Memorandum

CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 8, 2010

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

SUBJECT **Future Blue Line Extension (SOC - 3) to UNT Campus**

Monday, October 11, 2010, DART will present a briefing to the Transportation and Environment Committee on the Future Blue Line Extension (South Oak Cliff – 3 Line) to the UNT Campus.

Please feel free to me if you need additional information.

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Assistant City Manager

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Future Blue Line Extension (SOC-3) to UNT Campus

Dallas City Council
Transportation and Environment Committee

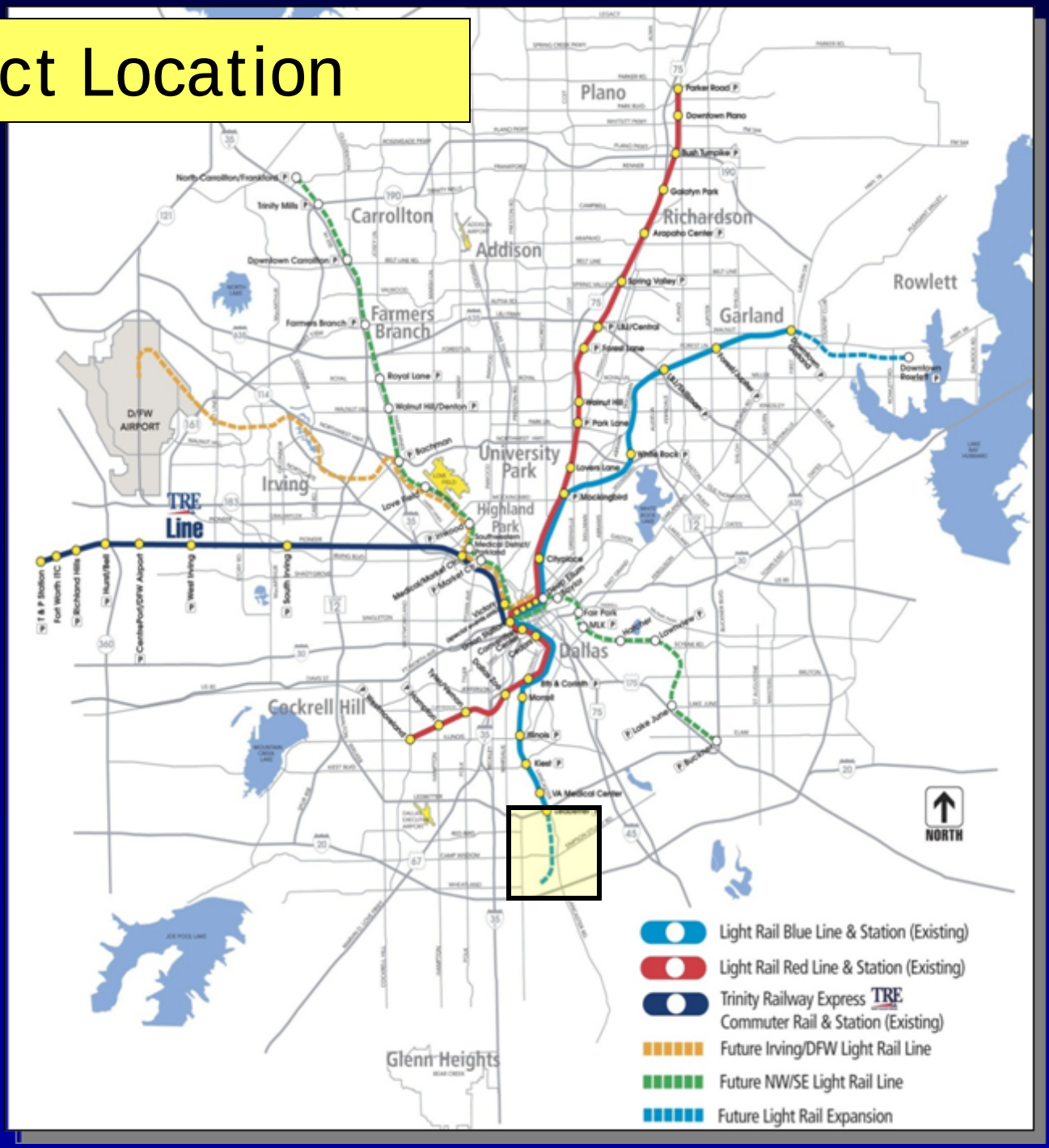
October 11, 2010

Key Focus Area
E3
Efficient, Effective, Economical Government

AGENDA

- Project Overview
- Project Schedule
- Alternatives Analysis
  - Evaluation Process
  - Alternatives
  - Recent Coordination / Key Issues
- Next Steps

Project Location



Project Overview

- South Oak Cliff Corridor – Line Section 3 (SOC-3)
- Approximately 3.5 mile extension of Blue Line
- No existing rail corridor
  - Dedicated right-of-way
  - New right-of-way
- Two stations proposed

Project Schedule*

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

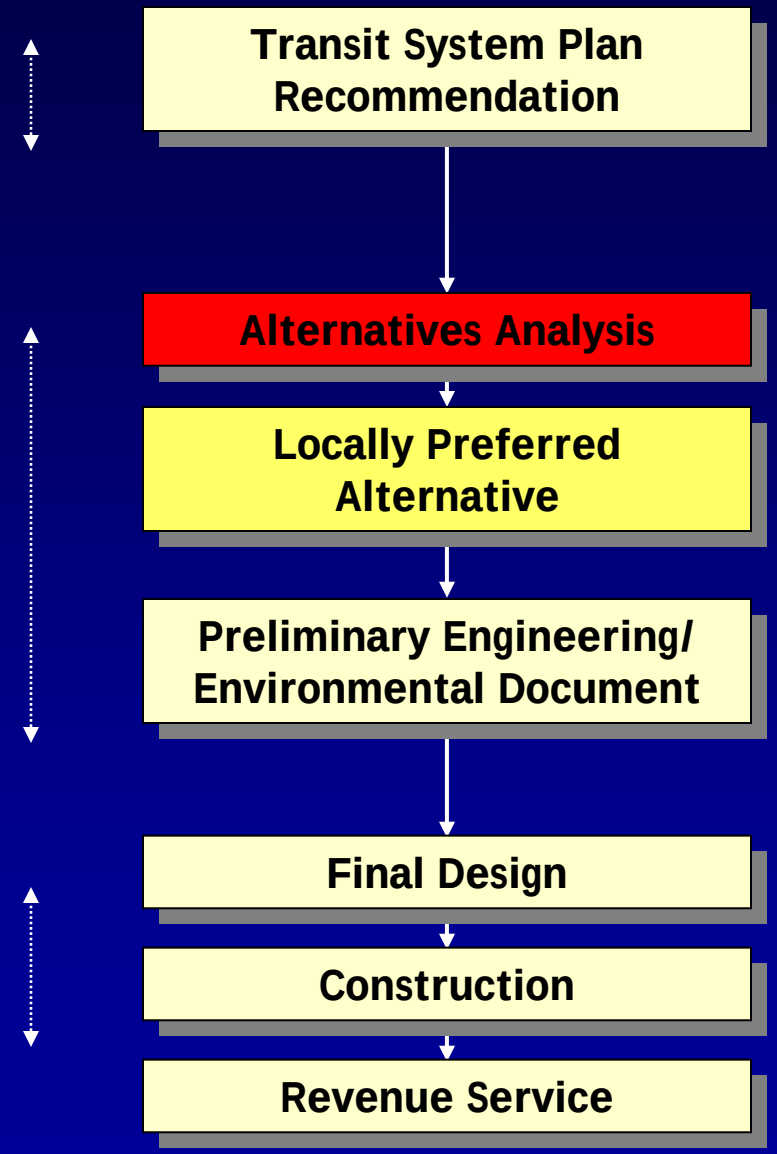
General Public and Focus Area Meetings

General Public Meetings

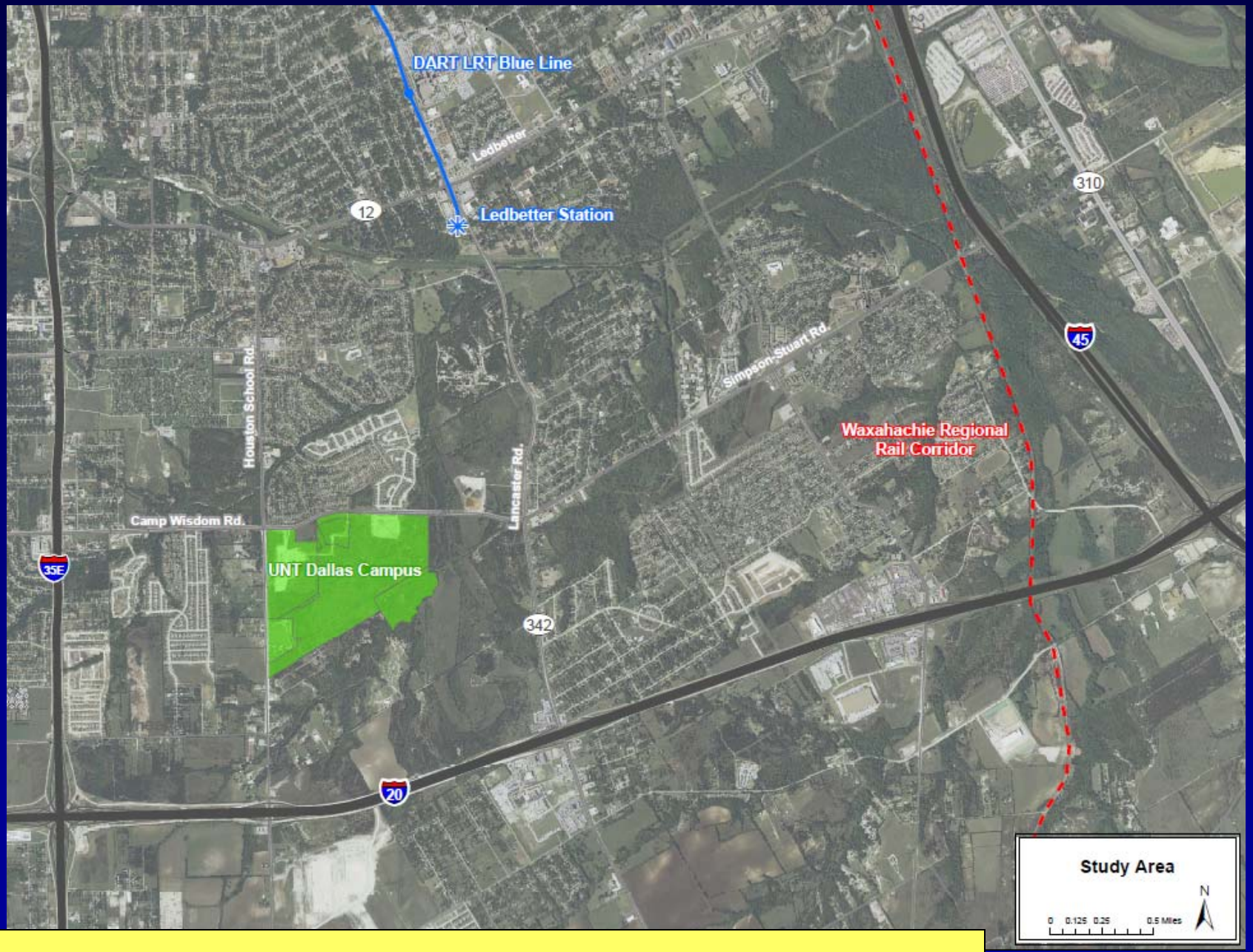
Policy, Agency Staff, and Community Work Groups

General Public and Affected Property Owner Meetings

Art & Design Committees



* Assumes external funding



Alternatives Analysis Study Area

Alternatives Analysis Evaluation

- First step will be identification of mode and alignment options for screening evaluation
  - Screening will short-list one preferred technology and 2-3 alignment options
- Screening Criteria may include:
  - Capital and O&M cost
  - Integration with existing system
    - Operating concept (transfer or extension)
    - Maintenance facility requirements
  - Ridership
  - Environmental/Community Impacts
- Detailed evaluation will focus on short-list

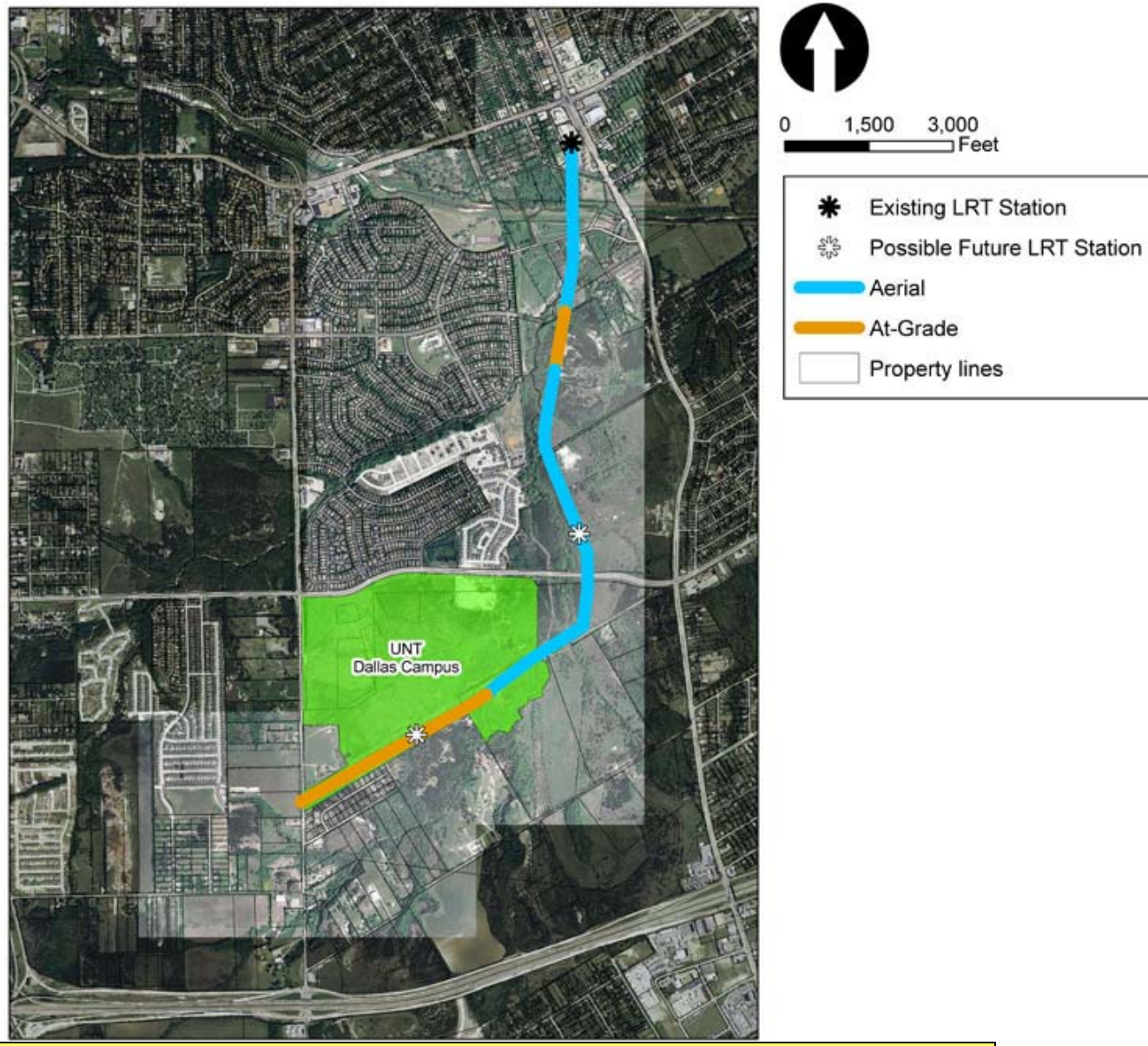
Initial alignment established in 1991

1991 Service Plan Alignment and Stations

Service Plan amended February 11, 2008

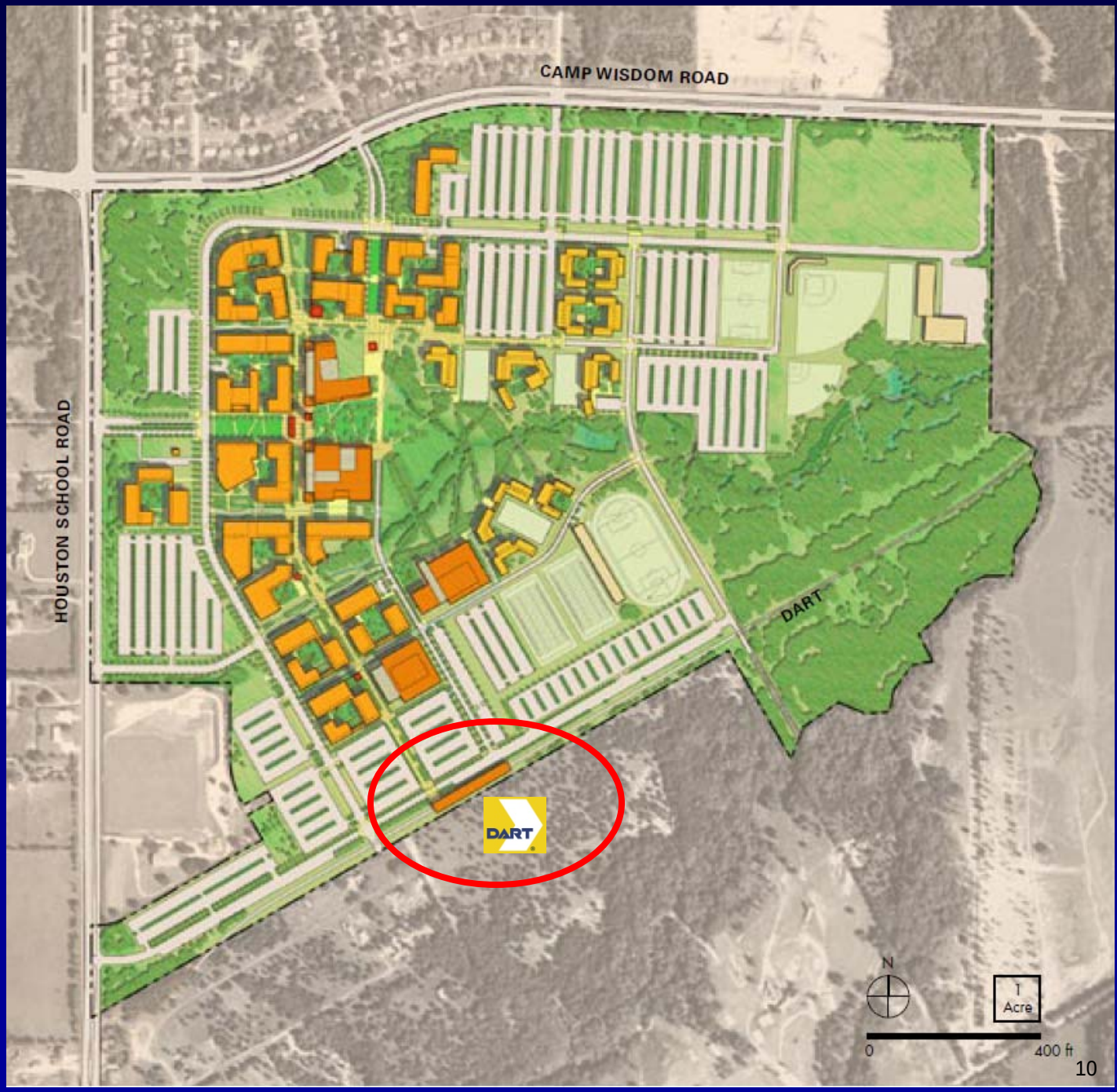
Public Meeting held October 2007

Public Hearing held December 2007

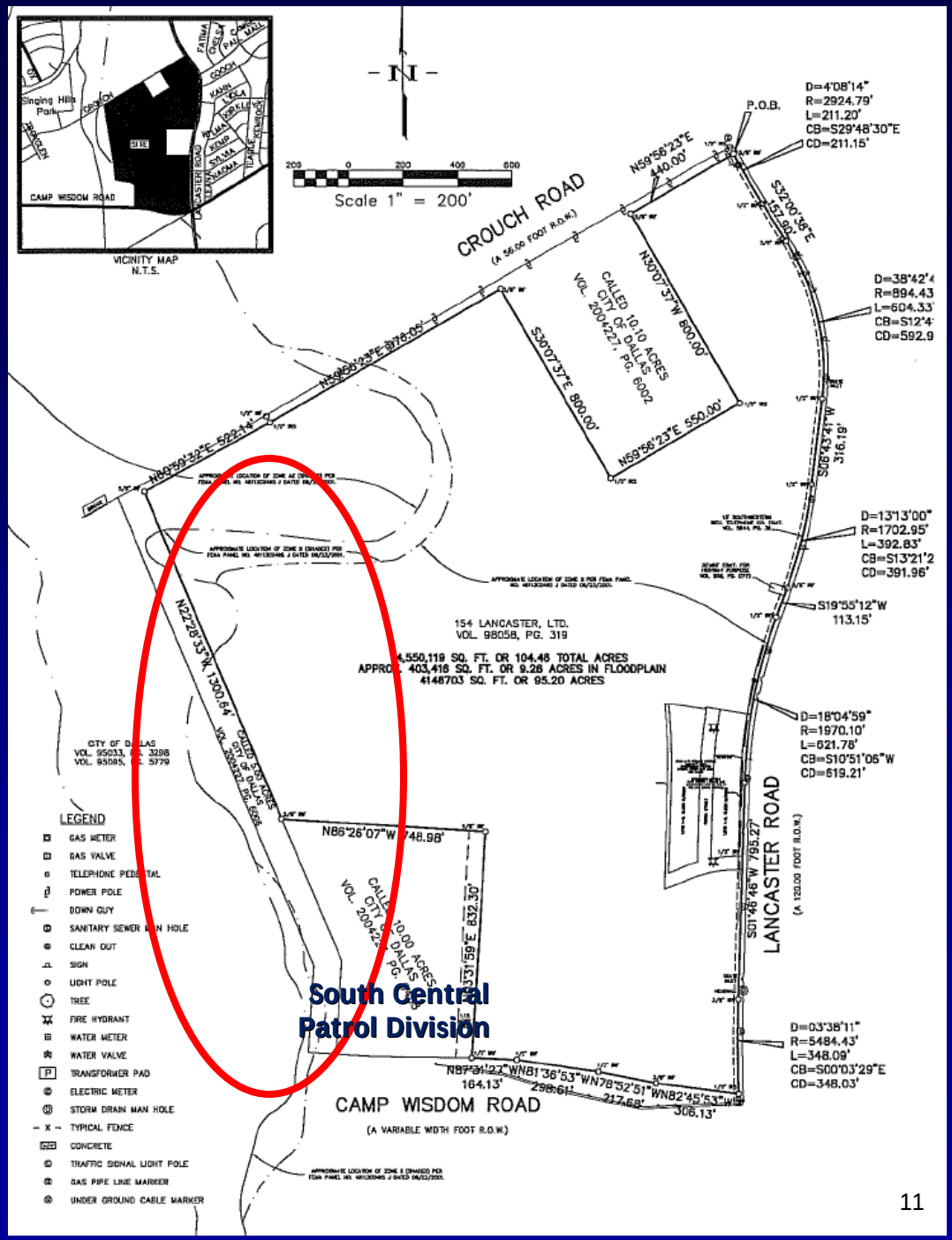


Approved Alignment and Stations

Master Plan Phase 2 (16,000 headcount)



Planned Development District No. 625



The property owner north of Camp Wisdom Road dedicated right-of-way and station area to include transit-oriented development as part of the zoning for PDD No. 625 (Planned Development District).

Recent Coordination

- May 2009 – Area 3 South Dallas Task Force briefing
- Sept 2009 – UNT/DART Coordination meeting
- Sept 2009 – UNT/City/DART/NCTCOG Coordination Meeting
- Sept 2009 – City/DART Coordination Meeting
- Oct 2009 – Neighborhood Meeting
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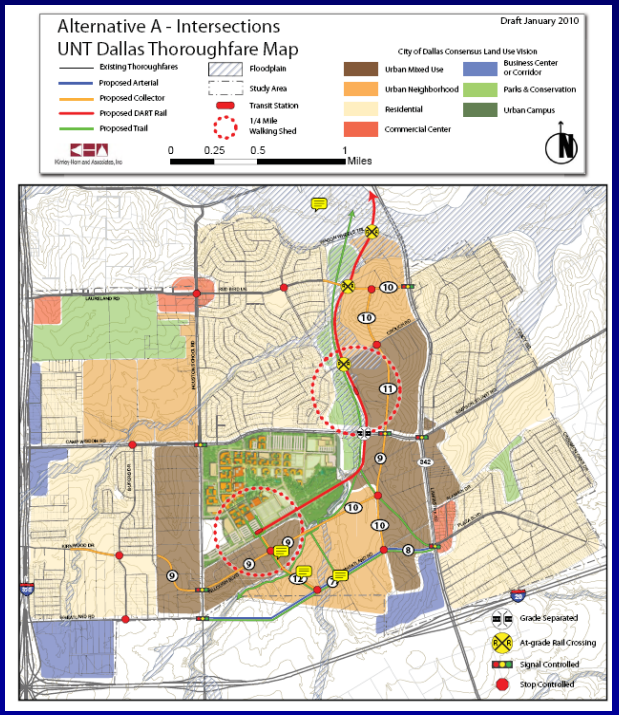
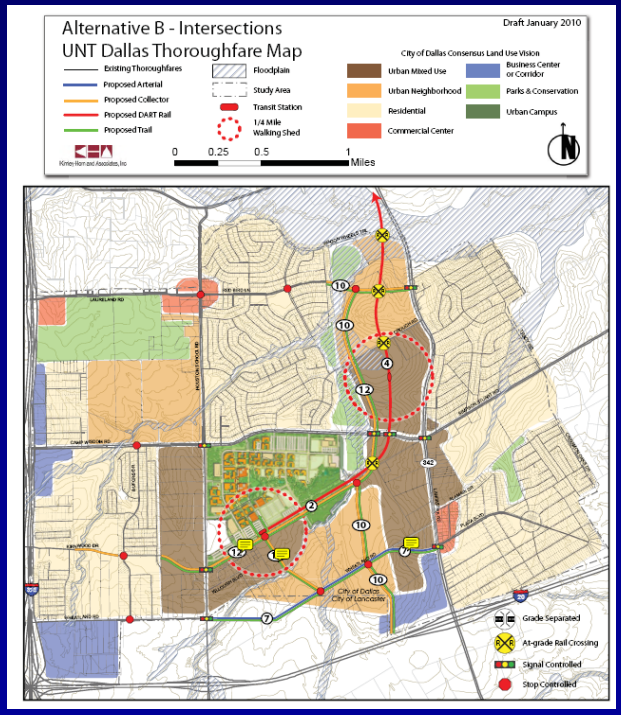
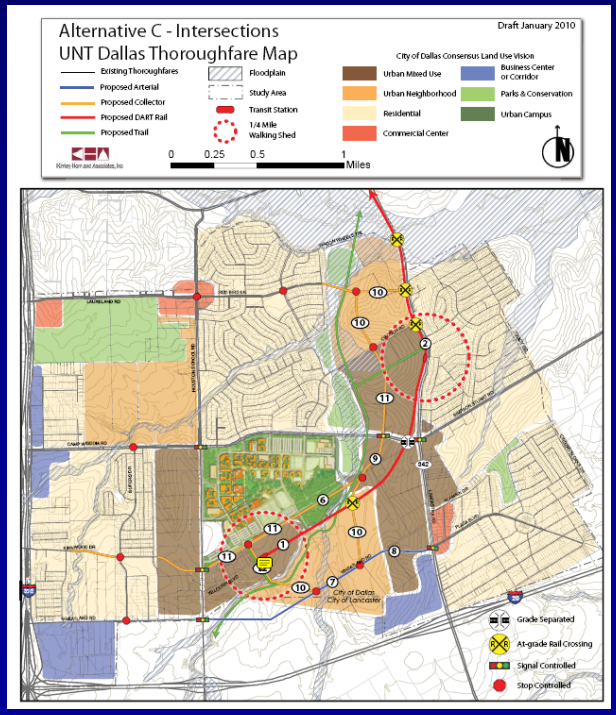
- Nov 2009 – UNT/DART Coordination Meeting
- Nov 2009 – Neighborhood Meeting (hosted by UNT)
- Dec 2009 – DART Board/City Council member tour

UNT Area Plan Alignment Options

- Proposed during *UNT – Dallas Area Plan* development







Key Issues

- Right-of-way agreements for final alignment
- Engineering/Environmental:
  - Potential grade separation at Camp Wisdom
  - Water flow
  - Potential noise issues
  - TOD opportunities
- Funding
  - FY11 DART Financial Plan assumes $100M external funding for 2019 revenue date
  - Project will follow Federal process to position project for other funds

Next Steps

- Initiate Alternatives Analysis
  - Will examine UNT Area Plan options as well as others modes and alignments suggested by stakeholders and public
  - Will include public and agency involvement program
- Select Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) by Summer 2011
- Continue to monitor funding opportunities

Thank You!

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