

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 24, 2021

TO Honorable Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance

SUBJECT **Update on City of Dallas Ongoing Efforts to Address COVID-19 Health Access Disparities**

On Thursday May 28, 2020, Chair Thomas requested a special-called meeting as a follow-up from the Monday, May 11, 2020, Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee briefing where the Office of Equity and Office of Resilience addressed COVID-19 critical needs and equitable health access. During this meeting, it was requested that a monthly briefing memo with updates on the City of Dallas's continuous efforts be provided. The following information highlights the ongoing efforts to address COVID-19 health access disparities:

## COVID-19 Data by Race/Ethnicity:

COVID-19 reported cases as of January 6, 2021:

Race/Ethnicity	Patient Count	% of Total
African American*	21386	10%
Asian	4561	2%
Hispanic**	59470	28%
White	39622	19%
Other***	7817	4%
Not Reported	77862	37%
Total	210718	100%

This data can be found at <https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/>.

Race/Ethnicity as reported by individuals via data provided by DCHHS and is for Dallas County only.

\*African American includes African American; Black; Black, Non-Hispanic

\*\* Hispanic includes Hispanic; White, Hispanic; Black, Hispanic; Pacific-Islander, Hispanic

\*\*\*Other includes Non-Hispanic; Two or more races reported; American Indian, Non-Hispanic

Characteristics of cumulative hospitalized confirmed COVID-19 cases, Dallas County, March 10, 2020 – February 22, 2021:

Race/Ethnicity	Hospitalized Cases
	N = 17,405
White	4246
Hispanic	6595
Black	4155
Asian	440
Other	397
Not Reported/Unknown	1256

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Male	9019
Female	8315

This data can be found at <https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/>.

\*Percentages can also be calculated to exclude cases for which race/ethnicity was not reported.

Characteristics of cumulative confirmed COVID-19 deaths, Dallas County, March 10, 2020 - February 22, 2021 is N = 2857.

Current disaggregated data by race/ethnicity on the cumulative confirmed COVID-19 deaths in Dallas County is no longer available via <https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/>.

Death classified as confirmed if decedent was a Dallas County resident with a positive molecular test. Data are obtained from ME office, hospitals, and vital statistics.

\*Percentages calculated among those with known underlying health conditions or race/ethnicity as reported by medical provider

\*\*2019 U.S. Census population estimates for Dallas County

A map of cumulative COVID-19 cases by zip codes in Dallas County as of 02/21/2021 is attached (page 6). The Collin/Denton County maps are no longer available on the PCCI website.

#### **Testing:**

- The Office of Emergency Management continues to coordinate both community testing sites as well as in-home testing options. MCI Diagnostics continues to help us serve City of Dallas residents who do not have transportation by providing a maximum capacity of 60 tests per day. We have a cumulative testing number of about 322,000 as of February 23, 2021. MCI Diagnostics has performed nearly 1,000 in-home tests since November 2020. Our testing sites were closed the week of February 15, 2021 due to the winter storm event and are now back up and running.

#### **Vaccinations:**

- The Office of Emergency Management continues to coordinate our vaccination efforts with Dallas County. The City of Dallas has conducted over 10,000 vaccinations to date at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. Our vaccinations have been given to residents that meet the Phase 1A or 1B requirements and have been prioritized by Dallas County and the Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation (PCCI) through their Vulnerability Index. The city has also partnered with Methodist Dallas Medical Center and has shared a portion of our vaccine allocation with them. This has widened access to individuals who are unable to utilize a drive through due to lack of transportation.
- This week, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in partnership with the City of Dallas and Dallas County, conducted a soft opening of a Community Vaccination Center (CVC) at Fair Park. Based on guidance from the White House and FEMA that these sites should serve the economically disadvantaged population, we worked with PCCI to identify the population that met the criteria. PCCI used the vulnerability index, proximity of high COVID cases index and poverty data and recommended the following zip codes as priority for vaccinations.

**Vaccinations Cont.:**

Zip
75042
75061
75150
75210
75211
75212
75215
75216
75217
75220
75224
75227
75228
75231
75237
75241
75243

**Internet Access:**

- Staff briefed the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance on February 11, 2021 regarding Bridging the Digital Divide Project Updates and covered information related to Digital Navigators Program, Strategic Engineering Consultant, Private Cellular Network, Fiber Optic/Wireless Broadband Network and Streetlight Upgrades. Staff is currently working on preparing a memorandum of responses to questions posed during the meeting. To access the briefing materials, please [click here](#).

**Community Outreach:**

- Communications, Outreach, and Marketing (COM) has continued to share public service announcement information and multilingual graphics in more than a dozen multicultural publications reaching Black, Latinx, Asian-American, and Jewish residents. The department has broadcasted the La Alianza DFW Spanish vaccine hesitancy panel on the City's TV and digital channels in partnership with the Consul General de Mexico, Dallas County Commissioner Elba Garcia, UTSW, and Los Barrios Unidos, moderated by CM Resendez. COM has translated COVID-19 messages and designed multilingual graphics with Dallas County messages which they shared across their channels. COM is also active in the Black COVID Task Force facilitated by Chair Casey Thomas and OEM vaccine outreach efforts to promote the forthcoming FEMA pilot program targeting specific zip codes.

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**Transportation:**

- On December 15, 2020, the Dallas County Commissioners' Court approved funding for the Major Capital Improvement Projects (MCIP) totaling \$69,863,000 for 49 projects in the City of Dallas. This approval encompasses approving more than 95% of the projects and 80% of the funding requested by the City during the application process in October 2019.
- Key projects that were approved included several safety related projects covering crosswalks improvements, pedestrian infrastructure upgrades to improve access to transit facilities and other similar projects.
- The County's MCIP program typically funds 50% of the cost of a project with the partner city or other entities responsible for the remaining costs. The City of Dallas typically funds its portion with bond funds, general or enterprise funds, or other sources. Some of the projects already have matching funds identified from previous or current bond programs, or from partnering entity funding. Others will need to have funding identified at a future date from either future bond allocations or other sources.
- Attached is a map and list of projects in six zip codes identified by the Equity Impact Assessment Tool (pages 6 – 8). The targeted effort is to improve safety, equity and accessibility to transit through the improvements listed by the scope of these projects.

**Food Access:**

- Through the Office of Community Care's (OCC) Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) Making Food Accessible program, more than 13,000 clients received food distributions through five nonprofit subrecipients. OCC is preparing to release a solicitation to identify for CARES Community Development Block Grant (CDBG – CV-COVID-19) Drivers of Poverty project funds that will include available funding for the continuation of Making Food Accessible programming to support individuals who have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [liz.cedillopereira@dallascityhall.com](mailto:liz.cedillopereira@dallascityhall.com) if you have any questions about these efforts.

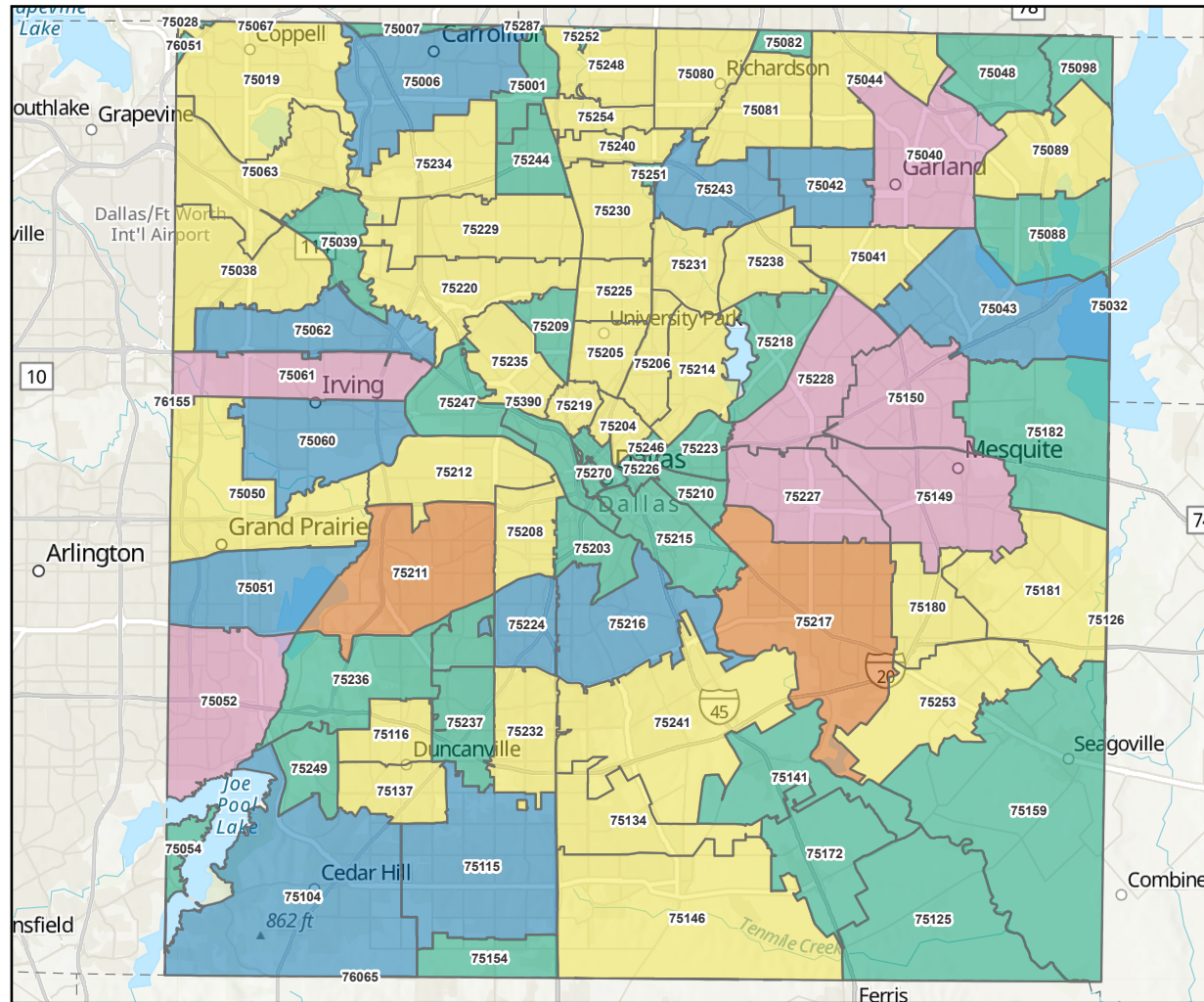


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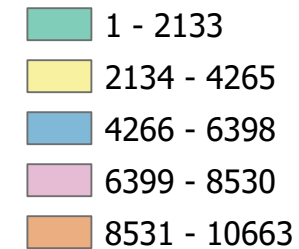
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# COVID-19 Cases over Zip Codes as of 02/21/2021



## Cumulative COVID Cases Cases :



Total Cases: 280,560

<https://covid-analytics-pccinnovation.hub.arcgis.com/>

## NOTES:

- [1] Reporting lag may be present. Please see the Dallas County Health & Human Services website for latest information.
- [2] 9157 cases not included on map due to partial address information.
- [3] All zip codes in Dallas county are present. Zip codes with no cases are labeled but not overlaid with legend color.



<https://pccinnovation.org/>

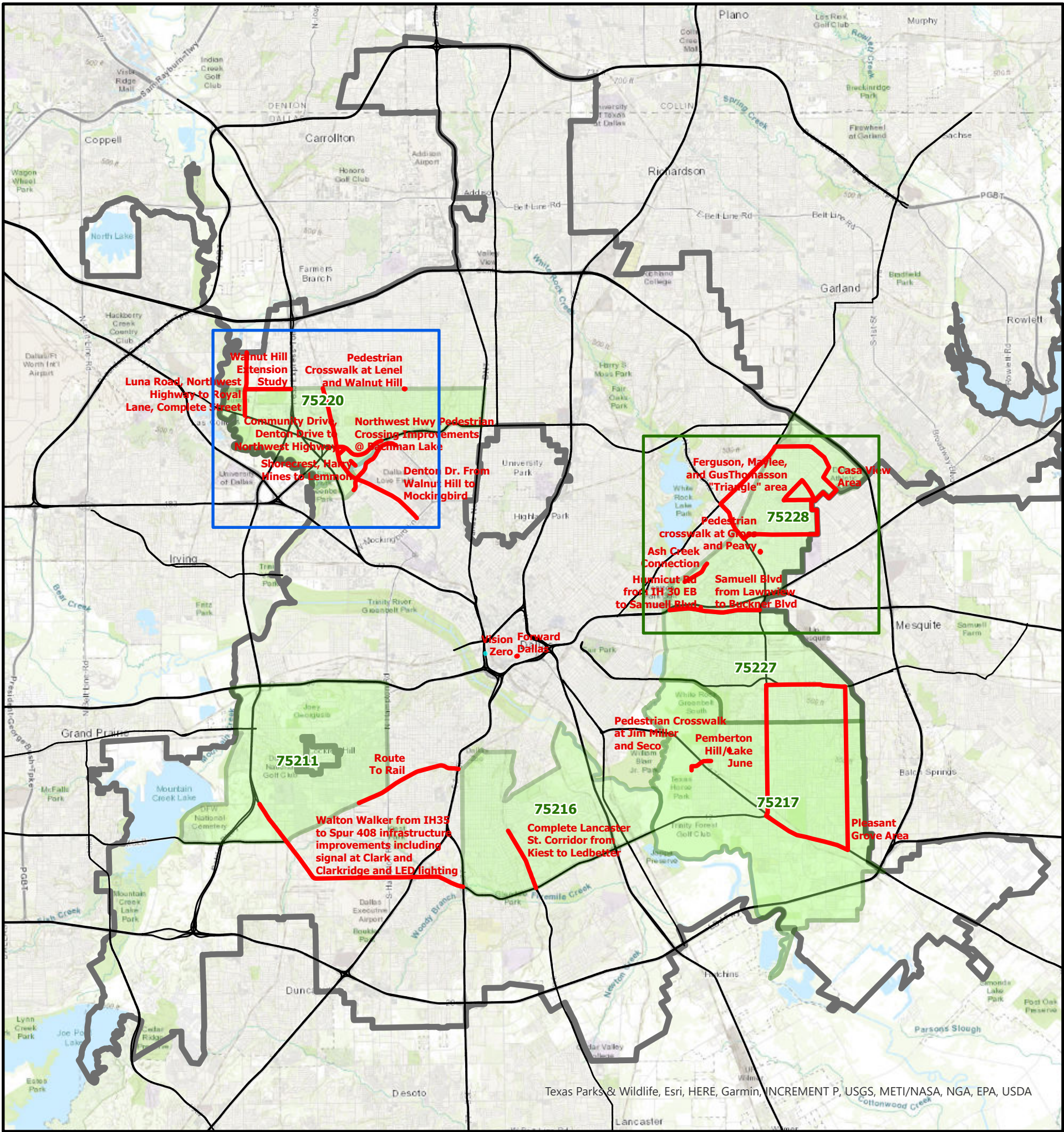
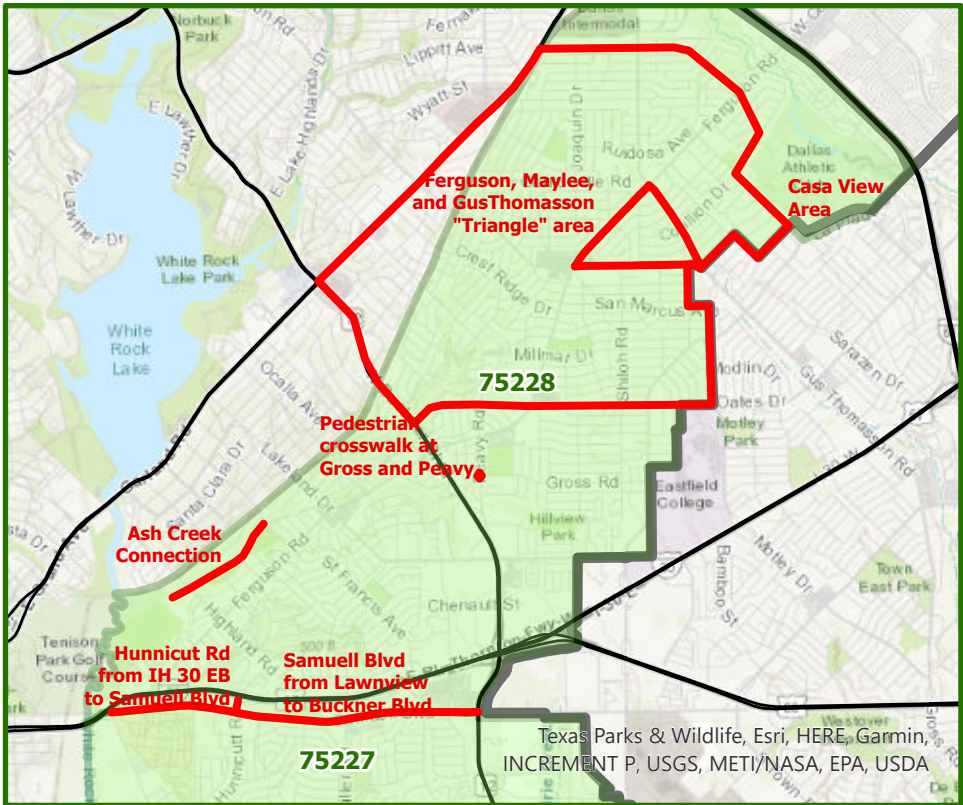
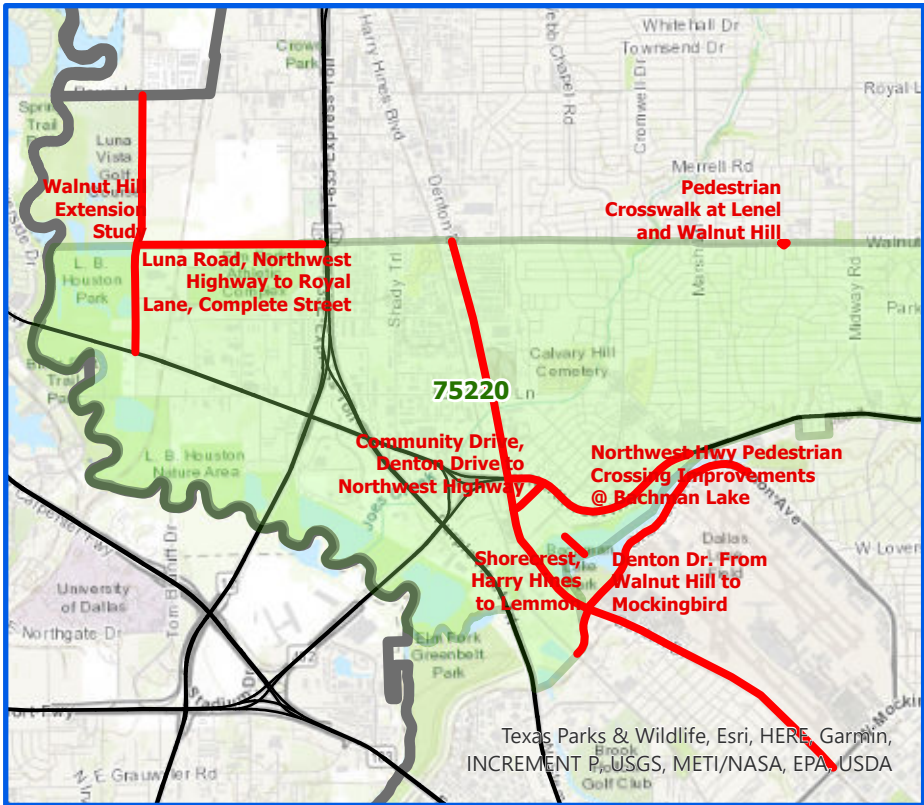


<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/>





Transportation Department MCIP Projects  
within ZIP Codes:  
75211, 75216, 75217, 75220, 75227, 75228





ProjectID	ZIPCodes	CouncilDistrict	Project Name	Project_Name_and_Limits	Scope
8	75217, 75227	5	Pleasant Grove Area	Pleasant Grove Area from Loop 12 (Buckner Blvd) to approx. 0.5 Mi east of Masters Rd and from US 175 to Approx. Scyene Rd	a) Planning study of the Pleasant Grove area to identify potential infrastructure improvements (short and long term) including transit accessibility, infrastructure upgrades such as illumination, crosswalks, sidewalks, and signals operation upgrades and (b) execute short term projects for immediate implementation
9	75217	5	Pedestrian Crosswalk at Jim Miller and Seco	Pedestrian crosswalk At Jim Miller and Seco	Upgrade signal features and pedestrian crosswalks at intersection to enhance safety and accessibility to transit and school
10	75220	6	Denton Dr. From Walnut Hill to Mockingbird	Denton Dr. From Walnut Hill to Mockingbird	Reconstruct existing 2 lane asphalt to two lane concrete with bike lanes from Walnut hill to Nagle Rd; add 10' bike lanes from Nagle to Starlight Rd; Add sidewalks/Bikeways on Starlight Rd and along Northwest Highway and replace bridge over Northwest Highway
12	75220	6	Community Drive, Denton Drive to Northwest Highway	Community Drive, Denton Drive to Northwest Highway (PB03R803 & PB06U247)	Reconstruct Community Drive to four lane roadway with bike lane and sidewalks.
13	75220	6	Luna Road, Northwest Highway to Royal Lane, Complete Street	Luna Road, Northwest Highway to Royal Lane, Complete Street	Construct Complete Street on Luna Road from Northwest Highway to Royal Lane, including drainage features (assuming four lane undivided facility with bike lanes).
14	75220	6	Bachman Lake Trail Connection to the Campion Trail Feasibility Study and implementation	Bachman Lake Trail Connection to the Campion Trail Feasibility Study and implementation	Bachman Lake Trail Connection to the Campion Trail Feasibility Study and implementation of phase 1
15	75228	7	Hunnicutt Rd from IH 30 EB to Samuell Blvd	Hunnicutt Rd from IH 30 Eb Frontage Rd to Samuell Blvd	Reconstruct approximately 1/8th mile ft of roadway to cover the gap between TxDOT's IH 30 construction limits and Samuell Blvd, re-align offset intersection at Samuell Blvd and improve accessability and safety to transit bus stops
17	75227, 75228	7	Samuell Blvd from Lawnview to Buckner Blvd	Samuell Blvd from Lawnview to Buckner Blvd	To increase safety along this corridor by upgraded crosswalks at 5 major intersections and providing increased lighting and visibility for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. The switch to LED will also result in lower electricity usage, which helps the City pursue their environmental and energy usage goals
19	75228	7	Pedestrian crosswalk at Gross and Peavy	Pedestrian crosswalk At Gross and Peavy	Upgrade signal features and pedestrian crosswalks at intersection to enhance safety and accessibility to transit and school
24	75228	9	Casa View Area	Casa View Area from Oates Dr to Santa Anna Ave and from Garland Rd to Maylee Blvd/Shiloh Rd Rd	a) Planning study of the Casa View area to identify potential infrastructure improvements (short and long term) including transit accessibility, infrastructure upgrades such as illumination, crosswalks, sidewalks, and signals operation upgrades and (b) execute short term projects for immediate implementation

25	75228	9	Ferguson, Maylee, and GusThomasson "Triangle" area	Ferguson, Maylee, and GusThomasson "Triangle" area	Increase safety along this corridor by providing upgrades to traffic signals at crosswalks and illumination to increase lighting and visibility for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians
37	75220	2,6	Shorecrest, Harry Hines to Lemmon	Shorecrest, Harry Hines to Lemmon	Construct Complete Street on Shorecrest from Harry Hines to Lemmon (assuming four lane undivided facility with bike lanes).
39	75216	3,4	Complete Lancaster St. Corridor from Kiest to Ledbetter	Complete Lancaster St. Corridor from Kiest to Ledbetter	Crosswalk improvements and LED Lighting to Improve safety and accessibility from the VA hospital to the DART VA Medical Center and the Kiest stations
40	75211	3,4	Walton Walker from IH35 to Spur 408 infrastructure improvements including signal at Clark and Clarkridge and LED lighting	Walton Walker from IH35 to Spur 408 infrastructure improvements including signal at Clark and Clarkridge and LED lighting	To increase safety along this corridor by providing increased lighting and visibility for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. The switch to LED will also result in lower electricity usage, which helps the City pursue their environmental and energy usage goals while the signal at Clark and Clarkridge will reduce crashes at that intersection and provide a safer crosswalk for pedestrians
41	75220	6,13	Pedestrian Crosswalk at Lenel and Walnut Hill	Pedestrian crosswalk At Lenel and Walnut Hill	Upgrade signal features and pedestrian crosswalks at intersection to enhance safety and accessibility to transit and school
42	75220	2,6	Northwest Hwy Pedestrian Crossing Improvements @ Bachman Lake	NW Highway Pedestrian Xing Improvements @ Bachman Lake	Add HAWK signal and improve crosswalk and sidewalks for pedestrians and bicyclists
43	All	All	Forward Dallas	Forward Dallas	Create conceptual TOD plans to guide form-based zoning and housing and economic development incentives. This project will incorporate the ongoing NCTCOG-funded study of last-mile infrastructure needs and parking usage at eleven DART station in Dallas. A recently completed DART TOD market analysis will also be used to support this effort.
44	All	All	Vision Zero	Vision Zero	City of Dallas was selected by FHWA as a "Focus City" due to having the 5th highest pedestrian fatality rate in the USA among large cities. The city will develop an action plan to address this issue and the funding request is for the study and development of action plan
45	All	All	Bus Rapid Transit Study	Bus Rapid Transit Study	Coordinate with DART for a feasibility study of BRT routes around the City
49	75220	6	Walnut Hill Extension Study	Walnut Hill Extension Study	Develop schematic and engineering plans for this extension which includes pedestrian and bicycle connection the soccer park at Elm Folk
50	75228	2	Ash Creek Connection	Ash Creek Connection	Trinity Forest Spine Trail to St. Francis Ave.
51	75217	7	Pemberton Hill/Lake June	Pemberton Hill/Lake June Road	Pemberton Hill to Lake June DART station
52	All	1,3,4,6,8,11,13	Signals		
53	75211	1	Route to Rail		
56	All	All	Bicycle Maaster Plan		