



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Through:** Mike Land, City Manager

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

**Date:** February 23, 2021

**Reference:** DART Silver Line Construction License Agreement

**2040:** Innovative Transportation Networks

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### Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the Construction License Agreement (License) for Council consideration and approval. The License is a stop-gap measure that will allow DART and Archer Western Herzog (AWH) to begin construction activities on the property that is owned by the City of Coppell and will ultimately be the Cypress Waters Station. This property will be conveyed to DART via an Interlocal Agreement at a future Council meeting.

The License applies to the following activities: surveying, inspection, environmental studies, archeological studies, clearing, grading, grubbing, site preparation, demolition, construction of permanent improvements, relocating, replacing, and improving existing utility facilities, placing new utility facilities, and other site preparation. The License does not exempt DART/AWH from obtaining the appropriate permits for any of the work identified in this document.

### 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 in the summer of 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. Coppell 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 and approved as to form.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of this resolution.