



Downtown Dallas Transit Study

Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS)

Dallas City Council Transportation and
Environment Committee Briefing

September 24, 2007



Agenda

- Background
- Public and Agency Involvement
- Alternatives
- Study Schedule
- Next Steps

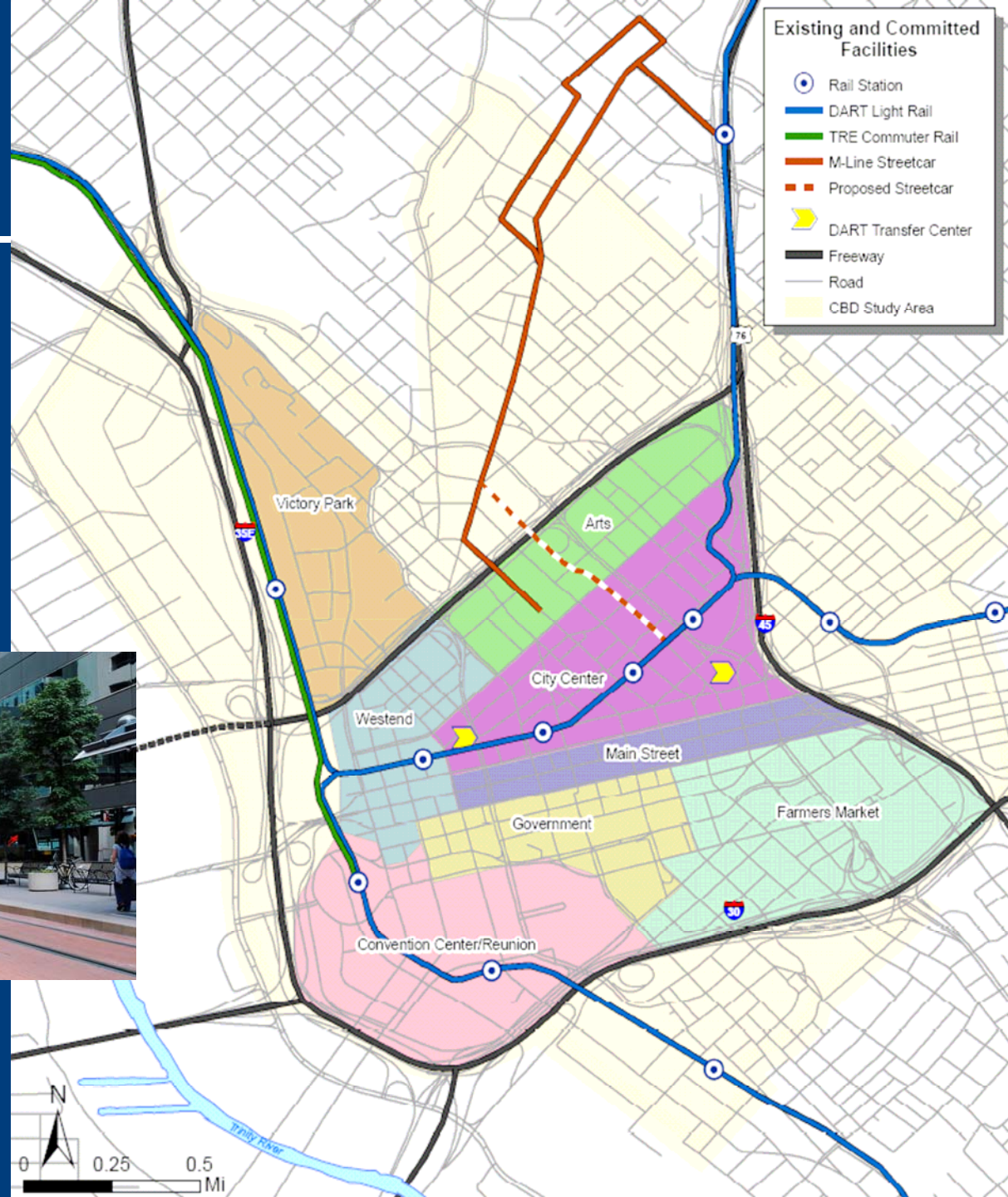


What is this Study about?

- Second major phase of transit improvements within Downtown Dallas, including consideration of:
 - Light rail improvements through downtown
 - Bus operations
 - Modern streetcar system



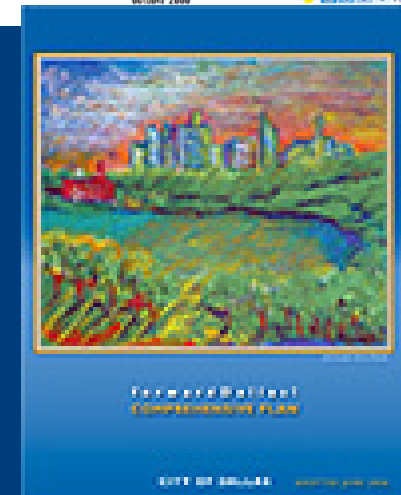
Study Area





Purpose and Need

- **Near-Term:**
 - Service reliability
 - Operational flexibility
- **Long-Term:**
 - System capacity
- **Other Purposes:**
 - Downtown access/circulation
 - Economic development





Study Parameters

Affordable

Pursue Federal Money

Cost-Effective

Engineering Feasibility

Transfer Interface



Public and Agency Involvement Outreach Tools

- Advisory Committees
- Member City Briefings
- Public Meetings
- Newsletters
- www.DART.org/D2
- Downtown kiosks
- Mobile display
- Speakers Bureau

WOOOO. WOOOO. DART RAIL IS ON ITS WAY. DART RAIL EXPANSION PLANS

Plans are under way for new services in the Southeast and Northwest corridors. DART has also updated its full system plan to take our region even further into the future.



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[System Maps](#)
[2030 Transit System Plan](#)

- [Green Line](#)
- [Orange Line](#)
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Advisory Committee Structure

Stakeholder

- Property owners
- Employers
- Businesses
- Civic/Cultural Groups
- Educational/Institutional

Policy

- Elected Officials
- DART Board Members

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Study Team

Community

- Downtown residents
- Transit riders
- Business owners
- Employees
- Citizens

Technical

- DART Member Cities
- DART
- TxDOT
- MATA
- NCTCOG



Advisory Committee Activity To-Date

- Technical Advisory Committee - 2 meetings
- Community Advisory Committee - 1 meeting
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee - 2 meetings
 - September 13 Workshop
- Policy Advisory Committee
 - Committee in development
 - 1st Meeting to occur in mid-November



Initial Alternatives

- **No Build Alternative**
 - Required for comparison in the Federal process
 - Includes existing and committed projects through 2030
- **Bus Improvements;**
 - Lower cost, primarily bus
- **Streetcar; and/or**
 - Stand alone or to support other alternatives
- **Light Rail Alternatives**
 - Additional LRT capacity (i.e. 2nd Line)





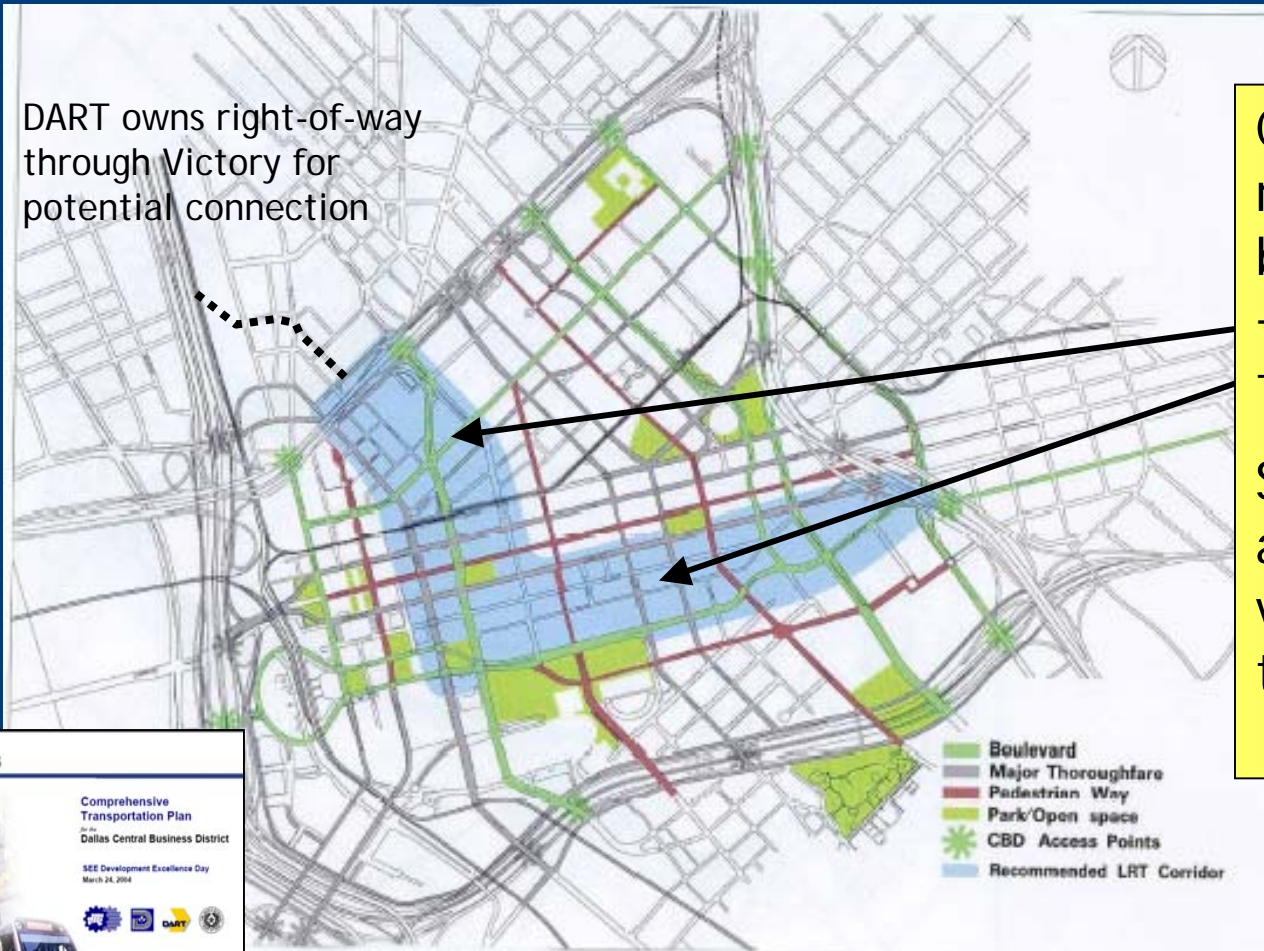
Initial LRT Corridor

DART owns right-of-way through Victory for potential connection

City of Dallas study recommended a broad LRT corridor:

- Griffin/Lamar
- Wood/Jackson/Young

Several possible alignment variations within this broad corridor



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Comprehensive Transportation Plan
for the Dallas Central Business District

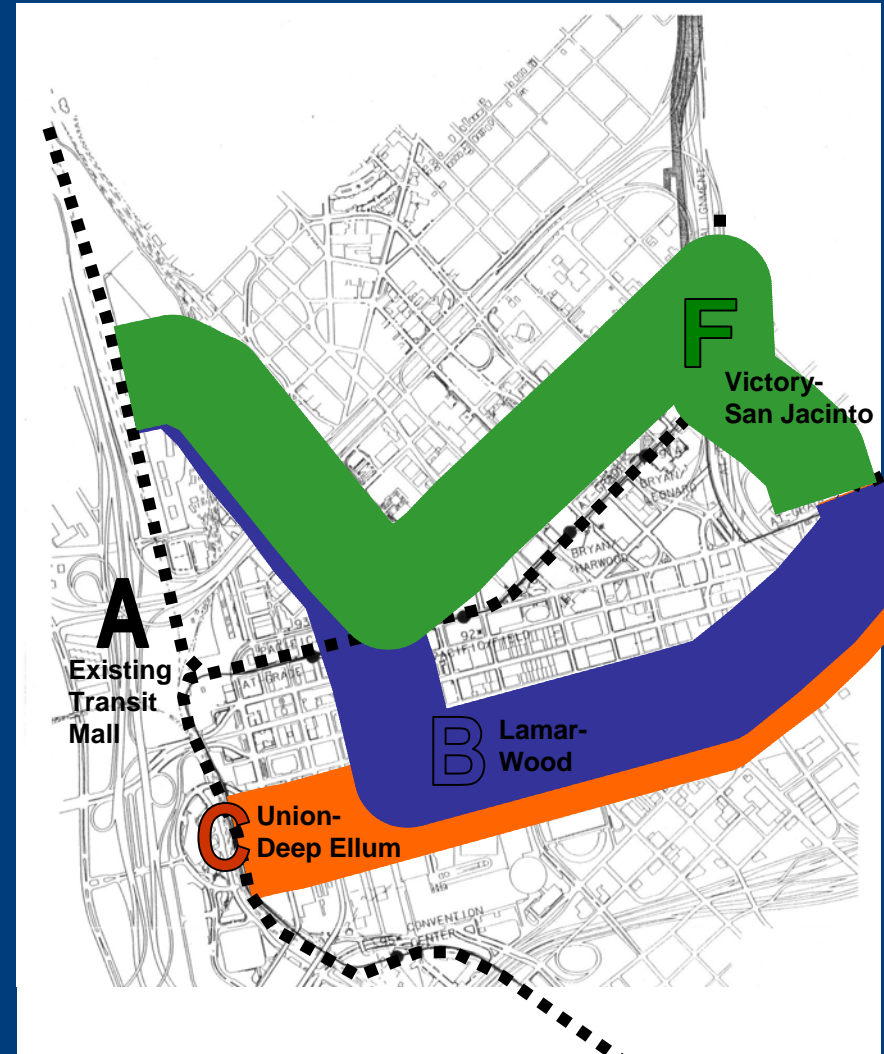
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March 24, 2014

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Potential Corridors

- Initial screening completed for several corridors
- Three primary corridors remain
- Presented to TAC and SAC
- Focus of SAC workshop
 - Interest in all corridors
 - Support for LRT and Streetcar
 - SAC input will be used to develop conceptual alternatives





SAC Workshop Observations

- Desire to serve New Markets
- Strong desire to establish Streetcar System
- Varied alignment preferences (Ross vs Jackson/Wood/Young)
- Desire for rail transit to spur Economic Development
- No recommendations for Elevated LRT
- Some favor Subway to maintain automobile level-of-service



Study Schedule & Milestones

D2 STUDY TIMELINE

2007

May

Summer 2007

Fall 2007

2008

Winter 2008

Spring 2008

Summer 2008

Fall 2008





Next Steps

- Establish Policy Advisory Committee
 - Meeting in mid-November
- Additional Emphasis of Streetcar
 - What, Who, How?
- Develop Conceptual Alternatives
- Screening of Alternatives
- Recommended Short List of Alternatives

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