



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Mike Land, City Manager

From: Traci E. Leach, Deputy City Manager

Date: September 28, 2021

Reference: DART Rail Update

2040: **Innovative Transportation Networks**

Introduction:

This agenda item is an administrative requirement related to Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) right to exercise eminent domain (ED) for the Silver Line project. While the City has no official role regarding the acquisition process for the rail line, DART is unique in that their enabling legislation requires DART to have its ED Resolution approved by the governmental entity where the property resides before DART begins the ED process. It has long been DART's policy to obtain the governmental approval of its resolution as soon as possible after DART's approval and before written offers are made to property owners.

The resolution before the Council this evening covers three parcels that the DART Board approved in May 2021 (two parcels) and August 2021 (one parcel). The parcels labeled DE1-005 and DE1-006 are small drainage easements that are necessary for the project. The parcel labeled CB1-014B is a fragment parcel that was erroneously omitted from previous surveys of the area.

Background:

The Silver Line will connect DFW Airport to the cities of Coppel, Dallas, Carrollton, Addison, Richardson and Plano. Along that route, only the City of Coppel 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 in early 2024.

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 the City of Dallas and Cypress Waters. The rail line heads back north and re-joins the existing rail right-of-way east of S. Coppel Road. DART is responsible for all acquisition activities for property that is required for the new rail right-of-way.

Legal: The City Attorney has reviewed and approved as to form.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of this resolution.