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Agenda



Arlington City Council Special Meeting

Arlington City Hall
Council Briefing Room
101 W. Abram St., 3rd Floor

Tuesday, September 16, 2014
2:30 PM

(or upon adjournment of the Arlington Convention Center Development Corporation board meeting which is commencing at 2:30 p.m. at same location listed above)

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. WORK SESSION

A. Arlington Urban Design Center

III. ISSUES SESSION

A. Discussion of informal staff reports

1. Metro ArlingtonXpress (MAX) Update
2. Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee (CIPAC) July 2014 Semi-annual Report
3. Red Light Cameras Update
4. Ambulance Rate Increase

The lake level as of 8 a.m. Wednesday, September 10, 2014 was 544.57 feet.

- The Arlington City Hall is wheelchair accessible. For accommodations or sign interpretive services, please call 817-459-6100 no later than 24 hours in advance.
- Council meetings are broadcast live on Arlington's Government Channel and rebroadcast throughout the week at the following times:

	Afternoon meetings	Evening Meetings
Sunday	1:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	6:30 a.m.
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m.

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- For a complete Arlington Government Channel program schedule, please visit www.ArlingtonTX.gov/Broadcast

- B. Discussion of committee meetings
 - 1. Fiscal Policy - Dalworthington Gardens Water Agreement
 - 2. Regional Policy and Municipal Infrastructure - State Lobbyist Contract
 - 3. Economic Development - Executive Session: Discuss Offers of Incentives to Business Prospects

- C. Discussion of miscellaneous items
 - 1. Appointments to boards and commissions
 - 2. Evening Agenda items
 - 3. Issues relative to City construction projects
 - 4. Future Agenda Items

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of matters permitted by the following sections of **V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 551**:

- A. Section 551.071, **CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY**
 - 1. Discussion of New York Ave., LLC v. City of Arlington lawsuit
 - 2. Discussion of Texas Oil and Gas Association v. City of Arlington lawsuit

- B. Section 551.072, **DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY**
 - 1. Discussion of gas leases on City Property.

- C. Section 551.074, **DELIBERATION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS**
 - 1. Discussion of employment of City Attorney

- D. Section 551.087, **DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS**
 - 1. Offers of Incentives to Business Prospects

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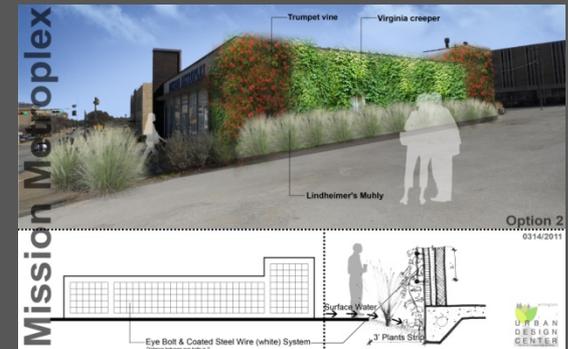
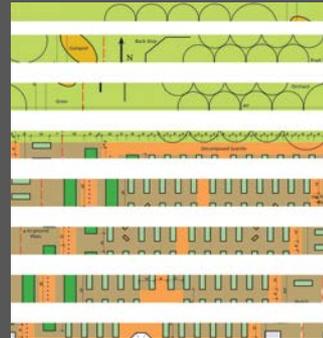


5 YEARS/200 PROJECTS

City Council Work Session/September 16, 2014

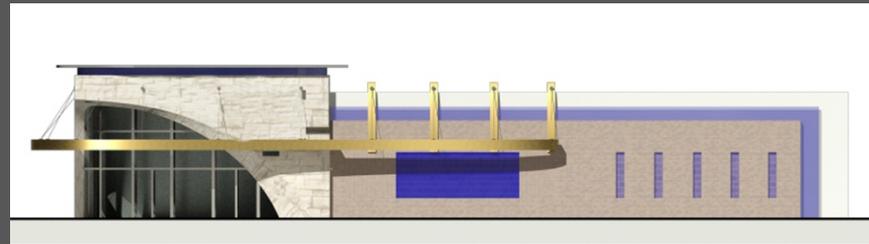
OVERVIEW

- ESTABLISHED IN JUNE 2009 THROUGH A CREATIVE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARLINGTON AND UT ARLINGTON
- GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING PROGRAMS WORK CLOSELY WITH CITY STAFF ON BUSINESS AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ARLINGTON
- PROVIDES URBAN DESIGN SOLUTIONS AT NO COST TO CLIENTS

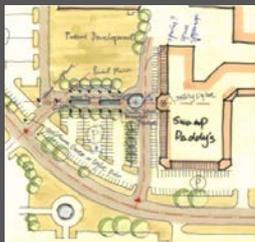


TYPES OF PROJECTS:

- BUSINESS FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS
- SITE PLANS
- STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS
- NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS
- LANDSCAPING CONCEPTS
- VISUAL RENDERINGS



VISION



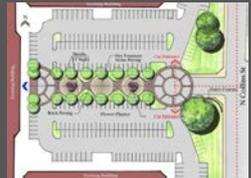
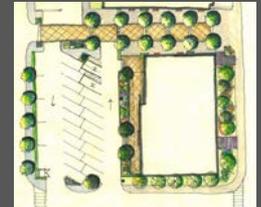
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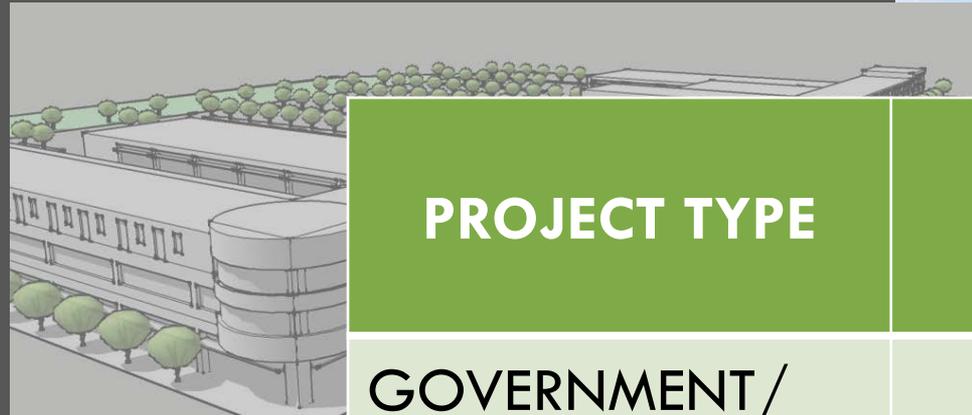
REDEVELOPMENT BY REINVENTING THE DESIGN APPROACH TO MEET THE CITY'S VISION FOR A HIGH-QUALITY, PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY BUILT ENVIRONMENT

REVITALIZATION OF KEY AREAS BY REINVIGORATING INTEREST IN CREATING NEW ECONOMIC INVESTMENT AND STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS

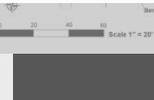
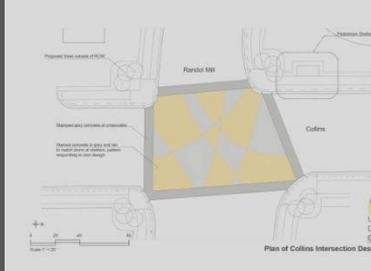
REINVESTMENT IN EXISTING BUSINESSES FOR A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC BASE BY REBUILDING ENTHUSIASM FOR QUALITY DESIGN



OPERATIONS



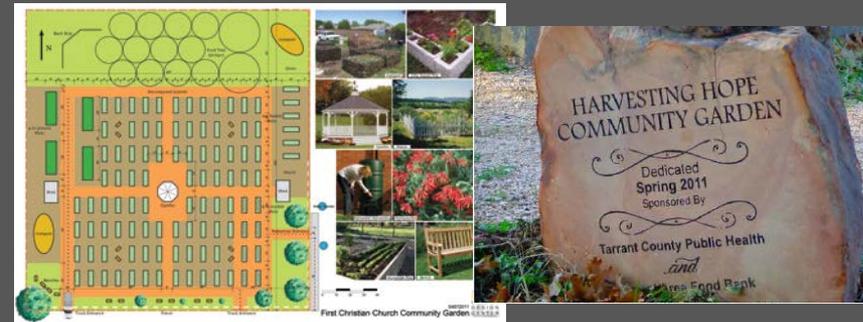
PROJECT TYPE	NUMBER COMPLETED
GOVERNMENT/ NON-PROFIT	133
BUSINESS	50
NEIGHBORHOOD	17
TOTAL	200



OPERATIONS

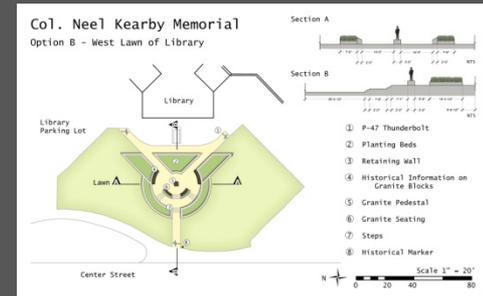
SINCE JUNE 2009, PORTIONS OF 41 DESIGN CENTER-ASSISTED PROJECTS HAVE BEEN REALIZED. A FEW EXAMPLES:

- RANDOL MILL PARK WEST PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES
- FISH CREEK COMMUNITY GARDEN
- DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT
- SPANISH PARK APARTMENTS OPEN SPACE
- 212 E. ABRAM FAÇADE AND SITE IMPROVEMENT
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH COMMUNITY GARDEN
- CENTER STREET VALVE SITE LANDSCAPING
- BRIARWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRY DESIGN



VALUE OF WORK

- OVER FIVE YEARS, THE DESIGN CENTER HAS LEVERAGED OVER \$1.6 MILLION IN CONCEPTUAL DESIGN COSTS
- AVERAGE ESTIMATED VALUE PER PROJECT: \$14,000
- AVERAGE TIME SPENT WORKING ON A PROJECT: 45 HOURS



SPANISH PARK APARTMENTS OPEN SPACE



Spanish Park Apartments Open Space



Spanish Park Apartments Open Space

Final Plan - Planting Design



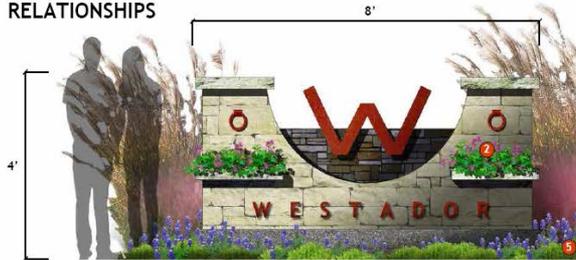
Spanish Park Apartments Open Space

Final Plan : Hardscape



WESTADOR NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

HUMAN SCALE RELATIONSHIPS



VEHICLE SCALE RELATIONSHIPS



Westador Neighborhood - Entryway Signage + Design

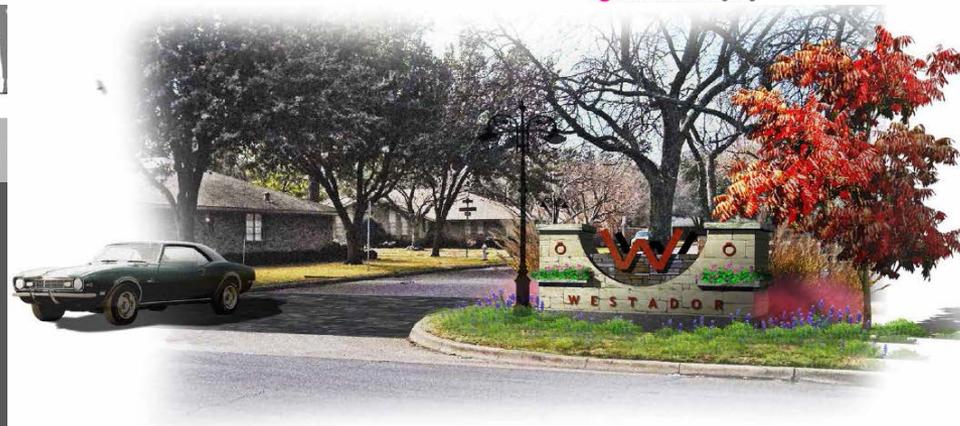
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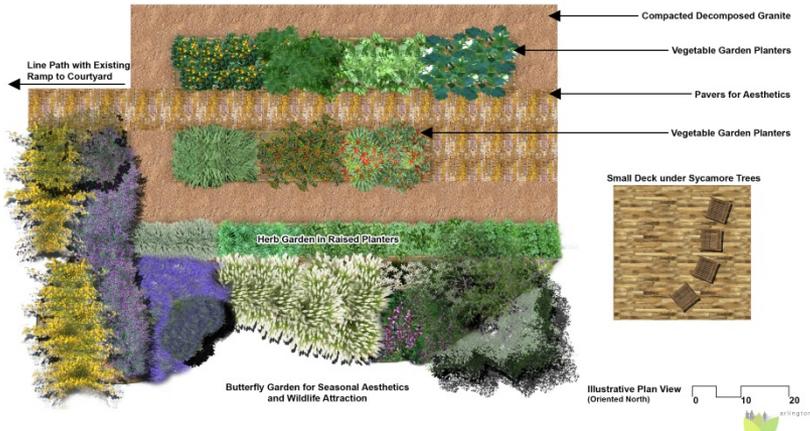
DECORATIVE LIGHT POLES



Scale: 1" = 100'



WEBB ELEMENTARY ENTRANCES



Tangram Tree Mural on wall and ceiling
 & ready to build Benches
 Welcome to Webb Elementary



Webb Elementary

Garden Vignette



Webb Elementary

Main Entry Proposal



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2014 INTERNS:

XIAOLU MA, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE INTERN

ALAA ALZAITOUN, ARCHITECTURE INTERN

LAYAL BITAR-GHANEM, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE INTERN

LEONELLE D'SOUZA, PLANNING INTERN

BRYAN ISHAM, PLANNING INTERN

ANDRE MAXWELL, PLANNING INTERN



MANAGEMENT:

JIM PARAJON, FAICP

DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
PLANNING

LYNDSAY MITCHELL, AICP

PRINCIPAL PLANNER

SPECIAL THANKS TO UTA:

DR. BARBARA BECKER, AICP

DEAN, SCHOOL OF URBAN AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DON GATZKE, AIA

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

DR. VISTASP KARBHARI

PRESIDENT, UT ARLINGTON



PROMOTING QUALITY DESIGN FOR BUSINESSES AND NEIGHBORHOODS

PROJECTS IN SHOWCASE

① Spanish Park Apartments Open Space

After a fire destroyed several units, apartment management asked the AUDC to come up with concepts for outdoor recreational space as an amenity for residents. The concepts included a patio area, sport court, and playground.

② HANA

Neighborhood Redevelopment

The Heart of Arlington Neighborhood Association asked the AUDC to conceptualize a new layout and mix of uses for a major commercial/multi-family corner at the edge of the neighborhood. Small-scale retail, a pedestrian-friendly environment, and several categories of living options were included for residents at different stages of life.

③ Briarwood Entryway Signage

The Briarwood neighborhood, a mid-century Central Arlington neighborhood, approached the AUDC to design a neighborhood entry feature for their entry off Park Row. The concept included a natural stone look with drought-tolerant landscaping.

④ 212 E. Abram St. Facade Improvement

The business owner of this 1950's era office space asked the AUDC to conceptualize a new facade, landscaping, and site layout. The concept included better circulation, eye-catching landscaping, and an updated facade.

⑤ Corridor Beautification

The AUDC was charged with designing replicable, drought-tolerant landscaping concepts that could be implemented in various areas across the City to help camouflage dilapidated fences and beautify major corridors.

⑥ Webb Elementary

Elementary administration approached the AUDC with a request to liven up entryways and courtyards at the school. Final concepts included a geometry-based orchard design for the main entryway, a 'reading forest' near the library, and an enhanced courtyard with a learning garden.

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OVERVIEW

The Arlington Urban Design Center was established in June 2009 through a creative collaboration between the City of Arlington and UT Arlington. The AUDC recently celebrated five years of operation and the completion of its 200th project.

- Graduate students from the Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and City & Regional Planning Programs work closely with City staff on business and neighborhood development projects in Arlington
- The AUDC provides urban design solutions at no cost to clients

Types of Projects include:

- Business façade improvements
- Site plans
- Streetscape improvements
- Neighborhood plans
- Landscaping concepts
- Visual renderings



9%
OF TOTAL
PROJECTS
17 PROJECTS
COMPLETED
6 HAVE BEEN
REALIZED



PROJECTS COMPLETED

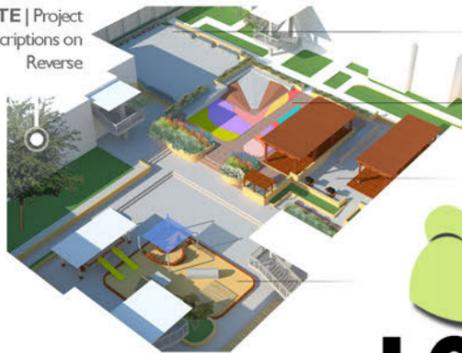


66%
OF TOTAL
PROJECTS
133 PROJECTS
COMPLETED
23 HAVE BEEN
REALIZED



25%
OF TOTAL
PROJECTS
50 PROJECTS
COMPLETED
12 HAVE BEEN
REALIZED

NOTE | Project Descriptions on Reverse



2009-2014: **26** INTERNS

100% went on to employment in chosen field or entry into Ph.D. programs

JHP Architecture | MESA Design | City of McKinney | Hocker Design



2011
Current Planning Award | from Texas Chapter of American Planning Association

2011
Outstanding Achievement in Innovation Award | from Alliance for Innovation

2010
Planning Advocate Award | from Midwest Texas Section of American Planning Association

1.6 MILLION value of work | 14,000 AVERAGE value of work per project | 15,000 IN DONATIONS RECEIVED

VISION

- Redevelopment by **reinventing** the design approach to meet the City's vision for a high quality, pedestrian-friendly built environment.
- Revitalization of key areas by **reinvigorating** interest in creating new economic investment and strong neighborhoods.
- Reinvestment in existing businesses for a sustainable economic base by **rebuilding** enthusiasm for quality design.

Informal Report to Mayor and Council



Metro ArlingtonXpress (MAX) Update

City Council Meeting Date: 9-16-14

ISSUE

Brief the Mayor and Council on Metro ArlingtonXpress (MAX) ridership data for the August 19, 2013 through September 5, 2014 timeframe.

DISCUSSION

The Metro ArlingtonXpress (MAX) two-year pilot project began service on August 19, 2013. The Pilot Project runs an express bus service between the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) CentrePort station, a stop near the Entertainment District on Collins Street and the College Park stop located at the southwest corner of UTA Blvd and South Center Street. The City has contracted with the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T) to operate and maintain the service. The MAX recently completed one year of service on August 19, 2014.

Marketing efforts have continued in an effort to inform residents and visitors about MAX as a new way to travel to and from Arlington. To date, printed materials such as rack cards, posters, wallet cards, quarter-page flyers and route schedules/maps, have been distributed throughout the City. Marketing efforts have included news and outdoor media in the form of billboards, table clings, cinema ads, online news ads, print news ads, videos, radio spots, promotional items, Facebook, Twitter, MyArlingtonTX.com articles and the RidetheMAX.com website. We have provided over thirty individualized presentations to a variety of audiences including, but not limited to neighborhoods, rotary clubs, senior groups and UT Arlington staff, faculty and students. We have also had a presence at over forty events throughout the region such as career fairs, benefit fairs, UT Arlington orientation sessions, events for off-campus UT Arlington students, and on-site reduced-fare photo ID-making opportunities.

The City plans to conduct another on-board survey on the MAX bus on September 30, 2014, to gather information about commuter habits and feedback about customer service.

Ridership is tracked by the number of boardings or trips per day. To date, 71,398 trips have been taken on the MAX. The attached data summarizes the average trips per day by week and month for the August 19, 2013 through September 5, 2014 timeframe as reported by DART.

ACTION

None.

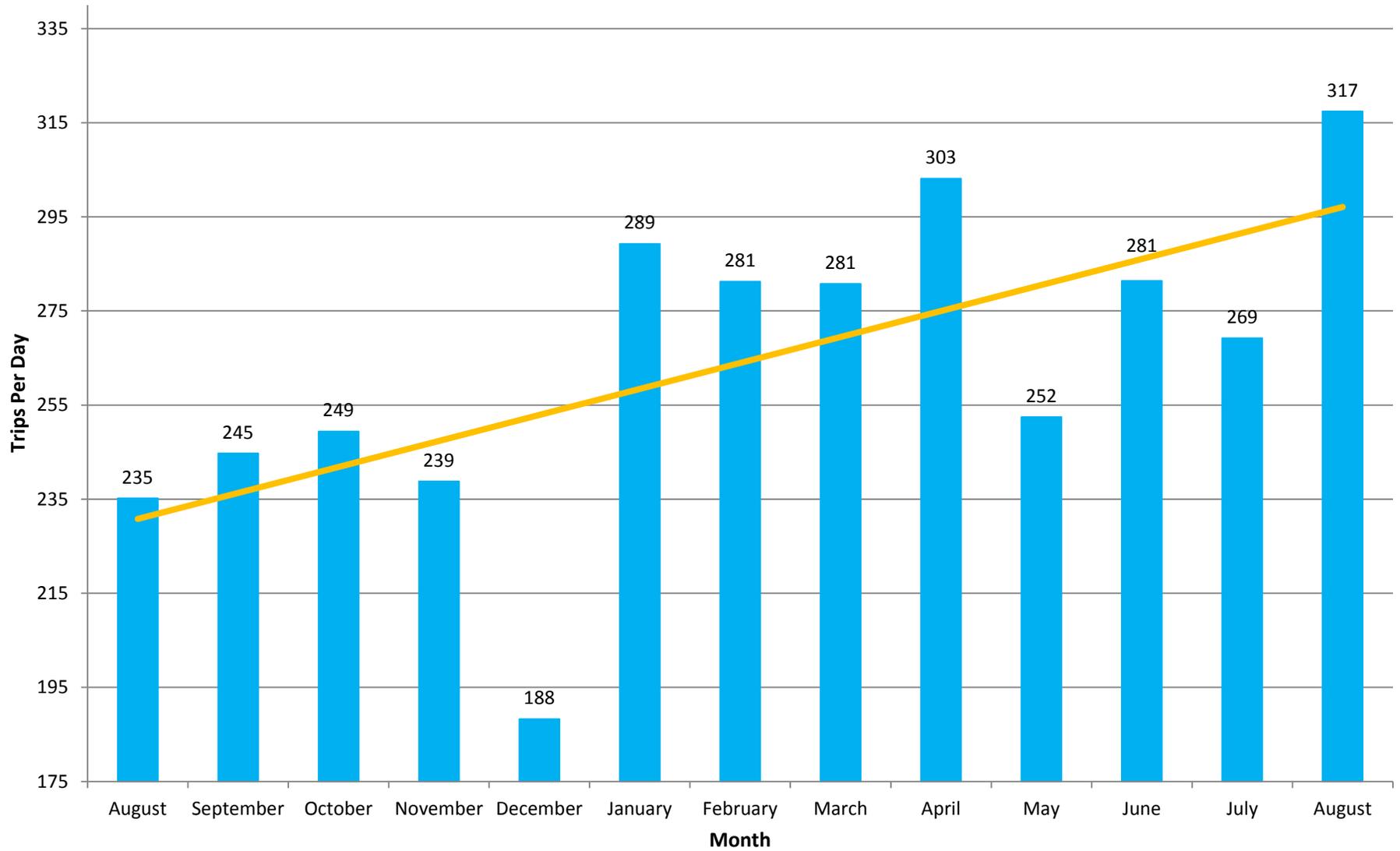
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached:	Ridership data
Under separate cover:	None
Available in the City Secretary's Office:	None

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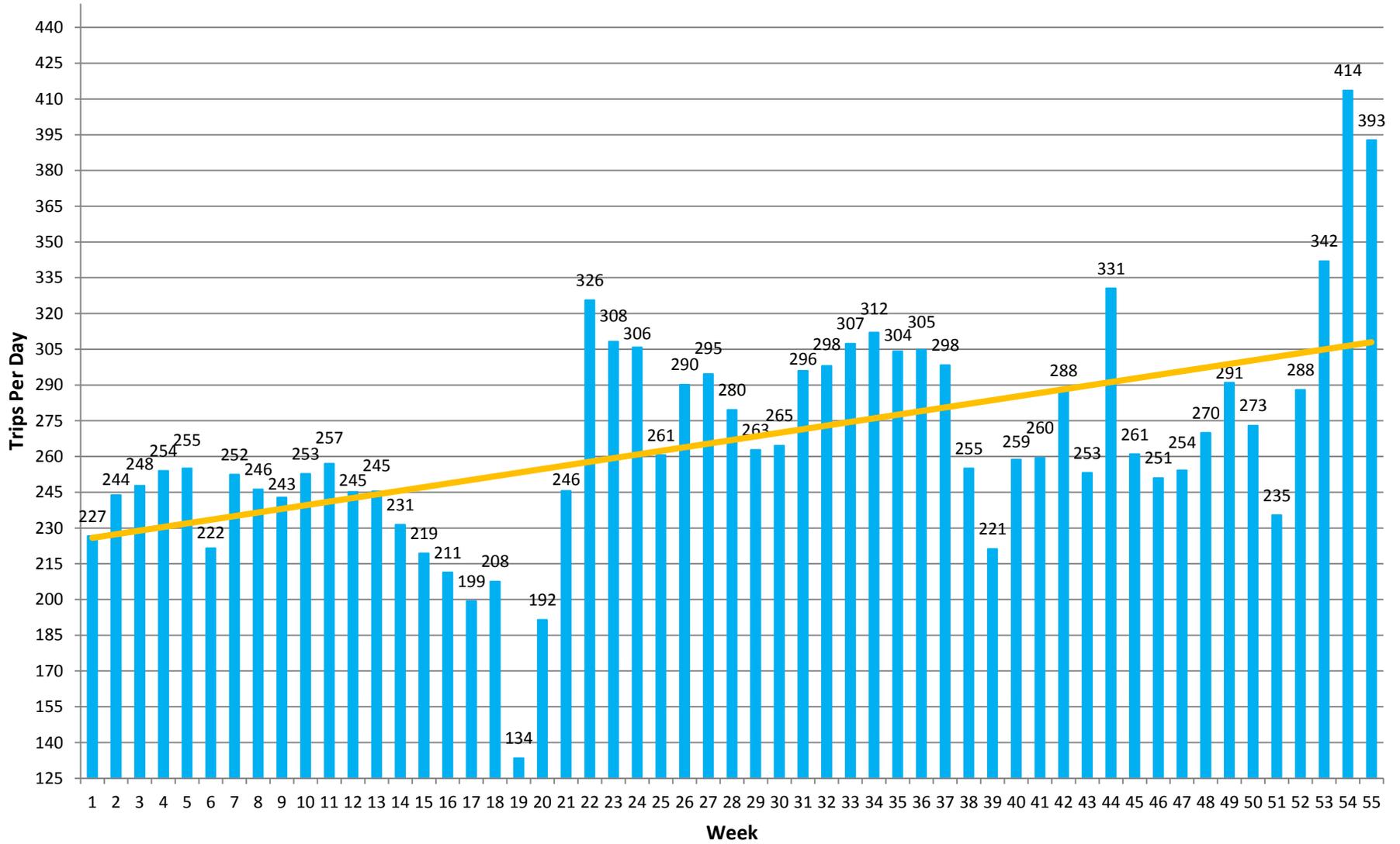
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Average Trips Per Day By Month



Ridership for August 19, 2013 – September 5, 2014

Average Trips Per Day By Week



Informal Report to Mayor and Council



Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee (CIPAC) July 2014 Semi-annual Report

City Council Meeting Date: 9-16-14

RECOMMENDATION

Transmit the July 2014 Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee (CIPAC) Semi-Annual Report to the City Council, as required by law.

DISCUSSION

Impact fees are a way for local governments to require that new development pays a proportionate share of the infrastructure costs it will impose on a community. In Arlington, impact fees are one-time, up front charges paid at building permit issuance that finance new roadway, water, and sanitary sewer facilities. Essentially, impact fees require that projects pay for the new public infrastructure necessary to serve them, as opposed to placing the burden on the City. Revenues are earmarked to be spent on capital improvements that create new capacity for growth in the corresponding service area, resulting in significant support to further the City's overall capital investment strategy. The City's Impact Fee Program aligns with the City Council strategy to provide a balance between residential and commercial development and redevelopment resulting in improved quality of life and a favorable business climate.

State law mandates the creation of an advisory committee to monitor a municipality's impact fee program. In Arlington, the Planning and Zoning Commission serves this purpose by sitting as the Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee (CIPAC). In addition to overseeing and making recommendations for regular Impact Fee updates, the CIPAC is responsible for providing a semi-annual report to the City Council regarding the progress of the Impact Fee Capital Improvement Plan and any perceived inequities in its implementation.

On September 3, 2014, the CIPAC conducted a public hearing and approved the July 2014 Semi-Annual Report by a vote of 7-0-0. For the January - June 2014 reporting period, CIPAC found that the City was making progress in completing the roadway, water and sanitary sewer projects identified in the capital improvement plans adopted by City Council in 2002. In addition, just over \$649,000 was collected during the six-month reporting period. This translates into an increase of 15 percent from the same six-month period in 2013. Impact fees collected continue to remain low compared to fees collected in previous years. It is anticipated that this will continue to be the case as the City approaches build-out and less land is available for new development.

The Community Development and Planning Department and CIPAC have reviewed the City's impact fee program and find that it is in compliance with state law.

ACTION

No formal action by the Council is required on this matter.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached:	Executive Summary and Six-month Activity Report
Under separate cover:	None
Available in the City Secretary's Office:	CIPAC July 2014 Semi-Annual Report Certification Letter to Texas Attorney General

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUTHORIZATION AND GENERAL METHODOLOGY

Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code describes the process by which cities in Texas must establish and manage development impact fee programs. This report, prepared by the Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee (CIPAC), fulfills the requirement under state law to submit a semi-annual report on the status of the City of Arlington's Impact Fee Program.

The central concept behind the impact fee program is that new development should pay for some underlying portion of the cost of new public infrastructure required to serve it. For example, if 25 percent of the traffic on a new road is due to new development in that area, then impact fees can be charged to cover up to 25 percent of the projected cost of that road. It should be noted that, in the City of Arlington, impact fees are not intended to serve as a growth management tool.

The fees charged to new development are based largely on an estimate of the amount of new capital infrastructure required to accommodate the growth in the City over a ten-year period. These growth estimates are, in turn, based on regional population and employment projections developed by a variety of sources including the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the policies established in the City of Arlington's 1992 Comprehensive Plan.

This methodology involved the development of population and employment projections for each impact fee service area. These projections were based on the holding capacity of vacant land based on the land use categories identified in the Comprehensive Plan, and by applying densities established by the Plan's policies.

CURRENT IMPACT FEE PROGRAM

The City of Arlington initiated the Impact Fee Program in May of 1989. State law mandates a periodic update of the Impact Fee Program, including the land use assumptions, population projections, capital improvement plan, and maximum fee charged per service unit. Previous updates resulted in the 1994, 1999, and current 2002 Impact Fee Programs.

Collection of fees under the 2002 Program began in July of 2003, as the 1999 Impact Fee Program ended. The 2002 Program updated the land use assumptions and capital improvement plan. In addition, it modified the equivalency table used to determine service units. Taking inflation into account, the 2002 Program was designed to be revenue-neutral with respect to the 1999 program. Also in keeping with the 1999 Program, land use categories, which are used to assign different service unit rates, remained limited to five categories (residential, office, commercial, industrial, and institutional). For the 2002 Impact Fee Program, the City renewed its commitment to an impact fee system with a high degree of equity and few administrative complications.

The City of Arlington collected \$649,819 in roadway, water, and sanitary sewer impact fees during the last six-month reporting period. In this, the twenty-second collection period of the 2002 Impact Fee Program, roadway impact fee collections were \$380,807 while sanitary sewer and water collections were \$77,569 and \$191,442, respectively.

Compared to the same six-month period in 2013 (2013-A), overall impact fee revenues increased by 15 percent. With regard to individual impact fees, water increased by 15 percent and sanitary sewer decreased by 40 percent while roadway increased by 41 percent. Revenue for the current six-month

reporting period (2014-A) and the past twenty-one reporting periods of the 2002 Impact Fee Program are illustrated in Table 1 on page 3.

CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the information in this report, the following conclusions can be made by CIPAC:

1. Overall revenue generation for the twenty-second reporting period of the 2002 Impact Fee Program continues to occur at a pace slower than that of years prior to 2009, which is reflective of the decline in development activity. However, the revenue generation for the twenty-second reporting period did increase in comparison to the five of the six last reporting periods.
2. No construction projects were completed during this six-month reporting period.
3. The pace of development in Arlington, the pace of implementing the capital improvement plan, and the "first in, first out" impact fee accounting method eliminate any possibility of an impact fee refund scenario, as described by state law.

Based on the above findings, we conclude that the City of Arlington Impact Fee Program for the six-month period ending June 30, 2014 remains in conformance with local ordinance and state law.

Table 1: Impact Fee Revenue from 2002 Impact Fee Program (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2014)

“A”= January 1-June 30
 “B”= July 1-December 31

	2004-B	2005-A	2005-B	2006-A	2006-B	2007-A	2007-B	2008-A	2008-B	2009-A
Water										
Residential	\$464,040	\$362,331	\$325,440	\$214,920	397,680	247,560	\$158,880	\$126,960	\$125,280	\$49,320
Nonresidential	\$198,786	\$282,230	\$164,141	\$320,044	382,516	275,470	\$211,884	\$180,196	\$557,654	\$147,241
Total	\$662,826	\$644,561	\$489,581	\$534,964	780,196	523,030	\$370,764	\$307,156	\$682,934	\$196,561
Sanitary Sewer										
Residential	\$311,695	\$256,215	\$251,655	\$158,935	304,665	192,850	\$118,845	\$91,485	\$91,865	\$41,040
Nonresidential	\$81,740	\$137,853	\$72,695	\$179,225	177,338	132,158	\$111,220	\$97,653	\$127,468	\$62,580
Total	\$393,435	\$394,068	\$324,350	\$338,160	482,003	325,008	\$230,065	\$189,138	\$219,333	\$103,620
Roadways										
Residential	\$442,917	\$404,860	\$358,435	\$354,749	358,514	314,632	\$330,680	\$244,177	\$125,597	\$95,606
Nonresidential	\$499,475	\$260,280	\$411,760	\$1,349,260	1,306,280	2,634,837	\$463,777	\$502,438	\$985,998	\$163,692
Total	\$942,392	\$665,140	\$770,194	\$1,704,009	1,664,794	2,949,469	\$794,457	\$746,615	\$1,111,596	\$259,298
Grand Total	\$1,998,653	\$1,703,769	\$1,584,126	\$2,577,133	2,926,993	3,797,507	\$1,395,286	\$1,242,909	\$2,013,862	\$559,479

	2009-B	2010-A	2010-B	2011-A	2011-B	2012-A	2012-B	2013-A	2013-B	2014-A
Water										
Residential	\$62,520	\$75,960	\$67,320	\$59,760	\$106,200	\$79,680	\$109,479	\$149,170	\$80,880	\$150,460
Nonresidential	\$185,259	\$133,933	\$222,505	\$157,381	\$96,119	\$38,236	\$31,476	\$17,534	\$16,689	\$40,983
Total	\$247,779	\$209,893	\$289,825	\$217,141	\$202,319	\$117,916	\$140,955	\$166,704	\$97,569	\$191,443
Sanitary Sewer										
Residential	\$49,495	\$61,370	\$46,645	\$44,745	\$79,705	\$63,180	\$90,103	\$114,765	\$64,030	\$64,030
Nonresidential	\$52,428	\$53,265	\$120,768	\$46,565	\$35,175	\$27,973	\$23,785	\$13,539	\$13,539	\$13,539
Total	\$101,923	\$114,635	\$167,413	\$91,310	\$114,880	\$91,153	\$113,888	\$128,304	\$77,569	\$77,569
Roadways										
Residential	\$73,719	\$101,746	\$112,127	\$66,625	\$157,394	\$129,397	\$154,722	\$181,772	\$123,512	\$188,755
Nonresidential	\$126,959	\$125,831	\$125,013	\$147,519	\$134,860	\$186,874	\$169,242	\$88,401	\$502,045	\$192,033
Total	\$200,678	\$227,577	\$237,140	\$214,144	\$292,254	\$316,271	\$323,963	\$270,173	\$625,557	\$380,807
Grand Total	\$550,380	\$552,105	\$694,378	\$522,595	\$609,453	\$525,340	\$578,806	\$565,180	\$800,694	\$649,819

CURRENT SIX MONTH ACTIVITY REPORT

ACTIVITY BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2014 AND JUNE 30, 2014

The Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee (CIPAC) finds that the City is making progress in completing the original roadway, water, and sanitary sewer projects. Figure 1 shows the locations of Impact Fee Capital Improvement Projects that were active during the six-month period ending June 30, 2014. Project activity shown includes projects under construction during this report period as listed below:

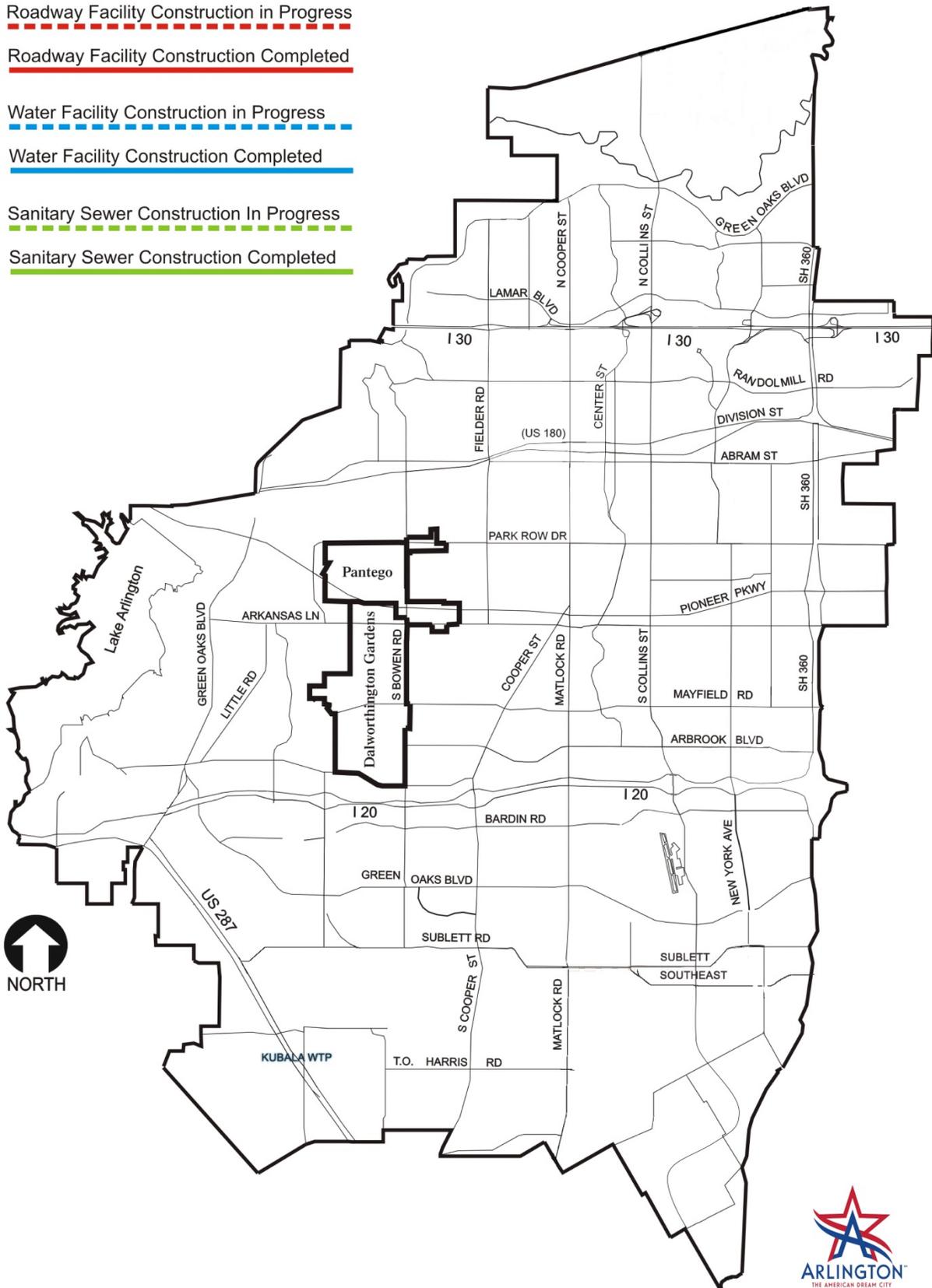
CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED ON:

- No projects were under construction during the six-month period ending June 30, 2014.

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED ON:

- No projects were under construction during the six-month period ending June 30, 2014.

Figure 1: Current Six Month (January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014) Activity Map





Informal Report to Mayor and Council

Red Light Cameras Update

City Council Meeting Date: 09/16/2014

ISSUE

Provide City Council with an update on the red light camera photo enforcement program managed by the Police Department.

DISCUSSION

Red light camera photo enforcement was approved by City Council on 01-09-07 (Resolution No. 07-004) to contract with American Traffic Solutions (ATS) for the administration of the program for a 5-year period. Council extended the contract with ATS for an additional 15-year period on 5-19-09 (Resolution No. 09-117) in an effort to preserve local control of its existing ordinance prior to adverse state legislative action.

Red light camera violations are civil actions, not criminal. Once reviewed and approved by sworn officers, violations are issued by mail to registered vehicle owners. Violations will not create a criminal warrant if unpaid. Rather, unpaid violations are referred to a collection agency and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is notified to place a hold on vehicle registration renewal. Depending upon each county tax assessor's procedures, registrations may be withheld until a violation is cleared.

A total of 81,884 notices of violation have been issued in FY2014 through July.

State law and city ordinance provide the recipient of a red light camera violation the opportunity to request an administrative adjudication hearing to contest the imposition of the \$75 civil penalty. Historically, less than 1.5% of the red light camera violations are contested at a hearing.

Net receipts from red light camera violation payments are shared with the state and are designated for the State Trauma Fund. In FY 2013, the City paid \$1.78 million to the state and retained \$2 million in revenue. Actual gross City revenue for FY 2014 through July is \$1.8 million with projection to reach the budgeted net revenue of \$2 million. The City's portion of the net revenue funds the administration of the program as well as the Police Department's DWI Unit. Total City revenue since inception (June 2007) through July 2014 is \$12,028,106.

Crashes occurring at photo-enforced intersections are reported annually to TxDOT. In comparison to 2012, total red light related crashes dropped 32% from 154 to 105. Although there was an increase in right-angle crashes, rear-end crashes showed a significant decline from 2012 to 2013 (down 60%, from 114 to 46).

All red light cameras installed on or after January 1, 2008 required pre-camera data be captured for the eighteen months prior to installation. Of the active red light cameras online, 14 red light cameras were installed after January 1, 2008. The variances between the pre-camera data and 2013 current data are significant. 2013 red light related camera crashes when compared to pre-camera crashes are down 75% (106 to 27). Subsequently,

right-angle crashes are down 58% (50 to 21) and rear-end crashes (56 to 6) are down 89%.

In 2013, there were two fatalities at camera intersections. Both involved pedestrians crossing the street without the right-of-way.

The red light camera program expanded in 2013 with a net of two additional cameras, bringing the total to 23.

Red Light Camera Locations	Go-Live Date
South Collins Street & West Sublett Road	6/12/2007
Matlock Road & West Arbrook Boulevard	6/12/2007
South Cooper Street & West Pioneer Parkway (2)	7/1/2007
North Watson Road & Avenue H East	7/1/2007
North Watson Road & Six Flags Drive	7/1/2007
East Pioneer Parkway & South Collins Street (2)	3/1/2008
North Cooper Street & West Road to Six Flags Street	9/1/2008
Little Road & West Poly Webb Road	9/1/2008
North Cooper Street & West Division Street	10/15/2008
South Cooper Street & West Main Street	10/15/2008
South Cooper Street & West Park Row Drive (2)	10/15/2008
US 287 Highway & West Sublett Road	5/1/2011
East Pioneer Parkway & Browning Drive	5/15/2011
North Collins Street & East Lamar Boulevard	5/15/2011
North Fielder Road & West Randol Mill Road	12/7/2012
West Green Oaks Boulevard & West Pleasant Ridge Road	12/7/2012
North Collins Street & East Lamar Boulevard (2nd camera)	4/25/2013
South Cooper Street & West Mayfield Road	4/25/2013
South Cooper Street & West Sublett Road	4/25/2013
Little Road & US 287 Highway	4/25/2013

ACTION

None.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached: None
 Under separate cover: None
 Available in the City Secretary's Office: None

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Informal Report to Mayor and Council

Ambulance Rate Increase

City Council Meeting Date: September 16, 2014

ISSUE

The Ambulance Contract approved by City Council and implemented October 1, 2008, allows the Contractor, American Medical Response, Inc. (AMR), to receive regular and ordinary rate increases annually if the rates charged since the previous increase have not exceeded those authorized by more than three percent. The amount of the increase is based on a calculation involving the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and may not exceed five percent per year.

DISCUSSION

The City entered into a contract with American Medical Response, Inc. (AMR) on October 1, 2008. Contract years are aligned with the City's fiscal years. The initial term of the contract was five years, with one potential three-year earned extension and one potential two-year earned extension. The first extension was granted for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2016. No rate increase was implemented the first year of the extension.

The regulation of ambulance rates is based on the Maximum Average Bill (MAB) for each contract year. AMR is required to document, annually, that the product of dividing the total patient charges for transports by the total number of transports does not exceed the authorized MAB by more than three percent. If the Contractor exceeds the MAB by more than three percent, the City may rollback rates to reduce the cost to the public. AMR adjusts the rates it charges to conform to the MAB limitations of the Contract.

AMR has requested a regular and ordinary annual rate increase in the amount of 2.63 percent. This is the fourth such increase AMR has requested since beginning the current contract for ambulance service. City staff, along with the City's independent ambulance consultant, evaluated this request and confirmed that AMR has not charged more than the MAB and that 2.63 percent is within constraints allowed by the current CPI and applicable formula; therefore, AMR is eligible for a rate increase.

Excluding a surcharge for funding the Emergency Physicians' Advisory Board budget, the MAB is currently \$1,245.46. A 2.63 percent rate increase results in an increase of \$32.76 and a new MAB for the 2014-2015 contract year of \$1,284.03. This amount compares favorably with other unsubsidized rates in neighboring areas, such as MedStar of Fort Worth, which currently has a MAB of \$1,500.00. The following table summarizes the rates charged since the beginning of the contract.

Contract Year	MAB	Percent Change	Actual Change
1 st (10/01/2008 – 09/30/2009)	\$1,123.34	N/A	N/A
2 nd (10/01/2009 – 09/30/2010)	\$1,123.34	0.00	\$00.00
3 rd (10/01/2010 – 09/30/2011)	\$1,161.42	↑ 3.39	↑ \$38.08
4 th (10/01/2011 – 09/30/2012)	\$1,202.07	↑ 3.50	↑ \$40.65
5 th (10/01/2012 – 09/30/2013)	\$1,245.46	↑ 3.61	↑ \$43.39
6 th (10/01/2013 – 09/30/2014)	\$1,245.46	0.00	\$00.00
7 th (10/01/2014 – 09/30/2015)	\$1,284.03	↑ 2.63	↑ \$32.76

AMR offers a subscription plan that limits out of pocket expenses for medically necessary transports, and a Compassionate Care program by which up to 100 percent of a person's bill may be forgiven according to their income.

ACTION

City staff, with assistance from the City's consultant, will similarly review, evaluate and confirm the validity of future rate increase requests.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached:	None
Under separate cover:	None
Available in the City Secretary's Office:	Ambulance Contract

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

- 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Fiscal Policy**
Arlington Conference Room A
Robert Shepard, Chair
Jimmy Bennett
Sherri Capehart
Michael Glaspie
- 12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Regional Policy and Municipal Infrastructure**
Arlington Conference Room A
Sheri Capehart, Chair
Robert Rivera
Robert Shepard
Charlie Parker
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Economic Development**
Arlington Conference Room A
Jimmy Bennett, Chair
Robert Shepard
Michael Glaspie
Lana Wolff

The Afternoon Council Meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m.



Office of the City Manager

AGENDA
FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE
CITY OF ARLINGTON
ARLINGTON CONFERENCE ROOM A – THIRD FLOOR
101 WEST ABRAM STREET
ARLINGTON, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
12:00 P.M.

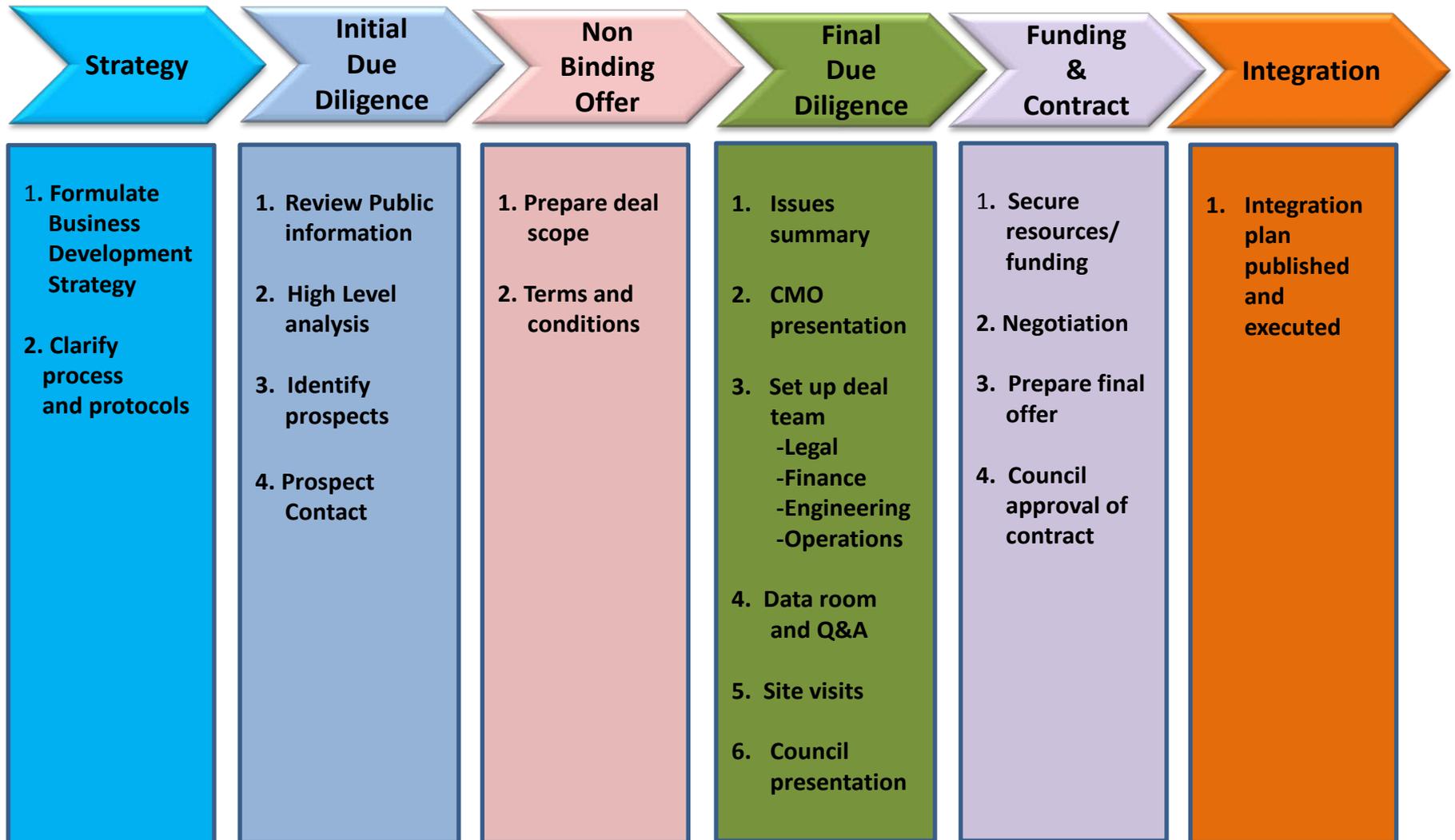
I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Dalworthington Gardens Water Agreement 30 minutes
- B. Items and dates for future meetings

III. **ADJOURN**

Arlington Water Utilities Department Business Development Flow Chart



Proposed Dalworthington Gardens

Arlington Water Supply

Agreement Scope

- Treated water would be provided by Arlington Water Utilities (AWU) to the water system of Dalworthington Gardens (DWG).
- Interconnection points would be identified by mutual acceptance of the parties.
- DWG would agree to a monthly minimum purchase amount.
- DWG will be responsible for the construction and costs associated with conveyance of the water from AWU to DWG.
- A maximum allowed Daily Demand and a maximum allowed rate of flow will be established.
- The initial volumetric rate for water will be \$_____ per 1,000 gallons.
- The volumetric rate is composed of component costs, raw water, water treatment, and operation and capital carrying costs for facilities and staff.
The rate will adjust automatically upon a change in the raw water rate, chemical pricing or electrical rates. The operation and carry cost component will change annually by formula.
- DWG shall be the sole user of water provided by AWU to meet the water supply needs of its residents.
- DWG shall cooperate with AWU and Tarrant Regional Water District in their efforts to promote water conservation. This would include honoring the drought contingency models and guidelines in effort from time to time for AWU customers.
- The initial term of the agreement would be (20) twenty years with two (10) ten year renewal options upon mutual consent of parties.
- DWG acknowledges that water facilities owned by the DWG may be used by AWU to transmit water through DWG territory to portions of the AWU system outside such area. This usage by AWU is conditional by the payment of a transmission fee by AWU.
- DWG would abandon use of groundwater system.



Office of the City Manager

REGIONAL POLICY AND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

CITY OF ARLINGTON
ARLINGTON CONFERENCE ROOM A -3RD FLOOR
101 WEST ABRAM STREET
ARLINGTON, TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
12:45 P.M.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. State Lobbyist Contract 30 minutes
- B. Items and dates for future meetings

III. **ADJOURN**



Office of the City Manager

AGENDA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
CITY OF ARLINGTON
ARLINGTON CONFERENCE ROOM – THIRD FLOOR
101 W. ABRAM STREET
ARLINGTON, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
1:30 P.M.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Discussion of matters permitted by Section 551.087 of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Chapter 551:

A. **DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS:**

1. Offers of Incentives to Business Prospects 30 minutes

III. **ADJOURN**