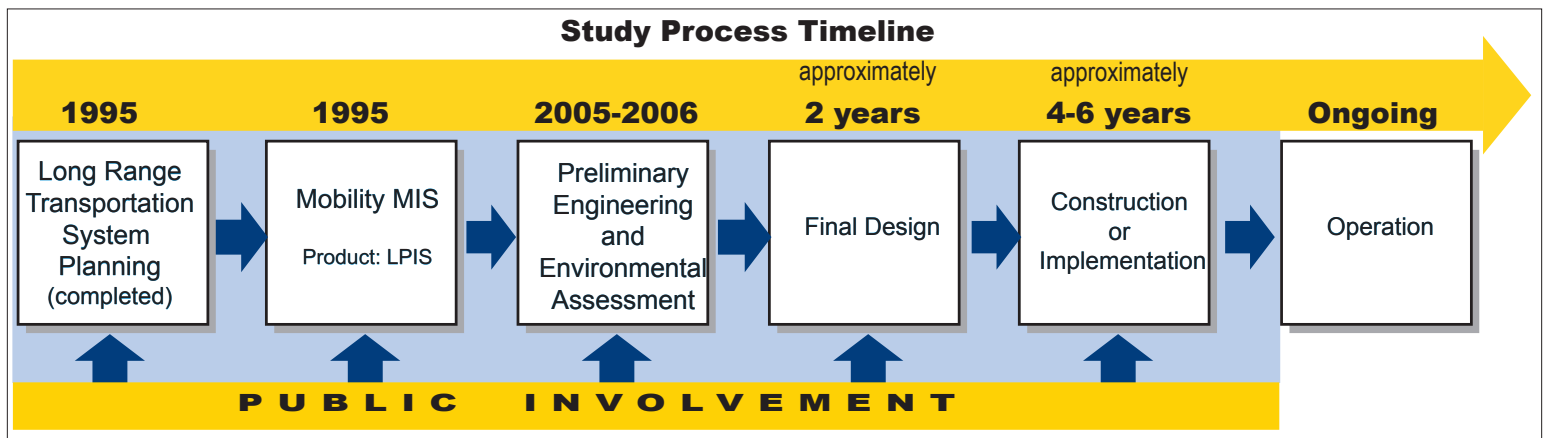
through similar reports and meetings. City Council members have a particular interest in issues that affect their cities and districts within and along the corridor.

A Community Work Group will be established to provide targeted citizen input to the environmental impact analysis. It will be comprised of representatives of homeowner associations, property owners, business leaders, and others; working together to stay informed about the project and to inform the Project Team about issues that affect them.



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also began in April, and it is anticipated that the Final Environmental Assessment should be completed at the end of March 2006.



process to keep these stake holders informed and to obtain their input about the project throughout the project.

DART staff and the Project Team will communicate regularly with the DART Board of Directors and its committees through written reports and briefings. The City Councils in the project corridor are also participating in the process

The public can also stay current on the study progress and issues of concern, through project newsletters, DART's web site ([www.DART.org](http://www.DART.org)), and public meetings.

### Study Timeline

The Preliminary Engineering process began in April and should be completed by the end of February 2006. The preparation of environmental studies

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