

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 2, 2025

TO Honorable Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure 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**

On November 12, 2025, City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) through CR 25-1783, memorializing agreement on activities occurring during the eighteen months of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas (KBHCCD) Master Plan Project related to the temporary closure and vacation of the DART facility located at the KBHCCD in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

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 the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) that advances the pre-enabling, pre-construction and construction phases of the 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 limit ridership interruption for bus or rail passengers.
 - Route 308 – an express service extending from Plano through the Cedars would be amended between the Cedars Station and the Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station by creating a temporary stop along Marilla Street.
 - Limited GoLink – services a Convention Center GoLink Zone with fixed rally points at the Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station, the Cedars Station and the Marilla Street stop.

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- 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.
- 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.

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

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