

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 28, 2025

TO Honorable Members of the Economic Development Committee -

SUBJECT **Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) – Interlocal Agreement for the Advancement of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas (KBHCCD) Master Plan through the temporary closure of the DART Station**

City leadership, Convention and Event Services (CES), Transportation and Public Works (TPW) and Inspire Dallas have been coordinating weekly with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) leadership and representatives to draft the terms for an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) that advances the pre-enabling, pre-construction and construction phases of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas (KBHCCD) Master Plan – Component 1 – Convention Center Expansion.

The advancement of demolition and construction for the convention center expansion requires the DART station's red and blue lines located at 727 S. Lamar Street be vacated and temporarily closed for an approximate three-and one-half year period. This temporary closure requires collaboration and agreement between the City of Dallas and DART regarding:

- Engineering and construction review and oversight during demolition and construction phases
 - These phases require the cocooning of the existing DART station to prevent damage to critical equipment and infrastructure. DART has been and will continue to review the new KBHCCD demolition and construction plans to confirm that train operations can be safely maintained during the ongoing demolition and construction of the convention center expansion.
- DART Service
 - Temporary closure of the station includes rerouting and coordination decision points to ensure no ridership interruption. Two potential options are being vetted by DART and City staff.
 - Option 1 - Route 308 Enhancement – a two-way express service extending from Plano through the Cedars would amend service between the Cedars Station and the Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station by creating a temporary stop along Marilla Street.
 - Option 2 - GoLink – offers the opportunity to extend service to the South Dallas Go Link Zone to include the Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station and KBHCCD proximity areas.
- Assistance with maintenance
 - Temporary closure includes several equipment relocations (i.e. antennas), relocations, signal and roadway alignments, rollover loop design and installation to enable pass-through stations.

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- Coordination of bus and rail operations
 - Temporary closure includes safety personnel (i.e., flaggers, field rail operations, and supervision) and the planning for bus layovers.
- City reimbursement of certain DART expenses caused by the station closure and related activities.

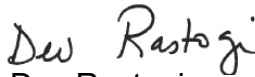
Staff anticipates bringing the agreement forward for City Council consideration on November 12, 2025.

Should you have additional questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ghassan (Gus) Khankarli – Director of Transportation and Public Works or Rosa Fleming – Director of Convention and Event Services.

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