

Memorandum



DATE May 9, 2013

TO Trinity River Corridor Project Committee Members: Vonciel Jones Hill (Chair)
Linda Koop (Vice Chair), Monica Alonzo, Scott Griggs, Angela Hunt, and Delia Jasso

SUBJECT **Continental Avenue Bridge & West Dallas Gateway Construction Award (FYI)**

The City of Dallas has been working towards development of destination areas in and along the Trinity River Corridor as part of the overall planning and implementation efforts. To further these efforts, the 2006 Bond Program included funding to repurpose the Continental Avenue Bridge as well as create a West Dallas Gateway. In 2010, the Trinity Trust provided a grant to the City of Dallas to pay for the design and construction of enhancements to the planned improvements on Continental Avenue Bridge.

The vision includes creating daily and special event spaces, and providing a connection between the development activities surrounding the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, Los Altos, La Bajada and the Design District. As a result of this grant, the designs for the Continental Avenue Bridge and the West Dallas Gateway were coordinated to complement each other, creating a landmark civic space connecting the existing neighborhoods and emerging developments with significant public amenities.

Staff will be requesting, on the May 22, 2013 Addendum, the authorization to award a construction contract in the amount of \$8,347,946 with Gibson & Associated, Inc. to perform major maintenance on sections of the Continental Avenue Bridge and piers within the Trinity River; construct amenities for the Continental Avenue Bridge and West Dallas Gateway including shade structures, seating areas, meandering pathways for pedestrians and cyclists, bocce courts, parking and lighting. There will likely be an additional agenda item in June to request authority to investigate whether threatened mussel species are located in the area of the piers under the Continental Avenue Bridge and if found, to relocate these mussels.

Construction activities will begin in June and the project will be complete in May 2014. The surrounding neighborhoods and businesses have been made aware of the closing of Continental Avenue Bridge previously and staff will be notifying them once approval of the construction contract has been awarded with the specific date. The notification plan includes utilizes mailers, neighborhood and business organizations, media advisories as well as mobile message boards. Attached are the renderings that depict what the improvements will look like once the construction is completed.

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Please contact me if you have questions.



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