



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Aaron Tainter, P.E. Assistant Director of Public Works
Mike Garza, P.E., Director of Public Works

Date: June 10, 2025

Reference: Consider approval of a Resolution in support of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) application to the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) 2025 Transportation alternatives set-aside call for projects, which includes the construction of 1.5 miles of the Silver Line Trail Phase 3 within the City of Coppell along Southwestern Blvd and E. Belt Line Road from S. Coppell Road to Mockingbird Lane; and authorizing the Mayor to sign necessary documents.

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Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to request approval of a Resolution to support DART in their application to the TxDOT 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for Projects.

Background:

Staff presented this resolution during the May 27th City Council work session. In January 2025, TxDOT issued a call for projects under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA Program), offering funding assistance to communities. Since 2018, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) has collaborated with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and cities along the Silver Line Corridor to design and construct the Cotton Belt/Silver Line Rail Trail (the "Trail") along the Cotton Belt corridor. DART has completed the engineering design and secured environmental approvals for the Trail. Construction is being coordinated with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), including execution of the necessary agreements for funding and implementation.

Phase 2 construction of the Trail began in May 2025, covering sections from Addison to Plano. The funding requested from TxDOT will support a portion of Phase 3, which includes approximately 1.5 miles of new trail within the City of Coppell. These sections are generally located:

- From Coppell Road to Sanders Loop, and
- From the intersection of South Moore Road/East Belt Line Road to Mockingbird Lane/East Belt Line Road.

The TA Program requires a local match. If the application is successful, the City would contribute \$250,000 toward the project, which would be provided from series 2014 bond funds that were intended for DART Hike and Bike trails. Other funding sources could include CRDC or General Fund fund balance. Additional matching funds will be provided by Dallas County and NCTCOG's Regional Transportation Council.

Benefit to the Community:

The trail will enhance pedestrian and bicycle connectivity throughout the region, improving access, mobility, and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. This project furthers the implementation of connections to regional transportation systems.

Legal Review:

The City Attorney has reviewed the resolution.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact at this time for this resolution. There will be a future impact of \$250,000 at the time of construction.

Recommendation:

The Public Works Department recommends approval of this item.