

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 25, 2011

TO Members of the Transportation and Environment Committee: Linda Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Pauline Medrano, Vonciel Jones Hill, Jerry R. Allen, Carolyn R. Davis, Angela Hunt, Ron Natinsky

SUBJECT City of Dallas Complete Streets Initiative Update

At the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting on Monday, February 28, 2011, there will be a briefing on the Complete Streets Initiative Update. Please feel free to contact Theresa O'Donnell at 214-671-9293 if you need additional information.

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Jill A. Jordan, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

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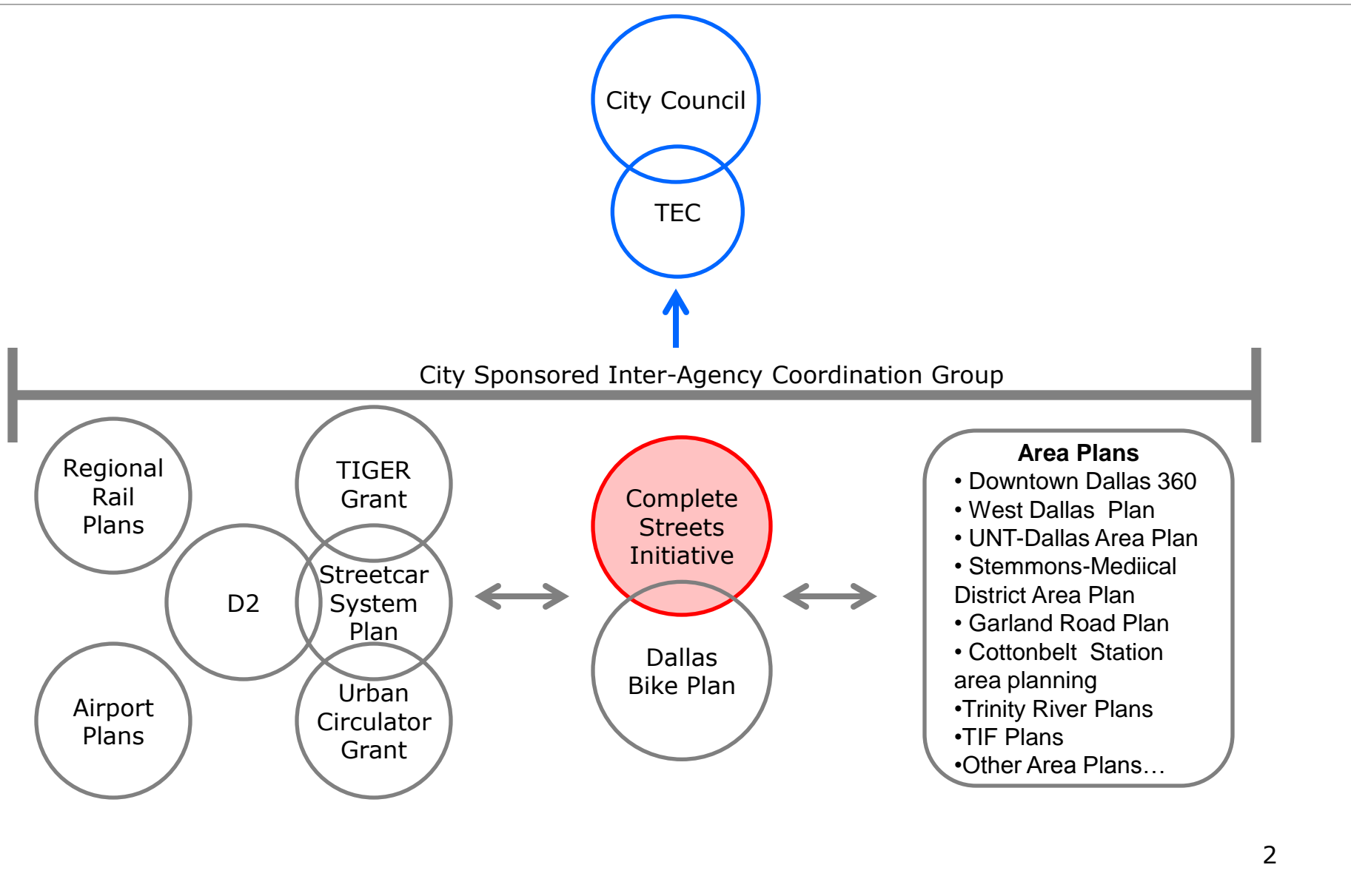


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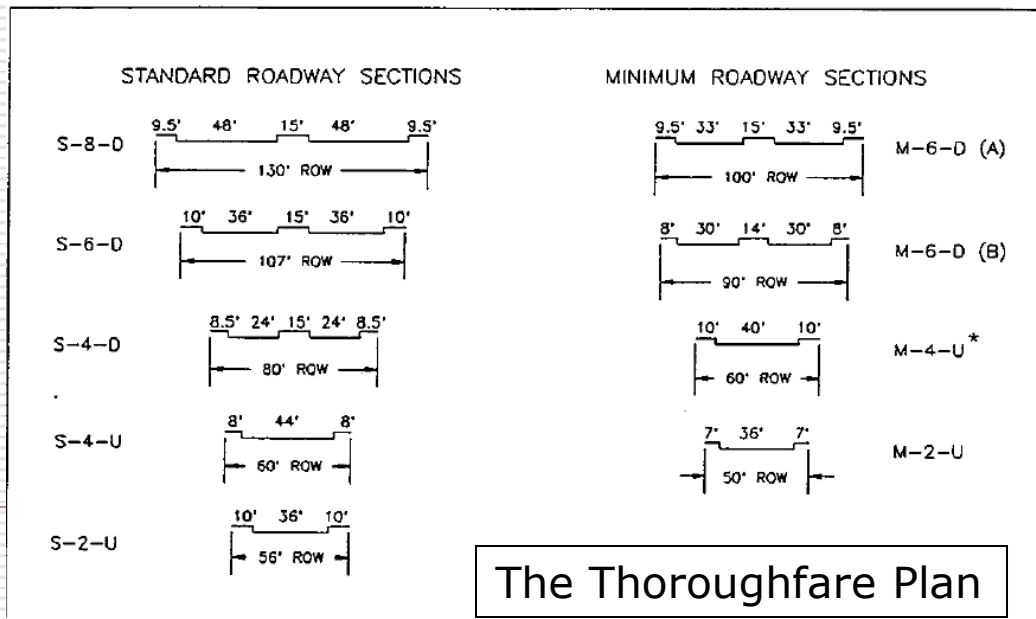
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Transportation Planning Context



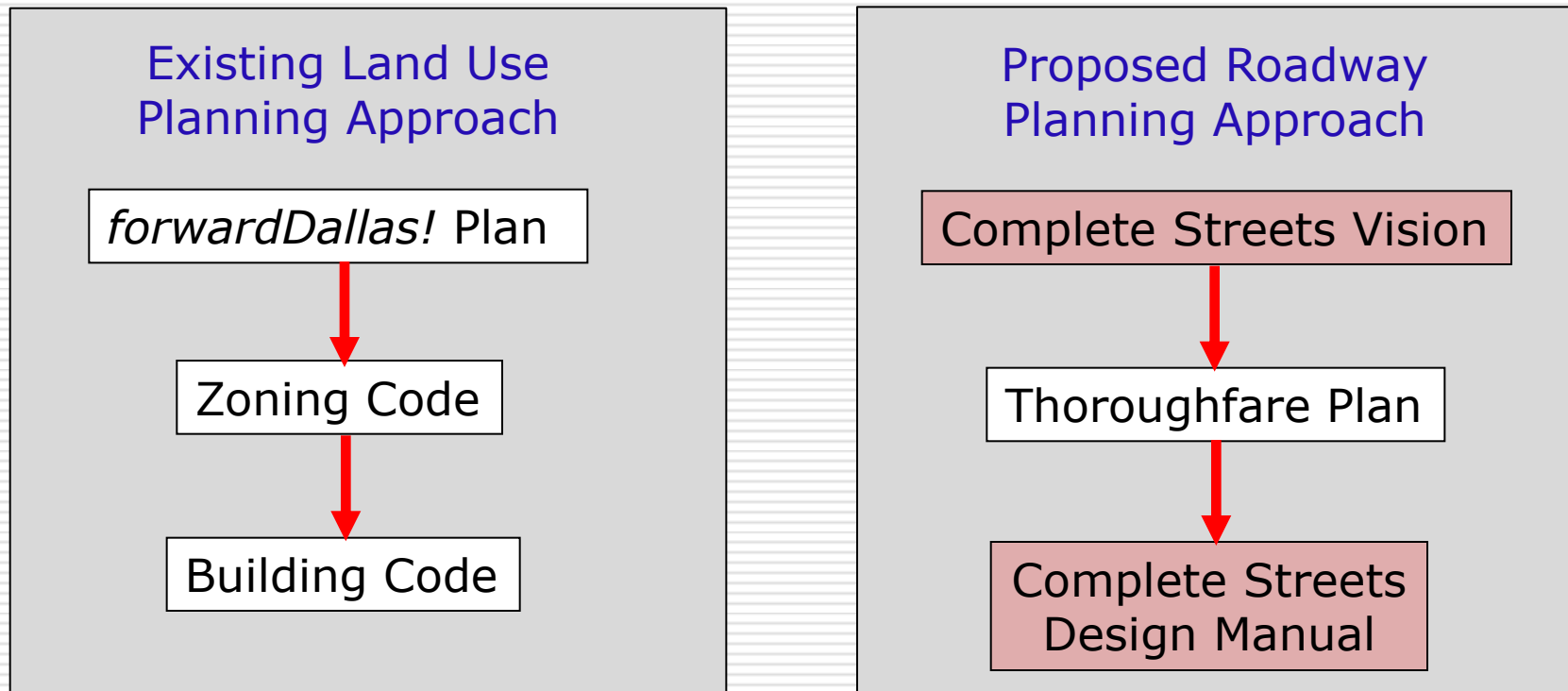
Current Roadway Design

- ❑ Inadequate design policy guidance to address alternative transportation modes, changing development patterns and emerging environmental challenges



Complete Streets Initiative Overall Approach

- Institute a roadway planning approach analogous to the land use planning approach



Complete Streets Principles

- ❑ Street design for all transportation modes: pedestrians, bicycles, transit, automobiles
- ❑ Enhanced public realm: Streets are more than just conduits for traffic
- ❑ Different solutions for a wide range of contexts
- ❑ Respond to changing land use and transportation needs over time

Preliminary Project Goal

- Launch a systematic and phased transformation of our street network to facilitate a sustainable balance between competing needs within existing street rights-of-way as the city continues to redevelop and invest in multimodal infrastructure



Potentially Wide Ranging Policy Impacts

- ❑ Thoroughfare Plan
- ❑ Plat regulations
- ❑ Zoning regulations
- ❑ Roadway engineering design and operation policies and standards
- ❑ Utility company franchise agreements
- ❑ ROW licenses and abandonments
- ❑ Public/private roles in capital funding, ongoing maintenance as well as liability
- ❑ Bond and Capital Improvement Programs

Impetus for Change

- ❑ Completion of DART Green Line extends light rail system to over 90 miles and 55 stations
 - ❑ New Draft Bike Plan proposes 770 miles of on-street bike facilities
 - ❑ Soon to be initiated Streetcar System Plan to serve Dallas' central area and build on TIGER and Urban Circulator grant projects
 - ❑ Resurgence of the central city area with mixed use projects changing how streets are used
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Project Funding

□ Project budget \$795,000

■ Regional Toll Revenue Funds \$400,000

Source: Texas Department of Transportation

Administered by: Regional Transportation Council

■ Transportation and Community \$395,000
and System Preservation Grant

Source: Federal Highway Administration

Administered by: Texas Department of Transportation

Consultant Team

- Kimley-Horn and Associates (Team Lead)
 - Developed the National ITE complete streets manual
 - Transportation consultant for *forwardDallas!*
- Moore Iacofano Goltsman
 - Track record of cutting edge urban design
 - Led Downtown Dallas 360 Plan
- Toole Design Group
 - Led the Dallas Bike Plan Update

Consultant Team (continued)

- Collective Strength
 - Stakeholder interviews, public values surveys, “Better Block” events
 - Conducted surveys and stakeholder interviews for *forwardDallas!*
 - Includes local sub-contractors for “Better Blocks” style testing of solutions in real-world settings

Public Involvement Plan

- ❑ Area-based community workshops
- ❑ Public values survey
- ❑ Stakeholder interviews
- ❑ Stakeholder group meetings
- ❑ Targeted “Better Block” events
- ❑ Citywide open house
- ❑ Project website

Anticipated Outcomes

- Three comprehensive components:
 - Complete Streets Vision Map
 - Complete Streets Design Manual
 - Implementation Program

Complete Streets Design Manual

- ❑ Comprehensive reference manual of complete street policies, guidelines, processes and standards for use in the roadway design process
- ❑ Address other regulatory provisions that conflict with the new manual

Complete Streets Design Manual

- Guidance for street design and operation on a range of issues including:
 - Street intersections
 - Transit lines and stops
 - Bike facilities
 - On-street and indented parking
 - Curb-cuts
 - Median breaks; Mid-block crossings
 - Landscape within the ROW
 - Storm water management
 - Street and pedestrian lighting
 - Sanitation, electric and communication lines
 - Emergency vehicle access
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Implementation Program

- Incremental implementation of the new Complete Streets Design Vision
 - Prioritized schedule of projects and programs including quick wins and demonstration projects
 - Regulatory, administrative and procedural changes
 - Monitoring program to measure impacts and effectiveness over time

Demonstration Projects

- Street segments selected for early application of the new complete streets standards:
 - Variety of projects and contexts
 - Geographic distribution
 - Redevelopment opportunities
 - Existing CIP projects
 - Potential 2012 Bond projects
 - “Quick Wins”
- Conceptual plans, illustrations and rough cost estimates for specific roadway segments

“Better Blocks” Approach

- ❑ Community engagement in testing solutions for demonstration projects
- ❑ Testing design ideas in real world settings
- ❑ Coordination with compatible community events



Project Schedule

- Contract award: Feb 23, 2011
- Project kickoff: Mar 2011
- Project completion: Mar 2012

Next Steps

- ❑ Project kick off meeting with consultant team
- ❑ Detailed project scope and schedule
- ❑ Data gathering and analysis
- ❑ Initiate public outreach

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