

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 31, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Call for Projects for Unimproved Alley to Trail Conversions in Equity Priority Areas**

For this fiscal year (FY24), the City Council approved a one-time \$1M transfer to the Equity Fund for the installation of trails in unimproved alleys. This budget allocation is based on a first-come/first-serve basis, for the benefit of the community and alleys suitable for this type of application. The purpose of this memorandum is to inquire from the members of the City council their interest in participating in this program. The goal is to develop a list of unimproved alleys meeting the requirements of this program. The Department of Public Works (PBW) has received interest from a couple of council members, but this memorandum is to provide notice to all council districts that may be interested.

It is important to note that the proposed trails are not intended to be part of the City's official trail system. They are specifically geared towards serving internal neighborhood pedestrians and abutting property owners, aiming to eliminate unmaintained areas in alleys while maintaining current service capacity. It is anticipated that the criteria for qualifying alley conversion to trails include:

- Located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT),
- No rear garage/entry access,
- Few or no utilities in the alley, and
- Proximity to publicly accessed facilities such as direct routes to schools, DART stations, recreation centers, or parks.

Public Works Department respectfully requests each council districts to please provide us with their list of alleys no later than June 21, 2024. Please contact Ali Hatefi, P.E., Director of Public Works Department at your earliest convenience.



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