

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 1, 2011

TO Trinity River Corridor Project Committee Members:

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SUBJECT **Sylvan Ave. Bridge Update**

The City of Dallas submitted final plans to TxDOT on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, for the proposed Sylvan Avenue Bridge over the Trinity River. TxDOT is planning to let (bid) the project in July. Construction would commence in September or October of 2011 and would be completed, barring significant weather delays, by the end of 2012 or early 2013. Current construction estimates are projected at approximately \$40M.

Pending Council actions related to this project include the approval the advance funding agreement with TxDOT and agreement with Oncor for the relocation of the existing 138 kV transmission line that runs parallel to landside toe of the East Levee. This line must be relocated before the end of this year so as not to delay construction of the proposed Sylvan Avenue Bridge. A cutoff pole will be installed east of Sylvan and the existing transmission line will be under hung on the new poles recently constructed parallel to Sylvan Avenue and in the median of Irving Boulevard.

To help minimize the construction duration and reduce costs, the committee previously voted to close Sylvan Avenue, Trammell Crow Park and the Sylvan Boat Ramp for the duration of construction. Consequently, at the commencement of construction activities, the Contractor will erect barricades to close Sylvan Avenue between Irving Boulevard and Morris Street and will detour traffic across Continental Avenue. Prior to the actual road closure, fliers will be mailed by the City to the addresses compiled from the public meeting process. Following the opening of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, the Sylvan detour will be modified to use that bridge in lieu of Continental.

The actual sequence of construction will be determined by the Contractor. However, we would expect construction activities to initiate in the floodway almost immediately with the installation of the drilled shafts for the new bridge foundations. The existing boat ramp will be relocated to the opposite end of the parking lot to avoid conflict the with the new bridge piers. Sylvan Avenue, Trammell Crow Park and the Boat Ramp will open simultaneously following completion of construction.

Please contact me if you have questions.



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