Cotton Belt Corridor

Area Focus Group (AFG)
Carrollton/Addison
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Agenda

- Introductions
- Area Focus Group (AFG) Purpose
- Project Scope
- Carrollton/Addison Focus Area
- Community Integration
- AFG input
- Next Steps
Area Focus Groups

DFW/Cypress Waters/Coppell AFG
Addison/Carrollton AFG
North Dallas AFG
Richardson/Plano AFG

Cotton Belt Line

DFW North

To Fort Worth (TEX Rail to be operated by FWTA)

DART Orange Line
DCTA A-train
DART Green Line
Trinity Rail Express
DART Blue Line
Interface Station
TEX Rail
Potential Cotton Belt Stations
Area Focus Groups

• Composed of residents, stakeholders and community leaders
• Provide input and assist with resolving issues
• Developing support for the project
• Disseminate information to their respective neighborhoods or groups
Project Scope
Regional Rail Vehicle

- Regional Rail Vehicle
- Environmentally and Community Friendly
  - Tier 4 EPA Emissions Standards
- Meets FRA Standards
- Compatible with TEX Rail (FLIRT)
- Self-propelled
Current Effort

Producing Environmental Impact Statement
• Coordinate project design with community
• Advance 5% Design to 10% Design
• Alignment/Station Refinement
• Assess impacts to natural and human environment
• Identify mitigations
• Integrate project into community
Focus Area Alignment/Stations
Focus Area Grade Separations
Carrollton Issues

• Downtown Carrollton Reconfiguration
  • Green Line Interface
  • Future Madill Sub (BNSF Line)
  • TxDOT Coordination
• Mercer Yard Relocation
• Equipment Maintenance Facility
• Gun Range Road
• Residential Adjacency
  - Noise
  - Visual
Downtown Carrollton Station Area

Connect To Green Line

DART Green Line Station
Mercer Yard
Mercer Yard (Proposed)
Mercer Yard (Potential Configuration)
Potential Equipment Maintenance Facility (EMF) Site
Potential EMF Site
Gun Range Road
Gun Range Road
Residential Adjacency
Residential Adjacency
Addison Issues

- Addison Airport
- Arapaho Bridge
- Addison Transit Center
- Transit Oriented Development
- Special Events
Addison Airport

Issues:
- Encroachment
- Air Space
- Systems
Arapaho Bridge
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Addison Transit Center

- 9 Bus Bay
- 13 Bus Routes
- 18 Kiss & Ride
- 300 Parking

2,000 and 2,500 Daily Passenger Boardings
Transit Oriented Development

DART DRIVES INVESTMENT
How the DART transit network strengthens the local community and adds economic value:

Economic Stimulus

$7BIL IN NEW & PLANNED DEVELOPMENT
Local businesses and communities benefit as economic activity grows near DART stations.

How it helps:
- Developers spend money on local supplies and services
- Businesses move to our region due to proximity to public transit
- Public transit-accessible local destinations see increased traffic

Community Investment

$229MIL IN TAX REVENUE
New transit-oriented development has already generated $69 million in tax revenue—with an anticipated $160 million in tax revenue for planned projects.

How it helps:
- More funds to support North Texas schools, emergency services, and health care programs, other community services
- Increased support for cultural and arts programs
- Neighborhood revitalization and infrastructure improvements

Jobs and Wages

43K NEW JOBS | $3BIL IN WAGES

How it helps:
- Financial freedom for project employees
- Sturdy employment for North Texas families
- Increased local economic activity

Securing Our Future

$5.3BIL IN ECONOMIC INVESTMENT FROM 2008-2015
DART has and continues to improve the region’s economy in periods of economic downturn (DART contributed more than $5.3 million to the regional economy during the Great Recession).

How it helps:
- Capital investment in our communities
- New business development
- Planning for population growth and expansion

DART isn’t just a transportation system that moves people from point A to point B. It’s an economic driver, nurturing community development and economic growth for all of North Texas.
Transit Oriented Development

Station Area Development to be coordinated with Town Of Addison

Addison Station
Transit Oriented Development Scenarios
Addison Special Events

• Addison Special Events Include:
  - Taste of Addison
  - Kaboom Town
  - Summer Series
  - Oktoberfest
  - Plus Vitruvian events

• Need to serve special events
• Need to maintain safe rail system
Community Integration

• Incorporated after mitigation
• Landscaping
• Walls/Fences
• Opportunities for Trails

Need to accommodate freight may limit some opportunities for Community Integration

Freight will continue to operate on the Cotton Belt Corridor except in North Dallas where freight was abandoned on January 27, 2010
Trails (NCTCOG)
AFG Identified Issues

What are your:
• Issues?
• Concerns?
• Comments?
• Advice?
Area Focus Group Meetings

• Designed to be Flexible
• Potential meetings
  • July
  • September
  • November
**Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Impact Statement Milestones**

- December 14, 2016: Project initiation
- May 2017: Public Meetings
- November 2017: Publish DEIS
- January 2018: Public Hearing
- March 2018: FEIS/ROD
Public Meetings

Monday, May 15, @ 7:00 p.m.
Parkhill Junior High School Cafeteria
16500 Shadybank Drive, Dallas, TX 75248

Wednesday, May 17 @ 6:30 p.m.
Richardson Civic Center
411 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX 75080

Monday, May 22 @ 6:30 p.m.
DeWitt Perry Middle School
1709 E Belt Line Rd, Carrollton, TX 75006