

# Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

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**Meeting Date:** January 21, 2020

**Convened:** 1:03 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 2:40 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Lee Kleinman, Chair  
Adam Medrano, Vice Chair  
Tennell Atkins  
Adam Bazaldua  
David Blewett  
Adam McGough  
Chad West

**Committee Members Absent:**

N/A

**Other Council Members Present:**

Cara Mendelsohn  
Paula Blackmon  
Carolyn King Arnold

**Presenters:**

Majed Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager, City Manager's Office  
Gary Thomas, President/ Executive Director, Dallas Area Rapid Transit  
Tim McKay, Executive Vice President, Dallas Area Rapid Transit  
Steve Salin, Vice President of Capital Planning, Dallas Area Rapid Transit  
Michael Rogers, Director, Department of Transportation  
Kris Sweckard, Director, Department of Sustainable Development & Construction

### AGENDA

Call to Order (1:03 p.m.)

**A. Approval of the December 3, 2019 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Presenter(s):** Lee Kleinman, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2019 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Motion made by: Chad West  
Item passed unanimously: X  
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: David Blewett  
Item passed on a divided vote:  
Item failed on a divided vote:

**B. Interagency Transportation Report**

**Presenter(s):** Molly Carroll, Executive for Interagency Relations, Department of Transportation

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Information only.

**C. D2 Subway**

**Presenter(s):** Gary Thomas, President/ Executive Director, Dallas Area Rapid Transit and Steve Salin, Vice President of Capital Planning, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Several Council Members asked questions about the overall financial plan for DART's upcoming projects and the likelihood of federal funding through Capital Improvement Grants. DART staff shared that they are optimistic about federal funding and support for the project but are prepared to issue debt to complete the project, if needed. Questions were also raised about whether eminent domain would be used to acquire property for this project, and DART shared that if needed, they would follow protocol of seeking City Council approval. The Committee encourage City staff to continue looking holistically at

the large-scale transportation projects occurring downtown to ensure coordination on all aspects including urban planning, stormwater planning, and transportation. Information only.

**D. Silver Line Regional Rail Project**

**Presenter(s):** Gary Thomas, President/ Executive Director, Dallas Area Rapid Transit and Tim McKay, Executive Vice President, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Councilmember Mendelsohn pointed out that the Final Environmental Impact Statement did not reflect the elevated trains shown in DART's updated design. Councilmember Mendelsohn requested that DART provide a list of all addresses potentially being taken by eminent domain, and clearer communication with residents, as well as a return to the 10 percent design. Councilmember Kleinman concurred with Councilmember Mendelsohn's comments but also expressed support for the project and the transportation connections it will provide. Several Councilmembers also expressed interest in the economic development impact of this project, as well as ridership information and expected utilization. Information only.

**E. Zoning Property Owner Notification and Written Protest Deadlines (Proposed Amendments to the Dallas Development Code)**

**Presenter(s):** Kris Sweckard, Director, Department of Sustainable Development & Construction

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Councilmember West asked whether staff had considered other cities' zoning notification signs and best practices for informing the community of zoning change requests. Staff stated that they had but due to the high volume of zoning change requests and the frequency of design changes, it wouldn't be feasible to produce and maintain more elaborate signs. Several Committee Members expressed concern with how staff determined the qualifications for notifying homeowners in areas where zoning changes take place and expressed interest in notifying homeowners further out from the zoning area. Information only.

Adjourn (2:40 p.m.)

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTESTED BY:**

**Lee Kleinman, Chair**  
**Transportation & Infrastructure Committee**

**Kate Bower, Coordinator**  
**Transportation & Infrastructure Committee**