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### **Latest News**

- D2: The D2 Technical and Stakeholder committees met March 22 to review a set of alternatives to advance through the evaluation process. The presentation is available at [DART.org/D2](http://DART.org/D2). Three corridor alternatives using DART-owned right-of-way through Victory Park are recommended for further study – Pacific, Elm and Commerce. All alternatives include options for connecting to the Deep Ellum area by way of Swiss Ave. (preferred) or Monument St.
- DART Board to be briefed on updated alternatives list March 28.
- D2: Continuing to engage business and community leaders to keep them informed on D2 project status.
- Cotton Belt: Baseline acoustic testing scheduled to begin in late March. These tests are designed to establish the ambient noise level along the corridor. Testing schedule has been posted to [DART.org/CottonBelt](http://DART.org/CottonBelt) and email notices sent. Additional communication, including door hangars along corridor, being deployed as testing continues.
- Cotton Belt: Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program (RRIF) loan pre-application was filed Feb. 24.

### **D 2 Meetings since Friday, March 17**

- **March 21:** Initial Streetcar Planning Workshop with City of Dallas and DDI staff. Begin discussion of upcoming Streetcar planning effort. Group discussed Federal process, schedule for upcoming analysis and roles and responsibilities for the different study elements.
- **March 21:** Briefing to Dallas County Commissioners Court. Present overview on the D2 Study with a summary of project information, remaining alternatives and recent progress.
- **March 22:** Brief Megabus about the D2 Study and specifically how it will impact CBD East Transfer Center.

### **D2 Upcoming meetings**

- **April 10, City of Dallas Transportation and Trinity River Project (TTRP) Committee:** D2 briefing.
- **May 8, Joint DART Board/COD TTRP Committee:** D2 briefing.
- **TBD:** Meeting with Victory Park area property representatives. Follow up to Jan. 31 meeting on Y junction at near Victory Station.

### **Cotton Belt Meetings Since March 3**

- Coordination discussions between DART and Dallas, Carrollton, Richardson and Plano staffs.
- Met with Cotton Belt Concerned Citizens Coalition to discuss upcoming field work, public meetings.

### **Cotton Belt Upcoming Meetings**

- Ongoing coordination discussions between DART and corridor city staffs.
- Continuing to engage business and community leaders to keep them informed on Cotton Belt project status.
- Additional dates/times for meetings with stakeholders and elected officials to be determined.

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