



**March 10, 2017**

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### **Latest News**

- 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: Baseline acoustic testing scheduled to begin in late March. These tests are designed to establish the ambient noise level along the corridor.
- 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, March 3**

- **March 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.

### **D2 Upcoming meetings**

- **March 16:** DDI Mobility Committee meets to review D2 shortlist of alternatives and develop recommendations on preferred alignment
- **March 21; 2:00 PM; DART Headquarters, Room TBD;** Initial Streetcar Planning Workshop; meet with City of Dallas and DDI staff.

- **March 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.
- **April 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 March 3**

- Coordination discussions between DART and Dallas, Carrollton, and Richardson staffs.
- Coppell city staff conducted their own public meetings on the project on March 1 and 8. DART was not a participant in the meeting

### **Cotton Belt Upcoming Meetings**

- **March 13, DART HQ:** Meeting with representatives of the Cotton Belt Concerned Citizens Coalition (CBCCC)
- 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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