

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 21, 2020

Honorable Members of the Government Performance & Financial Management
Committee: Jennifer S. Gates (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair),
TO Carolyn King Arnold, Adam Bazaldua, Lee Kleinman, Omar Narvaez, Casey Thomas, II

SUBJECT **North Dallas Tornado Financial Update**

Please find below a bulletized list of updates regarding the October 20, 2019 tornado regarding the city's request for Public Assistance Declaration:

- In November 2019, City of Dallas submitted a request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance in the amount of \$27,332,579.49. This amount is under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) threshold for declaration.
- In December 2019, the City became aware of an alternative funding stream through the Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief Program. An estimated \$18,576,000 in damages to traffic lights, school and warning flashers are eligible under this program. This reduced our Preliminary Damage Assessment figure previously provided to FEMA.
- On January 31, 2020, Dallas Independent School District (DISD) submitted to FEMA an itemized list of estimated costs necessary to rebuild in compliance with current codes and standards. Calculations are based on pre-disaster actual enrollment plus staff.
- DISD's insurance policy allows coverage up to \$15 million for code upgrades, though this proves insufficient in meeting additional space requirements, restoring green areas, and handling/disposal of asbestos containing materials.
- The gap in insurance coverage across all three schools is an estimated \$61.9 million:
 - Edward Cary Middle School - \$13.6 million
 - Thomas Jefferson High School - \$42.8 million
 - Walnut Hill Elementary - \$5.5 million
- DISD forwarded official estimates from provider Zurich Insurance Group and a completed report from Jansen/Adjusters International on February 14, 2020.

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OEM will continue to follow up with DISD and State partners for progress updates to share with council and the public.



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