Agenda

- Introductions
- Area Focus Group (AFG) Purpose
- Project Scope
- North Dallas Focus Area
- AFG input
- Next Steps
Cotton Belt Corridor

Map showing the Cotton Belt Line with various stations and routes, including DFW North, DFW Terminal B, Terminal A, North Lake (Dallas),和 Cotton Belt.

Legend:
- Cotton Belt
- Alternative Alignment
- TEX Rail
- DART Orange Line
- DART Green Line
- DART Blue Line
- DART A-train
- Trinity Rail Express
- Interface Station
- Potential Cotton Belt Stations

Directions:
- To Fort Worth (TEX Rail to be operated by FWTA)
- To Denton (A-train operated by DCTA)
Area Focus Groups

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

Specific Areas we are seeking AFG Input:

• Stations
  – Number
  – Location
  – Deferral
  – Design
• Grade Separations
• Double Tracking
• Community Integration
North Dallas Stations
Knoll Trail Station
Preston Road Station Issues

• Difficult access
  - Circuitous access
  - High traffic volumes
• Constrained site
  - Buses, Kiss & Ride, Amenities
  - No Parking
  - Conflicts with roadway improvements
• Limited redevelopment opportunities
• Very low ridership projects
• Previous public opposition
Renner Village Station

Coit
To be elevated
City of Dallas Resolution

City of Dallas Council Resolution #161692, October 11, 2016

Section 1. That the City Council has identified its highest immediate priorities for improved transit services, and urges the DART Board to include these projects for priority implementation in their 2017 20-Year Financial Plan in this order:

2. Expedited implementation of expanded bus services targeted toward the transportation needs of low income and transit-dependent riders. The City Council requests that DART develop, adopt and implement a Level of Service policy consistent with transit industry best practices including but not limited to the following service area metrics:

   e. Transit rail stations should be within 3 miles of all service areas within the City of Dallas to support multi-modal transportation options;
DART Transit Station Coverage With Cotton Belt Stations
DART Transit Coverage Without Dallas Cotton Belt Stations
Grade Separations
Street Crossings

At-Grade vs. Aerial

• At-grade
  – Quiet Zones
  – Quad Gates

• Aerial Options
  – Continuous
  – At selected streets?
Street Crossings
Double Tracking

Project Scope:

• Single track with passing tracks; double track stations
  – Design will account for future expansion to double track

• 30 minute peak headways
  – Future 20 minute peak headways

• It has been suggested that all of North Dallas be double tracked with to avoid future construction

• All environmental analysis assumes full double tracking
Community Integration

- Landscaping
- Walls/Fences
- Trails

Primarily due to freight abandonment, North Dallas has the greatest opportunity 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)
Previously Identified Concerns

- Noise
- Safety
- Traffic
- Visual Impact
- Community Cohesion
- Property Values
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