Meeting Overviews

North Dallas Chamber of Commerce (NDCC) LBJ Task Force – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every other month at the NDCC at 7:30 a.m. to discuss project issues. Everyone is invited to attend. Please check the Dallas District Hotline for meeting confirmation.

West and East PAC Meetings – In September, recommendations were made concerning key unresolved issues. For the West, recommendations included the location of the HOT lanes predominantly on the outside and the inclusion of continuous frontage roads. For the East, recommendations included the addition of continuous frontage roads and initial ramping schemes. If you were unable to attend these meetings, updated information will be shared at the Public Meetings being planned for later this year and early next year.

If you would like to request a project update at your next group or organization meeting, please contact the LBJ Project Office. We are happy to accommodate your meeting schedules.

Commission Funding Action

This past September, the Texas Transportation Commission approved the Unified Transportation Program for TxDOT. This program included a NCTCOG-sponsored partnership with the Commission for direct funding of specific LBJ Freeway projects, including:

DART Light-Rail Crossing over LBJ along the Garland Line
Royal/Miller ramp additions and interim Miller Bridge Widening
Additional Intersection Improvements (See table below)

The intersection projects are similar to the eight intersection improvements included in the CMAQ program that includes the Midway intersection. For specific details on these projects, please contact the LBJ Project Office.

SHORT-TERM PROJECTS (CMAQ PROGRAM)	ADD TURN LANES	ADD A LANE AT CROSSING	CHANGE LANE ASSIGNMENTS	EXTEND LEFT-TURN LANES	SCHEDULED START DATE	COST ESTIMATE ($)
Josey Lane	X	X	X		Fall 1999	295,000
Webb Chapel Road		X	X	X	Fall 2000	440,000
Marsh Lane	X	X	X	X	Fall 1999	170,000
Midway Road	X	X		X	Fall 1999	1,400,000
Preston Road	X	X	X	X	Fall 2000	195,000
Northwest Highway	X	X	X		Fall 2000	370,000
Centerville/Ferguson		X	X	X	Fall 2000	262,000
						45,000
SHORT-TERM PROJECTS (TxDOT & NCTCOG)	**ADD TURN LANES**	**ADD A LANE AT CROSSING**	**CHANGE LANE ASSIGNMENTS**	**EXTEND LEFT-TURN LANES**	**SCHEDULED START DATE**	**COST ESTIMATE ($)**
Miller Ramps & Widening	X	X				2,250,000
Dart G-2 Rail Crossing						7,000,000
Luna Road	X				TBD	45,000
Montfort Drive	X				TBD	298,500
Greenville Avenue	X	X	X	X	TBD	100,000
Abrams Road	X		X		TBD	127,500
Forest Lane	X		X		TBD	375,000
Skillman Street	X	X	X	X	TBD	235,000
Jupiter Road	X	X	X	X	TBD	352464
Oates Drive	X		X		Aug 99	50,000
Town East Boulevard	X	X	X	X	Aug 99	207,500

City of Dallas is contributing $455,720 to this project
Scheduled to be completed prior to opening DART's LBJ East Station
TBD - To be determined

Note: a goal to have LBJ construction started in 2002 has been established.

For updates on the LBJ Corridor Study, HOV lanes and meeting schedules, call the **Dallas District Hotline (214) 374- 4100 Options 6 and 8**

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LBJ Briefs

Preliminary concepts for the appearance of retaining walls, traffic rails and bridge column features have been prepared. Visit the project office to view the initial ideas and share your thoughts.

Roadway maintenance activities are scheduled for this fall to repair bridge railings, cut grooves in the pavement and repair bridge joints at various locations. Please have patience during this work effort.

The ramp taper for Westbound I-635 to Northbound I-35E has been completed. Please inform us of any other ideas you have for similar improvements.

The North Texas Tollway Authority is conducting a bottleneck study for low cost improvements in the vicinity of the Dallas North Tollway/LBJ interchange. More information will be available when the study is completed this fall. Rebuilding the entire interchange is not being considered.

LBJ Corridor Champion

The LBJ Corridor Project has added a new face and valuable experience to our project leadership team. Kathy Ingle, former Chairman of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board, has volunteered to assist the project by supporting the political, agency and community outreach efforts. Her efforts will be especially important as the project nears the end of planning and moves into final design and construction due to the multi-agency coordination that will be needed for funding, engineering and operations.

Ms. Ingle was introduced during the September meeting of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC). Judge Lee Jackson, Chairman of the DRMC, took the lead in finding a member of the community to help with the project and asked Ms. Ingle for her assistance in this effort. Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and Jay Nelson, Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District Engineer, were consulted and concurred with Ms. Ingle's involvement.

LBJ Project Manager Matt MacGregor commented that Ms. Ingle brings a broad array of civic, agency and management experience to the table. "Her ability to look at the global issues can help the project team stay focused on the work at hand, while she assists in furthering regional interagency cooperation on policy and project issues," said MacGregor.

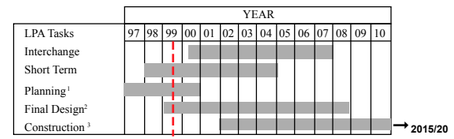
Similar project leadership was used during the LBJ Major Investment Study (MIS) when the late Mr. Buck J. Wynne, III guided the feasibility phase of the project toward a successful recommendation.

Kathy Ingle

Ms. Ingle, her husband Robert and their two daughters, Rachel and Jessie, recently moved to Dallas from Farmers Branch. She enjoys exercising and plans to complete the White Rock Marathon this fall.

Questions and comments for Kathy Ingle can be directed to the LBJ Project Office, or to her office at (972) 393-0227.

Timing for Project Improvements



1. Products include Design Schematics, EA's, Engineering Summary Report
2. Products include Construction Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E)
3. Final Product is an Improved LBJ

Planning Target Dates

Mesquite Section.....Winter of 1999
East Section.....Spring of 1999
West Section.....Summer of 1999