APPENDIX C – COORDINATION, CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Active public and agency involvement is critical to the success of any project with the potential to significantly affect the community. The ultimate goal of the public and agency involvement process is to have an informed local community and government leadership making decisions regarding the impacts and implementation of a locally preferred alternative.

The Major Investment Study (MIS) and the preparation of this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) involved extensive coordination and consultation with the affected public and agencies. The affected public included not only the residents in the Southeast Corridor, but individuals, businesses, groups, clubs, civic organizations, and others interested in the study area. The agencies included local governments and state and federal agencies with regulatory oversight and permitting responsibilities. The process was structured and implemented to ensure critical concerns and issues related to engineering solutions, social impacts, environmental impacts, economic effects, financing, and other items of concern to the community.

PROJECT SPONSORS

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is the local sponsor of the Southeast Corridor project. DART consists of 13 member cities in Dallas, Denton, and Collin counties. DART assembled an interdisciplinary team to consider and evaluate the human, natural, and engineering issues associated with the project. The study team consisted of people with a variety of technical backgrounds in planning, engineering, economics, human resources, environmental concerns, and natural sciences. This project is co-sponsored by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Federal funds are being used to support the Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Impact Statement (PE/EIS) efforts and FTA will continue to be a major investor in the development of the project.

As the local sponsor, DART had responsibility for leading public and agency involvement for the project. To accomplish this, DART developed a Public and Agency Involvement Program to engage individuals, neighborhoods, community and interest groups, agency representatives and policy leaders in meaningful and collaborative decisions regarding the future transportation investment strategy for the Southeast Corridor. The program sought to build consensus among these interests by involving them in the planning process. To achieve this purpose, the program
was developed to be all-inclusive, proactive, flexible, responsive, and maintain accountability of the DART Project Team.

PUBLIC AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT PLAN

A Public and Agency Involvement Plan was developed for the MIS and then refined for the PE/EIS effort. The program is an open and inclusive program to ensure all interested parties had an opportunity to be involved in the planning process. Stakeholders had an opportunity to direct, review, and comment on analysis and results as major milestones reached during the course of the study.

The Public and Agency Involvement Program was conducted in a manner keeping with regulations consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to ensure approval of the EIS. This program has been designed to be consistent with the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) of 1998 and the USDOT guidelines for public involvement including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 12898 Environmental Justice provisions. It is also consistent with the DART and other local, regional, and state agency policies that seek to fully involve the public in the planning and project development processes.

Three work groups established during the MIS were continued during the PE/EIS to supplement input received from the public and to provide policy and technical review. The following is a brief description of the work groups and their roles in the study.

- **Executive Work Group** - Members included elected officials and policy leaders from affected jurisdictions and implementing agencies. This work group met regularly to be apprised of study progress, discuss findings, and work towards implementation of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).

- **Staff Work Group** - This group provided technical staff support from a broad range of agencies through the review of study information and findings. Staff from local, state, and federal implementing agencies and authorities, local jurisdictions, and resource agencies meet to assess project development; assist in the valuation of project effects; review technical studies and recommendations; disseminate information within their respective agencies; and coordinate agency activities.
Community Work Group - This work group was comprised of representatives from organized interest groups and residents and was intended to represent the diverse interests in the study area. These persons acted as liaisons between the project team and their representative organizations to offer input on issues and potential solutions on behalf of their organization. The Community Work Group also assisted with public outreach efforts by disseminating information and bringing comments and concerns from their friends and neighbors.

While the Community Work Group members served as broad-based representatives of the community, the public also had numerous opportunities to participate in the planning process through public meetings, workshops, and open houses, which were scheduled at major milestones in the project. In addition, a wide range of public outreach methods were employed to inform, educate, and solicit input. These were used to make the community aware of the study and provide opportunities for input. The following describes community outreach methods implemented during the MIS and PE/EIS efforts.

Public Meetings and Workshops - Public meetings, open houses, and workshops were conducted during the MIS and PE/EIS. Each series included three meetings in various locations (i.e., Deep Ellum/Baylor, South Dallas/Fair Park, and Pleasant Grove) along the corridor to ensure many opportunities and convenient locations and dates for the public to attend.

Mailing Database - The initial mailing list from the MIS included names of over 2000 interested people, organizations, elected officials, and property owners. This database was updated throughout the course of the PE/EIS and used for the mailings of newsletters and public notices. The database included property owners within 400 feet of the proposed LPA alignment selected during the MIS.

Miscellaneous Meetings - Additional miscellaneous meetings and briefings were part public and agency programs for the Southeast Corridor. These meetings included briefings to elected officials and organizations such as Friends of Fair Park, Southeast Dallas Chamber of Commerce, and Dallas Landmark Commission as requested to keep them informed of the project.
• **Newspaper Advertisements** - General advertisements were placed in local newspapers to notify the community of the public workshops and meetings. In addition, the Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Federal Register and legal section of local newspapers.

• **Web Site** - The DART web site (www.dart.org) included study information, meeting announcements, newsletters, reports and maps for the Southeast Corridor. Throughout the PE/EIS, the web site was updated to include current project information and meeting schedules.

• **Newsletters** – Project newsletters were developed and distributed using the project mailing database. Newsletters were also posted on the website. Additional copies of the newsletters were distributed to public libraries, recreation centers, and chambers of commerce.

• **Information at Public Libraries** – The corridor study report was made available in the Reference Section of public libraries along the study corridor. The Draft (DEIS) was placed and Final (FEIS) will be placed in the Reference Section of the public libraries.

• **Presentations** - Presentations and briefings were made by DART or consulting firm staff to various community organizations upon request.

• **Spanish Translation** – Project newsletters were translated into Spanish. Spanish interpretation at public meetings/hearings was available upon request. Project newsletters and newspaper advertisements also included contact information in Spanish.

### SCOPING MEETINGS

A NOI to prepare an EIS for the Southeast Corridor was published in the *Federal Register*, Volume 65, Number 214 on Friday, November 3, 2000. The NOI also announced the scoping meetings. Newspaper advertisements announced the locations and times of the scoping meetings appeared in *The Dallas Morning News*. Copies of the NOI and newspaper advertisement are included at the end of this Appendix. Three formal scoping meetings were conducted to begin the EIS process for the project on November 28, 29 and 30, 2000. All persons on the project mailing list received individual notices of the meetings.

Additionally, a scoping meeting with the agencies was held on December 6, 2000. Local governments, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), state agencies, and federal agencies were invited to attend. Along with the letter to each agency announcing the meeting, DART provided a *Scoping Information Report* for the project. This report highlighted the
potential environmental, land use, and transportation issues associated with the Southeast Corridor. A copy of the letter and invitee list is included at the end of this Appendix.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Once the DEIS was approved for public circulation by the FTA, copies of the document were distributed to members of the community and interested organizations, as well as the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies for their review and comment. The Federal Register announcement initiated DART’s 45-day comment period (February 22, 2002, through April 8, 2002) as required by FTA. During this comment period, formal public hearings were held within the Southeast Corridor on March 12, 2002, at the Tom Landry Center; March 13, 2002, at the Pleasant Grove Public Library; and March 14, 2002, at Clean South Dallas. The purpose of these hearings was to provide interested parties an opportunity to formally submit comments on the Southeast Corridor DEIS. The public hearings also served to obtain testimony in compliance with Texas law regarding potential DART Service Plan changes. After a technical presentation on the project, verbal testimony was taken. Additional comments were submitted in writing at the public hearing and received at DART headquarters. Several community members also provided comment at the April 9, 2002, DART Board meeting open public comment forum. Relevant comments received as well as responses are in Chapter 6 of the FEIS.

Additionally, a fourth public hearing was held on January 15, 2003, at the Tom Landry Center. The DEIS published in February 2002 included a draft Section 4(f) Statement. Based on comments received during the circulation of the DEIS, FTA and DART determined that significant changes to the Section 4(f) Statement occurred and warranted a redistribution of the document for comment. The revised draft Section 4(f) Statement was distributed to appropriate governmental agencies, legislative bodies, and concerned organizations and individuals. The formal public comment period began December 30, 2002, and ended January 21, 2003. The purpose of the hearing was to provide interested parties an opportunity to formally submit comments on the Section 4(f) Statement. After a technical presentation on the project, verbal testimony was taken. Additional comments were received at DART headquarters. Relevant comments received as well as responses are in Chapter 6 of the FEIS.
LIST OF PRESENTATIONS, MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS

During the MIS and PE/EIS efforts, DART conducted numerous public meetings, presentations, and briefings to interested groups.

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City Hall

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Telecommunications Committee Briefing
Dallas City Hall

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Dallas City Hall

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Latino Cultural Center -
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June 10, 1999
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Briefing to City of Dallas Senior Staff August 3, 2001
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Environmental Impact Statement on Transportation Improvements Within the Southeast Corridor in Dallas, TX

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) have issued this notice to advise interested agencies and the public of their intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed Southeast Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project, in Dallas, Texas. The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended. The Dallas-Fort Worth region is currently designated as a serious non-attainment area for ozone by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Southeast Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project is the product of the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study (MIS), completed by DART in early 2000. The MIS identified a Locally Preferred Investment Strategy (LPIS), which included the light rail being advanced into the EIS phase of project development at this time. A separate EIS is also being prepared for a DART LRT extension in the Northwest Corridor of the Dallas metropolitan area.

DATES: Comment Due Date: Written comments on the scope of the alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to John Hoppie, Project Manager by December 20, 2000. See ADDRESSES below.

Scoping Meetings: Three public scoping meetings will be held at the following locations and dates. Scoping material will be available at the meeting or in advance of the meeting. DART will conduct public scoping meetings on the following dates and at the following locations:
- Tuesday, November 28, 2000, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Baylor--Tom Landry Center, 411 N. Washington Ave., Dallas, Texas
- Wednesday, November 29, 2000, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Senior Center, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas, Texas
- Thursday November 30, 2000, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Pleasant Mound UMC, 8301 Bruton Rd., Dallas, Texas

Interagency Coordination Meeting: DART will conduct an interagency coordination meeting with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies on the following date and at the following location:

- Wednesday, December 6, 2000, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., DART Board Conference Room 1-C, 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the project scope should be sent to John Hoppie, Project Manager, DART Planning, P.O. Box 660163, 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75266. Telephone (214) 749-2525, Fax (214) 749-

I. Scoping

The FTA and DART invite interested individuals, organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies to participate in refining the Southeast Corridor LRT Line including alignment and station locations. Comments should focus on identifying any significant social, economic, or environmental issues related to the alignment. Specific suggestions related to additional alternatives to be examined and issues to be addressed are welcome and will be considered in the final scope for the project. Scoping comments may be made at the scoping meetings or in writing no later than December 20, 2000. (see DATES and ADDRESSES above.)

Scoping comments should focus on identifying specific social, economic, or environmental impacts to be evaluated, and suggesting alternatives that are less costly or less environmentally damaging, which achieve similar transit objectives. Comments should focus on the issues and alternatives for analysis, and not on a preference for a particular alternative. Additional information on the EIS process, alternatives, and impact issues to be addressed will be included in the "Scoping Information Document". Copies of the document will be available from DART immediately prior to the scoping meetings (see DATES and ADDRESSES above.)

II. Description of Study Area and Project Need

The Southeast Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project includes 10.2 miles of LRT running on new double tracks in existing railroad corridors with some street running along Good Latimer and Parry Avenue. There are 9 LRT stations, including 6 with Park & Ride Lots (totaling just under 2000 parking spaces), and 2 with transfer facilities to other modes.

The Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study defined and evaluated a range of project alternatives using a two-phased evaluation process. In addition to the No Build Alternative, a Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Alternative, and several variations of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alternatives were considered. Based on work group and public input, and based on the technical analysis, the above-described Build Alternative was selected. While some alignment refinements will continue for the Build Alternative, the other alternatives considered were dropped from further consideration. The EIS will consider the No Build Alternative in addition to Southeast LRT Line as the Build Alternative (see ALTERNATIVES below).

DART's Southeast Corridor contains a dynamic mix of land uses including a burgeoning, eclectic entertainment district; one of the region's most prestigious hospital facilities; a multi-faceted, 277 acre, cultural, historical, museum, and entertainment complex; and large areas of single-family and multi-family housing.

The existing corridor and station area development character in the Southeast Corridor has three distinct subareas:

1. The Baylor HCS/Deep Ellum/Bryan Place is a redeveloping/revitalizing area of a previously urban core environment of warehouses and commercial uses into multi-family lofts, artists' studios, retail, and service businesses. The area is anchored by Baylor HCS. This area includes pedestrian oriented development. The Deep Ellum area has been designated a historic district. Hundreds of new housing units have been created through new construction or conversion of older buildings. This area is within the City of Dallas Intown Housing Program boundary, which is a local initiative aimed at increasing the vitality of the Central Business District by providing mixed income housing through joint ventures with private developers.

2. The South Dallas/Fair Park
area is characterized by commercial/light industrial and loft apartments immediately west of Fair Park; a strip of commercial businesses along R.B. Cullum; and single-family residential with some apartments and duplexes to the south and west of Fair Park. Fair Park is a 277-acre city park, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This area is one of the most transit dependent areas of the city. In the South Dallas/Fair Park area, several community-based organizations have on-going in-fill housing programs. (3) The Pleasant Grove/Buckner Terrace area is primarily composed of residential, industrial, and retail/commercial uses. The commercial activities are concentrated along Buckner Boulevard/Loop 12. This area contains a large amount of vacant land, which is dedicated parkland and/or located in the floodplain. Additionally, development of single-family residential housing in the Pleasant Grove and Buckner Terrace areas is filling the last remaining land for housing developments.

DART's 10.2-mile Southeast Corridor LRT extension, like its original 20-milestarter System, is contained entirely within the Dallas city limits. The University of North Texas Center for Economic Development and Research assessed the impacts of the DART LRT Starter System and estimated over $850 million has been invested in and around DART's new LRT stations. Development currently completed or planned at DART stations varies from a new hotel and mixed-use development downtown, to new residential and municipal facilities in a redevelopment area around the Cedars Station south of downtown Dallas. Along with the previously mentioned transit supportive land use considerations, some of the other influencing conditions within the Southeast Corridor include:

Environmental Justice and Equity Issues--Within the 47 census tracts covering the Southeast Corridor study area, the majority of tracts have a higher percentage of minority and/or low-income population than the average for the county. Through the extensive public involvement and outreach efforts for the project, equity issues related to the South Dallas neighborhood and the Fair Park area have been identified. It is perceived by the neighborhoods that the needs of the community have been overshadowed or set aside for the economic benefit of Fair Park. Fair Park has expanded several times since its establishment; many times residences were purchased by the city to accommodate the expansion. Additionally, special events at the park's numerous venues can create traffic problems and congestion in the neighborhoods. In the Pleasant Grove area, equity issues related to transit service have been identified. Many residents perceive the Southeast Corridor as the last to receive LRT service it has been promised. However, DART services and the concept of LRT in the corridor are widely supported. The LRT project is seen as providing better transit service and a catalyst for economic development.

Station Area Economic Development Potential--Economic development potential of the terminus station was identified by the DART Board of Directors as one of the primary criteria to be used to compare two vastly different alternative alignments for the final two-mile segment of the LRT line. This further emphasizes the growing importance that DART is placing on economic development.

Historical Transit Service--The LRT alignment and station along Parry Avenue will be at near the ceremonial entrance to Fair Park. This alignment and station will reestablish similar service to the park that was provided by the Dallas Interurban Trolley system until the 1950's.

III. Alternatives

The transportation alternatives proposed for consideration in this project area include:

No-Build Alternative--The No-Build Alternative involves no change to transportation services or facilities in the corridor beyond already committed projects.

Build Alternative--The Southeast Corridor Project (including line, station locations and support facilities), consists of 10.2 miles of
LRT running on new double tracks in existing railroad corridors with some street running in along Good Latimer and Parry Avenue. There are 9 potential LRT stations, including 6 with Park & Ride Lots (totaling just under 2000 parking spaces), and 2 with transfer facilities to other modes.

IV. Probable Effects

The FTA and DART will evaluate all significant environmental, social, and economic impacts of the alternatives analyzed in the EIS. Impact areas to be addressed include: land use, zoning, and economic development; secondary development; land acquisition, displacements, and relocation of existing uses; historic, archaeological, and cultural resources; parklands and recreation areas; visual and aesthetic qualities; neighborhoods and communities; environmental justice; air quality; noise and vibration; hazardous materials; ecosystems; water resources; energy; safety and security; utilities; traffic and transportation impacts. Potential impacts will be assessed for the long-term operation of each alternative and the short-term construction period. Measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any significant adverse impacts will be identified.

V. FTA Procedures

The EIS process will be performed in accordance with applicable laws and Federal Transit Administration regulations and guidelines for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement. The impacts of the project will be assessed, and, if necessary, the scope of the project will be revised or refined to minimize and mitigate any adverse impacts. After its publication, the draft EIS will be available for public review and comment. One or more public hearings will be held during the draft EIS public comment period. On the basis of the draft EIS and comments received, the project will be revised or further refined as necessary and the final EIS prepared.


Robert C. Patrick,
Regional Administrator.
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November 17, 2000

Reference: DART Northwest Line to Carrollton EIS  
DART Southeast Corridor EIS

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If you have any questions, please contact either of us. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Sincerely,

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Attachments  
- Notice of Intent (SE and NW)  
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Persons with disabilities planning to attend these meetings; who require auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for the hearing impaired, readers, or Braille, should call 214-749-2598 at least two working days prior to the meeting, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The meetings will be conducted in English. Requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least two working days prior to the meetings. Reasonable accommodations will be made.

All interested parties are invited to attend and express their views and will have the opportunity to view project exhibits and ask questions. Both verbal and written comments regarding the project are requested. Written statements and other exhibits may also be submitted to Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Attn: Willene Watson, Community Affairs Representative, P.O. Box 660163, Dallas, Texas 75266-7232.

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June 13, 2001

Ms. Linda Roark
Preservation Consultant
Division of Architecture
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711-2276

Dear Ms. Roark:

Attached are two technical memoranda regarding selected issues in DART's Southeast LRT extension related to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Both of these memoranda will be incorporated into a letter requesting formal concurrence for a determination of eligibility for all properties along the Southeast Corridor and will eventually serve as a foundation for a Determination of Effects report.

The memorandum regarding the Deep Ellum Tunnel is being forwarded to you for your information since it our understanding that others have contacted you concerning our proposal to demolish to tunnel.

The memorandum regarding Fair Park is being forwarded to you to serve as early coordination. Fair Park is a National Historic Landmark and the most significant historic entity encountered along the Southeast Corridor LRT line. On May 30, 2001, DART held a Charrette to determine how to best integrate a DART LRT Station with the historic entrance to Fair Park and reintroduce a transit element to the area. Participants included the Dallas Landmark Committee, Friends of Fair Park, Dallas Parks Department and representatives of the various venues at Fair Park.

We would like to come to Austin to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss these issues. Steve Salin will be contacting you to schedule a meeting. Should you have any questions, Steve can be reached at (214) 749-2828, or I can be reached at (214) 749-2525.

Sincerely,

John Hoppie
Project Manager
Corridor and Environmental Planning

Enclosures

c: Steve Salin
    Tom Ryden
September 14, 2001

Mr. F. Lawerence Oaks  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
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Attn: Ms. Linda Roark

Re: Southeast Corridor Light Rail Project  
Request For Determination of Eligibility Report

Dear Mr. Oaks:

I am pleased to transmit for your review and concurrence two copies of the Request for Determination of Eligibility Report for the referenced project. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has determined that the proposed DART Southeast Corridor Light Rail Transit Project in Dallas, Texas, is an undertaking as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(y) because it has the potential to cause effects on historic properties and, therefore, requires compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act as amended (Section 106, 16 U.S.C. 470f) and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800).

This Request for Determination of Eligibility Report provides a description of the project, identifies the Area of Potential Effects (APE), reviews the identification efforts, describes the historical context of the corridor, and provides FTA and DART's determination of eligibility.

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(c)(2), FTA and DART are seeking SHPO concurrence with its determination of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places of properties within the Southeast Corridor APE. Following your concurrence, the report will be incorporated into this project's Final Environmental Impact Statement. All comments provided by the SHPO will be included.
Mr. F. Lawerence Oaks
September 14, 2001
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Thank you for your timely attention to this matter. Please call me at (214) 749-2828 or John Hoppie, Southeast Corridor Project Manager, at (214) 749-2525, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Salin
Senior Manager
Corridor and Environmental Planning

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c w/o: Jesse Balleza
        Tom Ryden
        John Hoppie
        Tom Shelton, C&B
        Willene Watson
September 17, 2001

Mr. Steve Salin
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Re: Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
Proposed Southeast Corridor LRT; Dallas Area Rapid Transit,
Dallas, Dallas County (FTA/106)

Dear Mr. Salin:

Thank you for meeting with Texas Historical Commission (THC) staff to provide preliminary project information on DART's Southeast Corridor LRT, including the proposed Fair Park station. This letter serves as initial comment on the proposed Fair Park station design from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the THC.

As discussed in our meeting August 14, the THC is concerned that construction of a DART station in front of the main Fair Park entrance has the potential to affect this National Historic Landmark. We understand that this is a convenient location for the public, and would be of special benefit for those attending the State Fair. As you know, Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to minimize harm to such National Historic Landmark properties. As discussed, we look forward to receiving a draft agreement document for the overall undertaking.

It is fortunate that there is a design opportunity for this project, related to the ticket buildings constructed for the Centennial Fair, but demolished in subsequent years. We recommend relatively accurate reconstruction of the historic ticket buildings in their historic location, understanding that security is a concern and that the design will need to be based on historic photographs, since the original plans are not available. We recommend that other structures not be placed in on the central axis of the historic entrance gate.

Design of the accessible platforms, and platforms for the other side of the tracks, should be as minimal and transparent as possible, and they should be placed as far from the central entrance axis as possible; preferably to the north of the central axis. There should be a total of five structures: the two reconstructed ticket buildings, two accessible platforms and one additional shelter. The three structures that are not reconstructions of the historic ticket buildings should be compatible with the historic ticket buildings and...
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design vocabulary of Fair Park. The plaza design should also be compatible. As we discussed, concrete should be used rather than pavers and lighting should be worked into reconstructed historic features (ticket booths, flag/light structures, catenary poles).

We hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Linda Roark at 512/463-9122.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

F. Lawrence Oaks, State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Jim Anderson, Dallas CLG
    Jeff Dunn, Dallas County Historical Commission
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October 24, 2001

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Re: Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966: DART Southeast Corridor, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas (N10, N20, N25)

Dear Mr. Salin:

Thank you for your correspondence describing the above referenced undertaking. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies, or their designated representatives, to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. Federal agencies, or their designated representatives, must request the comments of this office when they are considering an action, or if they are assisting, permitting, or licensing an action that may affect archeological sites or historic buildings. Under the Antiquities Code of Texas, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State are required to contact us relative to actions on non-federal public lands in the State of Texas.

The Texas SHPO needs additional information before we can provide comment on this undertaking. While the documentation of buildings in the project area appears adequate, the report featured no information about the Good-Latimer Tunnel, other than a reference on page 3. The tunnel may be eligible for listing in the National Register. Please send photographs of the tunnel and other transportation-related features along the proposed DART alignment (including other tunnels, bridges, overpasses), along with a written history and your assessment of these properties' eligibility for listing in the National Register. Texas Historical Commission staff will review all properties in the project area after this information is received.

Thank you for your interest in the cultural heritage of Texas, and for your compliance with this federal review process.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gregory W. Smith
National Register Coordinator
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November 7, 2001

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Attention: Gregory W. Smith

Re: Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966: DART Southeast Corridor, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas (N10, N20, N25)

Dear Mr. Oaks:

Thank you for your correspondence of October 24, 2001 regarding the above referenced undertaking. Attached is the additional information that you requested. This Supplemental Request for Determination of Eligibility Report contains the requested information and pictures of the Good-Latimer Underpass, as well as, other transportation-related features along the DART alignment. In addition, the report contains amended Table 3 and 4 from the original Request for Determination of Eligibility submitted in September 2001.

Please be advised that Mr. W. Dwayne Jones, Executive Director of Preservation, has volunteered to review or original submittal. Based on his comments we may submit additional revisions. If this is the case, we will repack the original and supplemental report and submit it as one amended document in the very near future. However, as time is of the essence, we would appreciate your prompt consideration of the transportation-related features, especially the Good-Latimer Underpass, contained in this report.

Should you wish to discuss issues related to the Southeast Corridor LRT Project please contact me at (214) 749-2828.

Sincerely,

Steve Salin
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Enclosures

c: Jesse Balleza, FTA
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March 21, 2003

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Re:  Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
DART Southeast Corridor draft Memorandum of Agreement, Dallas, Dallas County
(FTA/106)

Dear Mr. Salin:

Thank you for providing our office with the revised and final draft Memorandum of Agreement
(MOA) regarding the subject project. This letter serves as comment on the draft MOA from the
State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission
(THC).

The review staff, led by Linda Roark, has completed its review of the draft MOA for
DART's proposed Southeast Corridor. We concur that it is ready for signature and look
forward to receiving the signature copies.

Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve
the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. If you have questions concerning these comments please
contact me at 512/463-9122.

Yours truly,

Linda Roark, Preservation Specialist
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cc: Jesse Balleza, Federal Transit Administration
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