



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Mike Land, City Manager

From: Traci E. Leach, Deputy City Manager

Date: January 26, 2021

Reference: DART Rail Construction Update

2040: Innovative Transportation Networks

Introduction:

This agenda item is presented for Council consideration to formally codify the enhancements to the Silver Line project improvements via an amendment to the Master Interlocal Agreement (ILA), which was approved by the Council on September 6, 2018. The Council has conducted extensive discussions related to these improvements over the past two years to ensure that all due diligence related to the improvements has been conducted.

The enhancements outlined in the First Amendment to the ILA will provide upgrades to the bas improvements that will be constructed as part of the Silver Line project. Enhancements will include the following upgrades:

- Two additional quiet zones- Royal Lane and Freeport Parkway
- Enhancements to S. Belt Line elevated crossing
 - Acrylic stain on retaining walls and sub/super structure
 - City logo on bent caps
 - Bridge rustications on columns (horizontal bands)
- Additional landscaping north and south of the S. Belt Line elevated crossing
- Enhanced security fencing to include vinyl coating, top rail, and a mow strip

All enhancements will be funded by the City of Coppell for a total not to exceed \$1,053,021. Maintenance for the improvements will be performed by DART, with the exception of the landscaping and the capital replacement for the security fencing at the end of its service life.

Background:

The Silver Line will connect the DFW Airport to the cities of Dallas, Carrollton, Addison, Richardson and Plano. Along that route, only the City of Coppell is not a member of DART. In 2017, we saw

the advancement of the Silver Line regional rail service from its potential construction and activation well beyond the year 2030 in the regional mobility plan, to actual approval, funding and scheduling for revenue service at the end of calendar year 2023.

The Silver Line alignment extends the rail line off the existing DART right-of-way just west of Moore Road, where it deviates south into City of Dallas and Cypress Waters. The rail line heads back north and joins the existing rail right-of-way just to the east of S. Coppel Road. DART is coordinating all acquisition activities for property that is required for the new rail right-of-way.

Legal: The City Attorney has reviewed the First Amendment to the ILA.

Fiscal Impact: City Council has set aside a total of \$750,000 in the General Fund Designated Fund Balance over the past three fiscal years in anticipation of costs associated with the Silver Line. This amount would be included in the upcoming budget amendment to move those funds to allow us to utilize them for this purpose.

Additionally, the quiet zone at Freeport Parkway will be funded via the project budget for that reconstruction project.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between City of Coppell and Dallas Area Rapid Transit for the Silver Line Rail Project.