

## FOREWORD

This Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Northwest Corridor LRT Line to Farmers Branch and Carrollton has been prepared in accordance with regulations developed by the Council on Environmental Quality for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as well as Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1050.1D, Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts and the Airport Environmental Handbook, FAA Order 5050.4A.

The Final EIS is organized as follows:

- Executive Summary: Provides a summary of the project's definition, purpose and need, impacts it is expected to cause, and the recommended impact mitigations.
- Chapter 1 – Purpose and Need: Presents a discussion of corridor transportation goals as they compare to the existing transportation conditions in the local area and the region.
- Chapter 2 – Alternatives Considered: Provides an overview of the alternatives considered during the course of the Northwest Corridor Major Investment Study (MIS) leading up to the alternatives examined in the Draft and Final EIS. The discussion also presents the selected project's definition and description.
- Chapter 3 – Affected Environment: Describes the existing social and natural environmental conditions in the study area. The discussion provides an understanding of the environment and resources within the project's study area.
- Chapter 4 – Transportation Impacts: Presents transit and highway impacts that would result from the No-Build and the LRT Alternatives. Potential mitigation measures to address impacts are defined where appropriate.
- Chapter 5 – Environmental Consequences: Discusses the LRT and No-Build Alternatives' potential impacts on the built and natural environments. Potential mitigation measures to address impacts are defined where appropriate.
- Chapter 6 – Public and Agency Involvement: Presents a summary of agency (DART) efforts to solicit staff, committee and public comment during the Draft EIS comment period and subsequent coordination efforts. Public comments and responses are also included.
- Appendices:
  - Appendix A - List of Recipients
  - Appendix B - List of Preparers
  - Appendix C - Plan and Profile Drawings
  - Appendix D - Letters of Coordination
  - Appendix E - Love Field Access Alternatives
  - Appendix F - Love Field Tunnel Alignment Study
  - Appendix G - DART LRT Rail Operating Facility – Phase 1 Site Selection Study, Executive Summary
  - Appendix H - Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)