

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 24, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Interstate Highway (IH)-345 Feasibility Study – City of Dallas Panel Discussion and Next Steps**

## Background

On October 19, 2022, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), accompanied by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the City of Dallas' Department of Transportation (TRN), briefed the Dallas City Council on TxDOT's IH-345 Feasibility Study and its path to the recommended Refined Hybrid Option for redevelopment of IH-345. Following the October 19, 2022, City Council briefing, TRN staff drafted a resolution of support for the Refined Hybrid Option of IH-345 for consideration during the February 22, 2023, City Council agenda meeting.

As noted in a February 15, 2023, memorandum provided to the Mayor and City Council, the agenda item for City Council to consider support for the Refined Hybrid Option for the redevelopment of IH-345 was deleted to hold additional discussions on the options for redevelopment, based upon previous City Council briefings. The February 15<sup>th</sup> memorandum also noted that TRN would co-host a community panel of subject matter experts to discuss the different options of reconfiguration of IH-345 as well as to answer any questions from the public and that upon completion of the panel discussion, the agenda item for the resolution of support would be brought to City Council for consideration.

Given the background and discussion of the delayed agenda item for the IH-345 Feasibility Study that led to the Refined Hybrid Option for IH-345 redevelopment, the purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update of the development and timeline of the panel discussion and next steps for City Council to consider a resolution of support for the Refined Hybrid Option for the redevelopment of IH-345.

## City of Dallas Panel Discussion and Next Steps

Understanding the status of the resolution of support for the Refined Hybrid Option for redevelopment of IH-345, next steps to move this item forward will include a public panel discussion to share details of and ask questions about the IH-345 Feasibility Study, a City Council briefing, and then an agenda item for City Council for a resolution of support for IH-345 redevelopment. While the panel members (TxDOT, NCTCOG, TRN, and public members) are being finalized, the next steps are tentatively scheduled as follows:

1. Public Panel Discussion: May 8th, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Dallas City Hall Council Chambers,
2. City Council Briefing: May 17, 2023,
3. City Council Consideration of proposed resolution: June 14, 2023.

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Noting the details of the panel discussion and the next steps to progress a resolution of support for redevelopment of IH-345, updates will be provided in the coming weeks as the panel and communication strategies for the panel are finalized. Should there be any questions, please contact Dr. Ghassan “Gus” Khankarli, Director of Transportation, by email at [ghassan.khankarli@dallas.gov](mailto:ghassan.khankarli@dallas.gov).



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