

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 21, 2025

TO Honorable Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

SUBJECT **Follow up to the February 18, 2025, TRNI Briefing- DART Project List Request**

During the February 18, 2025, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (TRNI)/DART Board Special Called Joint Meeting, members of the TRNI Committee requested that staff prepare list of priority projects for DART Board consideration, like requests made by other DART member cities.

Background: Over the past 2 years, DART has engaged member cities to develop Area Plans to identify mutual mobility goals and determine ways to advance projects, programs, or services that achieve those goals. Phase 1 Area Plans for each city identified “Key Priorities and Opportunities” areas where the City and DART can collaborate to achieve those mutual goals. The Key Priorities and Opportunities **categories** are: A - Service enhancements; B- Multi-modal connectivity improvements; C- Facility enhancements; D - Bus corridor investments; E - Land Use coordination and F - Other coordination opportunities.

City staff has identified a preliminary list of projects, aligned with the City of Dallas Area Plan Phase 1 report. The following table contains our list of five high priority projects for DART’s consideration:

Near Term, High Priority Opportunities		
Project	Area Plan Alignment	Scope
KBHCCD Station Development	C – Facility Enhancement	DART to participate in integrated design of KBHCCD rail station.
Connections to Love Field	F - Other Coordination Opportunities	GoLink or circulator routes to expand connection with SMU /Mockingbird station, Addison Transit Center (Silverline), UT Southwest Complex, Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, and the Love Field/Inwood Station
TOD Action Plans	B - Multi-modal Connectivity C - Facility Enhancements E - Land Use Coordination	DART to lead development of TOD Action Plans for Park Lane Station, LBJ Central Station, Cedars/Powhattan Station, Inwood/Love Field Station, and MLK Station
Express Service for Cross-town Bus Routes (BRT)	D - Bus Corridor Investments	Identify 1-3 routes to expand the existing pilot to create ‘rapid ride’ or BRT network for high-performing cross-town bus routes. Identify routes for increased service frequency.
Direct Service to DFW Airport	A - Service Enhancements	Create a direct ‘one-seat ride’ connection between KBHCCD and DFW Airport

Staff also identified additional opportunities that align with longer-term goals, provided in the table below, that will be explored further as we move into Phase 2 Area Plans.

Longer Term Priority Opportunities (Listed by Area Plan Category)		
Project	Area Plan Alignment	Scope
Streetcar Central Link	A - Service Enhancements	DART to design and construct an urban connector linking the Dallas Streetcar system to the McKinney Avenue Trolley (MATA).
Southern Gateway Extension	A - Service Enhancements	DART to design and construct an extension of the Dallas Streetcar to Halperin Park, formerly known as the Southern Gateway Park.
Omni Loop Urban Connector Alignment	A - Service Enhancements	DART to complete the design and construction of the Omni Loop extension to the Dallas streetcar.
Urban Connector Alignment Studies	A - Service Enhancements	DART to fund studies for potential new streetcar/urban connector alignments.
Transfer Management of Streetcar	A - Service Enhancements	DART to assume responsibility for the operations and maintenance of the Streetcar.
Additional TOD Action Plans	B - Multi-modal Connectivity E - Land Use Coordination	DART to fund development of TOD Action Plans for LBJ Skillman Station, Forest Lane Station, Market Center Station, CBD East Transfer Station, CBD West Transfer Station, and Pearl/Arts District Station.
Complete Implementation of Red & Blue Corridors Last Mile Connections Report	B - Multi-modal Connectivity E - Land Use Coordination	Accelerate improvements identified in the NCTCOG-led DART Red & Blue Line Last Mile Connections Report to improve safety and accessibility at DART Stations such as improved sidewalks, lighting, intersections, and pedestrian traffic patterns.
Knox/Henderson Subway Station	C - Facility Enhancement	Revisit funding availability to create an underground Knox/Henderson station serving the Red, Orange, and Blue Lines.
DART Consolidate Operations and Sell Properties	E - Land Use Coordination	Consolidate operations and return properties in prime redevelopment areas to the tax roll as private development.
Urban Connector Zone for CBD	F - Other Coordination Opportunities	Create a new GoLink/urban connector Zone in the Central Business District/downtown Dallas.

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As projects are reviewed and selected in collaboration with DART for funding, City staff will work to refine the scope of the projects and budget estimates for future discussions with the City Council. Please contact me at dev.rastogi@dallas.gov if you have questions or would like additional information.

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