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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. Testing schedule will be posted to DART.org/CottonBelt once it is complete.
- 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 10

- **March 14:** Meeting with Statler-Hilton representative to brief them on project status and hear their concerns.
- **March 14:** Meeting with Dallas County to review plans for the Dallas County Administration Building (Book Depository Building), their underground parking garage and geotechnical work performed recently by the County within the Dealey Plaza area.
- **March 14:** Meeting with representatives of Deep Ellum Foundation to review the alignments of the remaining alternatives and answer questions posed by the Foundation's project engineer, to help them complete their assessment of the alternatives.

D2 Upcoming meetings

- **March 16:** DDI Mobility Committee meets to review D2 shortlist of alternatives and develop recommendations on preferred alignment
- **March 21:** Initial Streetcar Planning Workshop; meet with City of Dallas and DDI staff.
- **March 21:** Briefing to Dallas County Commissioners Court by Assistant County Administrator Jonathan Bazan. Present overview on the D2 Study with a summary of project information, remaining alternatives and recent progress.
- **March 22:** Brief Megabus about the D2 Study and specifically how it will impact CBD East Transfer Center.
- **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, Richardson and Plano staffs.
- Met with Cotton Belt Concerned Citizens Coalition to discuss upcoming field work, public meetings.

Cotton Belt Upcoming Meetings

- 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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