



AGENDA MEMO

8/6/2019 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jacob Speer, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Miracle Mile Concept Plans

BACKGROUND:

In March, the City hosted four (4) stakeholder meetings to solicit input on potential improvements to Miracle Mile. This feedback and input, along with data collected during parking and traffic studies and patron and business surveys, served to guide the design of three (3) concept plans.

The three concept plans were presented to the public at two stakeholder meetings on June 11th. Attendees were asked to comment and rank the concept plans. On June 18th, Council reviewed the concept plans and also provided feedback.

On July 2nd, staff met with Dallas County representatives to review the concepts and the project ranking criteria for 7th Call for Projects. Also discussed was the potential for the design to extend into the City of Dallas to further improve the corridor.

Based upon the feedback received, the concept plans were revised.

Revised Option C provides 285 parking spaces including 13 ADA compliant spaces, reconfiguration of the Douglas intersection, a “tee” intersection at Armstrong with new traffic signals, two 11’ travel lanes, a continuous pedestrian path from the Tollway to Douglas, pedestrian crossings at Armstrong and Lomo Alto, wider sidewalks, a buffer area between parking and travel lanes, and a wider parking drive aisle. Option C does not provide for a fire lane, and there are reduced access points for thru-traffic. After receiving feedback from stakeholders and the City Council, Option C was revised to reduce the number of tree plantings along the roadway and increase the decorative street lighting. The consultant was unable to reconfigure travel lanes to provide for dedicated left-turn lanes without losing parking spaces, but unprotected left-turns can be addressed with signage if they prevent a significant hindrance to traffic flow.

In the meeting with Dallas County, county staff indicated the inclusion of a bike and pedestrian trail in the corridor would address the improved mobility criteria for the 7th Call for Projects. Huitt-Zollars developed a concept to include a bike and pedestrian path, but the concept resulted in a reduction in the number of parking spaces over the current configuration. Due to the loss of parking and because there has been no opportunity for

public review and comment on the concept, staff does not recommend pursuing this option.

Huitt-Zollars will present the revised concept plan and solicit feedback in order to design a final concept plan for Miracle Mile.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council review the concept plan and provide input to assist with design of a final concept plan for Miracle Mile.