



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure, and Sustainability

AGENDA DATE: April 28, 2021

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Department of Transportation

EXECUTIVE: Majed Al-Ghafry

SUBJECT

A resolution authorizing **(1)** the adoption of the City of Dallas Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP) known as Connect Dallas; and **(2)** the coordination of initiatives and partnerships necessary to implement the actions and goals set forth in the SMP - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

BACKGROUND

In February 2019, the City of Dallas, through the Department of Transportation, established an 18-month service agreement, with a consulting firm to assist in the development of the City's first-ever Five-Year SMP.

The City of Dallas and partner agencies developed many plans and studies that improved access to multimodal transportation in Dallas. However, the City lacked a comprehensive strategic vision for transportation that emphasizes integrated transportation decision-making with housing, economic vitality, equity, environmental sustainability, innovation, safety and multimodal transportation, which are the foundation of the driving principles.

The SMP will establish the five-year strategic vision for transportation that will provide the following:

- Establish the driving principles for transportation in Dallas that will inform policy, program, and project investment decisions.
- Establish a framework for evaluating the impact of transportation investments on the driving principles.
- Identify the preferred transportation investment strategy for the City that supports the driving principles and advances integrated transportation, housing, economic vitality, equity, environmental sustainability, innovation, safety and multimodal transportation decision-making.
- Recommend transportation-related policy changes necessary to realizing the community's preferred strategy.

Critical inputs for the SMP include the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan, Resilient Dallas Strategy, Market Value Analysis, Comprehensive Housing Policy, Five-Year Economic Development Strategic Plan, Age-Friendly Dallas, and Equity Indicators.

Two Advisory Committees for the SMP assisted with public outreach, reviewing plan deliverables, and providing feedback on policy, program, and project recommendations.

- Mobility Advisory Committee - comprised mostly of neighborhood and community representatives appointed by City Councilmembers.
- Partner Agency Committee - comprised of agencies that the City of Dallas regularly collaborate with on transportation planning and implementation.

Public surveys, workshops, and targeted neighborhood meetings and focus groups served as the primary methods used for public outreach throughout the planning process, in coordination and cooperation with Council member offices.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

The Mobility and Solutions Infrastructure committee was briefed on purpose and need for a SMP on January 22, 2018.

City Council was briefed on the purpose and need for a SMP for the City on February 7, 2018.

On February 13, 2019, City Council authorized an 18-month consultant agreement with Kimley-Horn & Associates for the development of a five-year SMP for the City by Resolution No. 19-0297.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was briefed on the outreach results, preferred strategy and final deliverables of the SMP process on June 3, 2020.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was briefed on the draft Plan and the public comment period results on February 23, 2021.

City Council was briefed on the SMP on March 3, 2021.

[City Council will be briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on April 23, 2021.](https://dallascityhall.com/government/citymanager/Documents/FY%2020-21%20Memos/Connect%20Dallas%20Updates%20to%20the%20Draft%20Plan%20and%20Final%20Plan_memo_042321.pdf)

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FISCAL INFORMATION

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