



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Mike Land, City Manager

From: Traci E. Leach, Deputy City Manager

Date: August 13, 2019

Reference: **DART Silver Line Bridge Enhancements and Quiet Zone (Royal Lane)**

Introduction:

The purpose of this work session item is to discuss several potential improvements related to the DART Silver Line (formerly named the Cotton Belt Line). Archer Western is the design build firm engaged by DART for the construction of the rail line. Rough orders of magnitude for enhancements to the S. Belt Line elevated bridge and the quiet zone at Royal Lane have been provided. These improvements are beyond the base scope of work for the project and would be the responsibility of the City to fund.

Should the Council desire to move forward with any or all of these proposed enhancements, staff would begin work with DART to draft the appropriate document, likely an amendment to the Master ILA that was entered into by both parties in 2018.

Background:

This is a continuation of an on-going conversation with the Council regarding potential improvements for the Silver Line. Starting back as early as 2018, improvements to mitigate the impact of the Silver Line have been discussed. As the project has developed and the scope/plans are firmed up, more information is now available to provide the Council with the necessary information to make decisions about whether or not to move forward with specific improvements.

Analysis: None.

Legal: None required at this time. Should an amendment to the ILA be required, staff would coordinate with the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact: Staff intends to evaluate whether Transportation Development Credits can be used to fund these projects in their entirety. The City's 2019 allocation is .75 TDC, which is equivalent to

\$750,000 in local match. Should TDCs not be an eligible funding source, the budget includes Silver Line improvements in the Assigned Fund Balance designation.

Recommendation: