Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Cotton Belt Regional Rail Project

Kick-Off Meeting with Community Stakeholders
Parkhill Junior High School
March 21, 2019
How to Stay Informed

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  - Cotton Belt Technical Advisory Group meetings
  - Art & Design Committee meetings
  - DART Board Committee Briefings
  - Community meetings

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Community Engagement Representative

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Design-Build Team Update

• 1/7/19 – DART provided a Notice to Proceed to Archer Western Herzog Joint Venture (AWH)

• 2/12/19 – DART Board of Directors authorized modification to contract with design-build contractor (AWH) to include double track for the project

• 2/21/19 – DART provided AWH with right to access DART ROW for purpose of preconstruction surveys and data collection to begin design

• June 2019, in progress design ready for review
Cotton Belt Regional Rail Vehicle Solicitation Update

• Currently in negotiations with a vehicle manufacture
• Provide environmentally and community friendly vehicle that meets tier 4 EPA emissions standards
• Meets FRA Standards
• Self-Propelled Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU)
  Diesel/electric technology
**Key Community Comments**
- Supported by City of Dallas
- Good citizen support with limited opposition
- Some concern for lack of parking
- Some concern too close to Addison Station

**Station Facts**
- **Platform Type:** Side
- **Parking Spaces:** N/A
- **Bus Bays:** No
- **Bus Routes:** 1

- **Projected Daily Ridership**
  - **Opening Day:** 500
  - **2040:** 530

- **Mode of Access %**
  - **Drive:** 0%
  - **Bus Transfer:** 9%
  - **Walk:** 91%

- **Est. Travel Time (minutes)**
  - To DFW Airport: 36
  - To Downtown Carrollton: 11
  - To Addison: 3
  - To CityLine/Bush: 15

**Station Benefits**
- Proximity to high density residential north and south of station
- Arterial access and proximity to DNT
- Walk distance to Prestonwood Town Center
# Community Specific Elements

## Kick-Off
- Community-wide meeting with all Communities to explain the 3-workshop process
- March 21, 2019

## Workshop #1
- Define betterments
- What is important, if feasible

## Workshop #2
- Presentation of betterments requested
  - Review options
  - Feedback and decisions

## Workshop #3
- Report back to community
- Confirm consensus
Community Specific Elements

Next Step Workshop #1

• Conduct workshop with each of the five separate proposed neighborhood groups

• Neighborhoods are considered as apartment complexes, condos, general neighborhoods, schools, etc.
Area Groups

DNT

Preston

Hillcrest

Coit

Campbell

Knoll Trail

Dallas

635
Group #2 – Area Group Meeting
Workshop #1 – April 2019
Group #3 – Area Group Meeting Workshop #1 – April 2019
Group #5 – Area Group Meeting
Workshop #1 – May 2019
DART Station Art & Design Program

• Station will have elements of continuity and community reflection

• Opportunity for community input as part of the Art & Design Committee on community reflection elements during final design
  - Platform surface, column finish, pedestrian railing, coatings on steel

• Use systematic workshop process to reach consensus within budget
  - Materials, colors, and patterns
DART Station Art & Design Program Example

Tyler/Vernon Station

Hampton Station
DART Station Art & Design Program

Knoll Trail Station Meetings

• Kick-off meeting

• Site tour & key items identified

• Artistic value statements & brainstorming (materials, colors, patterns)

• Options & estimates presented with feedback and selection

• Final presentation of station renderings
DART Station Art & Design Program

Predecessor Activities

• DART recommendations for site-specific committee members for each station
  — Committee consists of 8-12 individuals representing neighborhoods, businesses, and institutions near station

• Design-Builder recommendations for station artists for each station

• Approvals of artists and site committee

• 30-day notice of Art & Design kick-off meetings
Pre-Construction Activities

• Activities on DART Right-of-Way
  On-site photography / videography
  Survey
  Geotechnical investigations and soil samples
  Utility identification

• Design

• Coordination with others
  Quiet Zone coordination with cities
  Hike & Bike Trail Coordination
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