Cotton Belt Corridor
Open House Meetings
September 2017
Welcome

- Open House format with break for brief presentation and Question/Answer
- Allows for one-on-one discussions with staff
- Brief presentation to outline:
  - Where we are in the process
  - Where we go next
  - How you can stay involved and informed
Open House Information

• Alignment Plan and Profile maps
• Specific Alignment Coordination areas
  – DFW Airport, Cypress Waters, Downtown Carrollton, CityLine, Facilities
• Stations – Platform Concepts and Site Layouts
• Noise and Vibration
  – Methodology, Measurement Sites and Existing Conditions
• Environmental Topics – Historic, Water Resources, etc.
• Project Topics – Vehicle, Schedule, Ridership, etc.
• Funding/Financing
12 Potential Stations
Initial 30/60-minute peak and off-peak service
Future 20 minute peak service
Preliminary Grade Separation Analysis

**TEXRail Grade Separation**
- a: S.B. Frontage International/Ramps
- b: North Airfield Drive
- c: SH 114

**Existing Grade Separation**
- A: SH 121
- B: IH 635
- C: PGBT
- D: IH35E/Frontage
- E: Green Line LRT
- F: NDT
- G: Preston Road
- H: Synergy Park
- I: Renner Road
- J: PGBT
- K: Red/Orange Line LRT

**Proposed Grade Separation**
- 1: S. Belt Line Road
- 2: BNSF/Madill Sub
- 3: Midway Road
- 4: Coit Road
- 5: US 75
- 6: Plano Parkway
Community Integration

- Community Integration features such as fences, walls, trails, landscaping, etc. will be incorporated into the project subsequent to identification of impacts and required mitigation.

- DART will work in cooperation with local jurisdictions for implementation of community integration features, where appropriate.
Trails

• Cities along corridor have requested trails be incorporated into plan
• DART Board Policy indicates that DART will provide opportunities within our right-of-way for trails where feasible
• DART will work in cooperation with NCTCOG and local jurisdictions toward implementation of trails along corridor
Trails Example
Where We are in the Process
Process Overview

• DART is in the Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Impact Statement (PE/EIS) Process

• Developing engineering plans to a 10% level of design to support EIS analysis and provide basis for final design and future Design-Build contract

• The EIS is a public disclosure document and will:
  – Clear the full double-track project
    o Initial implementation may have single-track segments or deferred stations
  – Document the project design and identified impacts
  – Outline mitigation commitments to address impacts
Schedule Overview

COTTON BELT CORRIDOR
Project Implementation Schedule

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PE/EIS phase is anticipated to be complete in Spring 2018
Process Overview
Key Milestones in PE/EIS process

Aug 2016 Project Kick-Off

May 2017

Concept Design/Key Issues for Draft EIS
- Obtain community input on key issues
- Data collection initiated for engineering and environmental issues

Sept 2017

5% PE/Draft EIS Existing Conditions
- Basis for impact analysis
- Identification of impacts is initiated
- Obtain community feedback on design progress and existing conditions

Nov/Dec 2017

5-10% PE/Preliminary Draft EIS Findings
- Impact analysis complete
- Mitigation solutions or range of options developed
- Community review of potential impacts and proposed mitigation

WE ARE HERE
Process Overview
Draft and Final EIS

Feb 2018

10% PE and Draft EIS
Public Hearings

- Draft EIS will be published for a 45-day public and agency comment period
- Written and verbal comments documented and assessed for Final EIS consideration

Spring 2018

Final EIS

- Documents and addresses substantive comments received during DEIS comment period
- Outlines mitigation commitments
- Notice of Availability for 30 days prior to Federal Record of Decision (ROD)
- ROD requires Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP)
Where We Go Next
What Happens after PE/EIS?

- DART will engage a Final Design team to advance design plans
- Final Design plans will incorporate mitigation commitments as outlined in the Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP)
- The MMP is updated quarterly and reported to Federal agencies to track mitigation
- Community and agency involvement will continue through design and construction
How you can stay involved and informed
Stay Involved and Informed

• Attend meetings
• Provide feedback on potential impacts and mitigation options
• Stay involved as design progresses
• Email: Cottonbelt@DART.org
• Website: www.DART.org/cottonbelt
• Sign up for project alerts