

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 15, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **DART Silver Line Project - Letter from the City of Dallas**

Please find attached, a letter dated April 14, 2022, from T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, sent regarding the design and construction of DART's Silver Line Rail Project in North Dallas.

[Attachment]

If you have any additional questions or concerns related to this letter, please contact me at robert.perez@dallascityhall.com.

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Robert Perez
Interim Assistant City Manager

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Chris Caso, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
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April 14, 2022

Nadine Lee, DART President & Chief Executive Officer
1401 Pacific Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202

RE: DART Silver Line Rail Project Design and Construction Requests and Considerations

Dear Ms. Lee,

First, please let me start with thanks for your and your team's continued partnership with the City of Dallas, to include design and delivery of DART's Silver Line Rail Project through North Dallas. While DART and the City of Dallas have continued to cultivate its strong partnership, I must acknowledge the safety concerns, that have been voiced by many Dallas residents, regarding the Silver Line's design and construction. It is my hope that through our continued partnership, we can work together to mitigate the public's concerns.

To address the safety concerns raised by the public, the City of Dallas formally requests that DART strongly consider the incorporation of the following in its Silver Line design plans, construction phase, and/or supplemental documents:

1. Grade separation at the Silver Line crossings at Dickerson St. and Meandering Way;
2. Drainage plans at the Hillcrest Rd. crossing and include inlets and a pump station large enough to ensure no ponding of water during rain events;
3. While not necessary for inclusion in the Quiet Zone Applications to be reviewed by the Federal Railroad Administration, DART shall include City-requested and field diagnostic-identified, enhanced safety measures in its design plans or other supplemental documents to be reviewed by the City of Dallas; and
4. City staff was recently informed that DART will need to close the intersection of Coit Rd. and Sugar Cane Way for approximately six months to reconstruct the intersection. During the Coit Rd./Sugar Cane Way intersection construction, DART must maintain emergency access (police, fire, and medical services) and add one additional, temporary entrance/exit for the residents of University Place.

Understanding that it may take a significant amount of work by the DART team to consider the City of Dallas' requests, I am requesting that DART provide me with responses to the requests and any pertinent information or analysis to substantiate DART's determinations on the requests no later than April 30, 2022. Once the City receives DART's response and information, I am requesting that we meet with you, members of the DART team, Council Members Narvaez, Schultz, and Mendelsohn, my team, and myself to determine a mutually acceptable path forward.



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Again, I thank you and greatly appreciate DART's consideration for the specified requests. I believe that our requests, if implemented, will greatly enhance the safety of the train operations and will lead to greater success of the project. Should you have any questions or if clarification is needed on any of the requests, please contact me by phone at (214) 670-3297 or by email at tc.broadnax@dallascityhall.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.C. Broadnax', written over the printed name and title.

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
City of Dallas

c: Omar Narvaez, City Council Member District 6
Janie Schultz, City Council Member District 11
Cara Mendelsohn, City Council Member District 12
Robert M. Perez, Ph.D., Assistant City Manager (I)
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Ghassan "Gus" Khankarli, Ph.D., P.E., Director of Transportation
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