

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 8, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Update of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Allocation of Funds to Service Area Cities**

Background

As shared in prior memorandums to the City Council on July 22, 2022, August 24, 2022, and October 7, 2022, and to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on September 19, 2022, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board of Directors (Board) had been considering a \$214.3M allocation of excess sales revenues to its service area cities. Actions including, the DART Board approval of DART's FY 2023 annual budget on September 27, 2022, and acceptance of \$19.7M from the Regional Transportation Council and the North Central Texas Council of Governments on October 25, 2022, resulted in DART excess sales revenues, totaling \$111.1M, being apportioned to the City of Dallas.

Whereas the intent of the \$111.1M excess sales tax allocation is to support DART's public transportation system or for complementary transportation services, the purpose of this memorandum is to provide recommended uses of the excess sales tax funds and discuss next steps.

Recommended Uses of DART Excess Sales Tax Revenues

Given the intent (support of DART's public transportation system or for complementary transportation services) of the \$111.1M excess sales tax funds and based upon discussion from the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, staff recommends the following uses and allocations of funds:

Recommended Uses of DART Excess Sales Tax Revenues

Program or Projects	Program/Project Description	Funding Amount
1. NCTCOG Funding Partnership	Funding to be used as a NCTCOG revolver fund to leverage additional partnership funding for current and future projects	\$10,000,000
2. Reconstruct (35) traffic signals on major DART bus route corridors	Reconstruct (35) traffic signals (cost of \$550K per intersection) at intersections along major DART bus route corridors; priority will be given to those routes in Equity Priority Areas ; improvements will include technology upgrades such as bus queue jumps, fiber installation, etc.	\$19,250,000

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Program or Projects	Program/Project Description	Funding Amount
3. Sidewalk Master Plan	Finish the initial \$30M of priority projects identified in the Sidewalk Master Plan	\$15,043,000
4. ADA Ramp Installation	Would completely address the \$54M backlog of missing ADA ramp across the City	\$55,000,000
5. Traffic Markings Program	Fully fund the traffic lane markings for the next three years for an annual program budget of \$3.2M (current annual budget is \$1.2M)	\$6,000,000
6. Bike Lane Upgrades	Pilot new bike lane safety materials and begin retrofitting existing bike lanes with piloted materials; also explore options for additional bike lane cleaning and maintenance	\$2,000,000
7. COD/DART Parking Operations and Parking Lot Usage Study	Fund a collaborative parking study to evaluate usage of COD/DART parking lots to recommend potential options for redevelopment and to provide recommendations for optimized COD parking operations, including strategic locations for future parking garages	\$2,375,000
8. Student/Homeless Transit Programs	Support DART's free transit services for youth (K-12) to get to school and/or work if necessary; and support homeless transit services	\$1,475,000
Total		\$111,143,000

Next Steps

As the recommended uses of the \$111.1M of DART excess sales tax revenues have been discussed, the following are next steps in the process:

1. Staff and legal review of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) received from DART on December 1, 2022,
2. Staff attendance of a question-and-answer session hosted by DART on December 8, 2022,
3. Begin discussions, in December 2022, with DART to ensure that the City of Dallas' recommended uses of funds are in-line with DART's intended uses,
4. Discuss the recommended uses of funds during the January 2023 Transportation and Infrastructure (TRNI) Committee meeting,
5. City Council to consider the recommended use of funds and ILA in February 2023.

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While this memorandum has detailed the recommended uses of DART excess sales tax revenues and next steps for securing and approval of the funds, additional updates will be provided should there be any deviations from the information contained within this memorandum. However, if any of you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at robert.perez@dallas.gov.



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