



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Through:** Mike Land, City Manager

**From:** Traci E. Leach, Deputy City Manager

**Date:** December 8, 2020

**Reference:** DART Rail Construction Update

**2040:** Innovative Transportation Networks

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### Introduction:

This agenda item is a briefing to provide the City Council with an update on construction activities that may be occurring soon on city-owned property within the City of Dallas. This property will be the site for the Cypress Waters station and DART may begin some limited pre-construction activities soon. Ultimately, the City will be conveying the property to DART. However, the construction activities may commence prior to this conveyance and this briefing will provide information on the process for accommodating this activity. The conveyance document will be presented for Council action at a future meeting.

### 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 Southwestern Boulevard. DART is coordinating all acquisition activities for property that is required for the new rail right-of-way.

**Legal:** NA.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Recommendation:** None