D2 SUBWAY PLANNING & DESIGN MOVES FORWARD

The D2 Subway project has made significant progress in the past year, reaching a 10% design level in March 2019 for the Victory/Commerce/Swiss Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), which was approved in September 2017 by the Dallas City Council and DART Board of Directors. Feedback from residents, business owners, developers and agency staff has been invaluable in terms of refining the project to minimize impacts and create an urban design vision.

DART continues to coordinate with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to position the project for federal funding. Although DART’s financial plan assumes limited federal funding, we are working to maximize the federal grant for this project. FTA continues to encourage DART to advance the project through their program in a timely manner.
PROJECT STATUS HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of key project highlights. DART will continue to work with the downtown community and key stakeholders to advance and refine the project over the next several months.

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

- Alignment and station were adjusted in the CBD East area to avoid impacts to the Elm Street parking garage and minimize potential impacts to parks
- The project is advancing towards 20% design, with completion of this milestone scheduled for March 2020
- Construction methods are under evaluation based on underground conditions and with a focus on minimizing disruptions to streets and properties
- Real estate needs are being documented, including potential early acquisitions for corridor preservation given development pressures on key properties

SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SDEIS)

- A new environmental document is in development, that builds on the original 2010 document with new and updated information
- Existing conditions are documented, with future efforts focused on conducting impact assessments concurrent with the 20% design development
- Public and agency review of the SDEIS is anticipated for Spring 2020

STATIONS AND URBAN DESIGN

- DART is exploring the opportunity to move the Deep Ellum Station to just south of Live Oak Street to allow for continued rail service to this growing area
- Station architecture is progressing including pedestrian portal locations to access subway stations
- Urban design plans are being refined in key areas to understand how pedestrian and street improvements can enhance connectivity with existing and future development

PUBLIC/AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

- One-on-one stakeholder briefings are ongoing
- Joint meetings between DART, City of Dallas, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) continue regularly, with a focus on how the D2 tunnel portal under IH 345 works with the various future options for IH 345
- Stakeholder Committee and Public Meetings will be held in Fall 2019

STAY INFORMED & GET INVOLVED

- Sign up for Project Updates at www.DART.org/D2 to be sure you get alerts for new information or upcoming meetings
- Email D2@DART.org with comments and questions
- Request a project briefing for your group or organization by contacting DART Community Engagement representative Carlos Huerta at 214-749-2721 or chuerta@DART.org
- Visit www.DART.org/D2 to stay up to date
- Attend project meetings
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