

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE 6 February 2015

TO The Honorable Members of the Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee:
Vonciel Jones Hill (Chair), Lee Kleinman (Vice Chair), Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alonzo,
Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins, Sandy Greyson, and Sheffie Kadane

SUBJECT Trinity Corridor Project Public Safety Planning Update

On Monday, 9 February 2015, you will be briefed on the Trinity Corridor Project Public Safety Planning Update. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

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Jill A. Jordan, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

Attachment

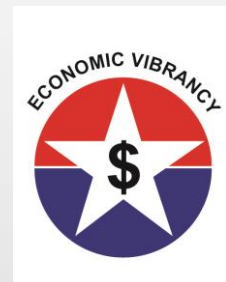
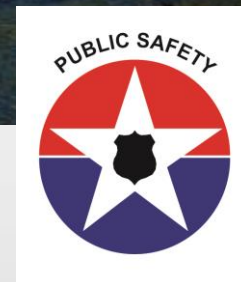
c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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Master Plan Update

- Dallas Police Department [“DPD”] continues to work with Trinity Trust and University of Texas at Dallas to craft a holistic plan
 - Community committee – provided user input
 - Specialty groups
 - Outside committee of law enforcement commanders
 - Draft plan completed
 - Realignment of beats – tracking and metrics
 - Ongoing consultation with community and special interest groups



Strategies

- Continued presence in the forest with increases over time in both number of officers and number of visits
- Usage counts to determine deployment strategies
- Using officer experience and best practices to set expectations
- Work with partners to address security needs
 - Texas Horse Park
 - Trinity Forest Golf Course
 - MoneyGram Soccer Park
 - Athletic fields
 - Trinity Audubon Center
 - Internal City Departments (i.e. Park & Recreation, Dallas Water Utilities, City Marshals, Trinity Watershed Management, Code Compliance)
- Staffing needs assessment
- Costs – personnel and equipment
 - Funding sources



Current Efforts-Personnel

- Two southern patrol stations are gradually increasing officer presence
 - South Central Patrol – focusing on the areas around Great Trinity Forest [“GTF”] and the Trinity River
 - Southeast Patrol – working the area around the Lower Chain of Wetlands and the Texas Horse Park.
 - Working with Dallas Fire Rescue [“DFR”] on access/coordination of responses
 - Beat realignment



Current Efforts-Equipment

- Challenges
 - Patrol cars have limited access to many portions of the GTF
 - Limited number of bicycles currently exist
 - Mounted Unit is limited by current number assignments

Considerations Requiring Additional Research and Prioritization-Equipment

- Continuing to use existing resources – limitations
- Taken delivery of All Terrain Vehicle [“ATV”] – officers trained, awaiting delivery of second donated ATV from Trinity Trust
- Future considerations
 - Satellite locations – co-located?
 - Unpiloted Aerial Vehicles [“UAV”]
 - Tracking devices – cell phone, thermal
 - Additional vehicles
 - Off road motorcycles
 - Specialized equipment



Considerations Requiring Additional Research and Prioritization-Ordinances

- Review of existing ordinances/laws for applicability
- Designation/definition of spaces
 - Forest
 - Wetlands
 - Open spaces
 - Structures/facilities
 - Amenities
- Surveys



Considerations Requiring Additional Research and Prioritization-Permitting

- Establishing permitting standards – what requires a permit?
- Sizes of events
- Types of events
 - Athletic
 - Festivals
- Trinity specific activities
 - Kayaking
 - Camping
 - Off road activities
 - Drone/model plane
- Events at designated locations
 - Continental Bridge and West Dallas Gateway
 - Trinity Audubon Center
 - Texas Horse Park



Status of Activities

- Caruth Foundation Grant is supplying limited equipment and production of master plan
- DPD currently absorbing patrols and activities into existing budget
- Future needs to be prioritized and recognized as visitors increase
 - Mobility equipment and ongoing upkeep costs
 - Training and personnel
 - Technology – cameras, trailers, laptops
 - Buildings / storage
- Potential grant to fund equipment / facilities

Questions?