D2 Subway Status

Planning and Capital Programs Committee

November 10, 2020

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D2 Subway Alignment
Today’s Briefing

• The purpose of today’s briefing is to provide an update on:
  – 30% Design Submittal
  – Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Schedule
  – Recent and Upcoming Meetings
  – Project Schedule and Next Steps
30% Design and Environmental
30% Design Submittal

• Completed October 30, 2020
• Key Changes from 20% design
  – Eliminated Pacific/Lamar access portal at Metro Center Station
  – Added Adolphus Tower access and reduced footprint of Pegasus Plaza headhouse at Commerce Station
  – Added one emergency exit to Commerce Station per Dallas Building Code
  – Refined street modification plans based on City of Dallas and stakeholder feedback
FEIS/Record of Decision (ROD) Schedule

- October 26 – Draft FEIS/ROD submitted to FTA for 3-week review
- November 16-30 – DART to address FTA review comments
- November – Complete Programmatic Agreement for historic resources
- Early December – Begin preparation and QC of all files
- December 11 – Upload FEIS/ROD to Federal Register
- December 18 – Notice of Availability (NOA) of FEIS/ROD in Federal Register

**NOTE:**
- These dates are dependent on Dallas City Council approval of park use on November 11 and City Council transportation committee briefing November 16
- FEIS/ROD schedule may shift to January pending these meetings
MLK Alignment does not meet purpose and need and would not qualify for the FTA grant
Current and Planned Service in MLK Corridor

- Several bus routes
- Future GoLink pilot approved by DART Board
- Key needs based on resident survey done with South Dallas/Fair Park Transportation Initiative:
  - Short trips
  - Access to neighborhood services (grocery, medical, community center)
D2 Subway is at Critical Juncture

- Advanced to 30% design consistent with Dallas City Council resolutions, City staff direction and with significant stakeholder involvement
- Funding is available now for D2 and FTA is anticipating our project submittal by early 2021
- The MLK subway corridor as suggested by some is not an alternative to D2 Subway
- Other opportunities better suited for the MLK community and DART is prepared to address separate from D2 project
  - GoLink Pilot starts in Spring 2021 based on community survey and input
  - Streetcar or Enhanced Bus are also options more suitable for the neighborhood scale
Public and Agency Involvement
Support for D2 Subway

Additional letters of support from:
• DDI
• Dallas Mobility Council (Coalition for New Dallas)
• Community members
Potential Real Estate Needs

• Letters received from impacted property owners

• Greenway Investments – possible bar under construction in older commercial building

• Allen Baskind – Stars & Spirits club, Midtowne Spa (closed), parking lots

• Westdale – Future development (feasibility study underway with DART to integrate building over portal)

• James Grey – Parking lots

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Deep Ellum Foundation

Key Issues

- Key Issues:
  1. Severing Connectivity
  2. Development Disruption
  3. Traffic Congestion
  4. Live Oak Station & Intersection Safety Risk
  5. Cultural Trail Hindrance
  6. Construction Disruption

- DART believes we have addressed or will address the issues
- DART will continue to work with city staff and Deep Ellum representatives to minimize impacts and maximize development and connectivity
Recent Meetings

- October 13 – Dallas City Council authorization to hold November 11 public hearing for D2 Subway park use
- October 13 – Deep Ellum Foundation discussion
- October 15 – Malouf Interests/CityLights meeting (Deep Ellum issues)
- October 23 – Baylor Scott & White Briefing (Deep Ellum issues)
- October 23 – AIA Dallas Chapter Advisory Panel project review
- October 27 – City of Dallas Staff coordination (Deep Ellum issues)
- October 29 – Asana Partners (Deep Ellum issues)
Recent Meetings

- Dallas City Council Members briefings
  - October 9 – Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano
  - October 15 – David Blewett
  - October 26 – Tennell Atkins
  - October 29 - Jaime Resendez
  - November 3 – Chad West
  - November 3 – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam McGough
  - November 5 – Paula Blackmon
  - November 6 – Adam Bazaldua
Upcoming Meetings

- November 11 - Dallas City Council Chapter 26 public hearing and consideration for park use approval and authorization to convey D2 Subway easements
- November 16 - City of Dallas Transportation and Infrastructure Committee briefing to discuss Service Plan amendment
- December/January - Dallas City Council Service Plan amendment approval (date to be determined)
- December – TxDOT, NCTCOG, City of Dallas I-345 coordination meeting
Project Schedule
Next Steps

• With completion of the Project Development phase anticipated in January, the focus will shift to re-entry into FTA Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program

• Concurrent with FEIS/ROD, DART will submit a letter to FTA to provide advance notice of request to enter Engineering phase of CIG program

• During 2021 focus will be on:
  – "Readiness" documents preparation and review by FTA
  – Project delivery method/procurement activities
  – Value engineering and risk assessment to refine cost estimate
  – Update Core Capacity project rating (required to enter Engineering)

• In Engineering phase, DART and FTA will lock-in the amount for future Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA)
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<td>FUTURE 2021</td>
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