

# HIGH-SPEED



# TRANSPORTATION

## Dallas-Fort Worth



July 11, 2024 – Regional Transportation Council Workshop



# Agenda

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1. Introductions/Context
2. Response to City of Dallas Resolution and Presentation of Alternative High-Speed Rail Route Avoiding Downtown
3. Review of Public Engagement Throughout Study
4. Study Context and Review of Purpose and Need
5. Open Discussion and Lunch

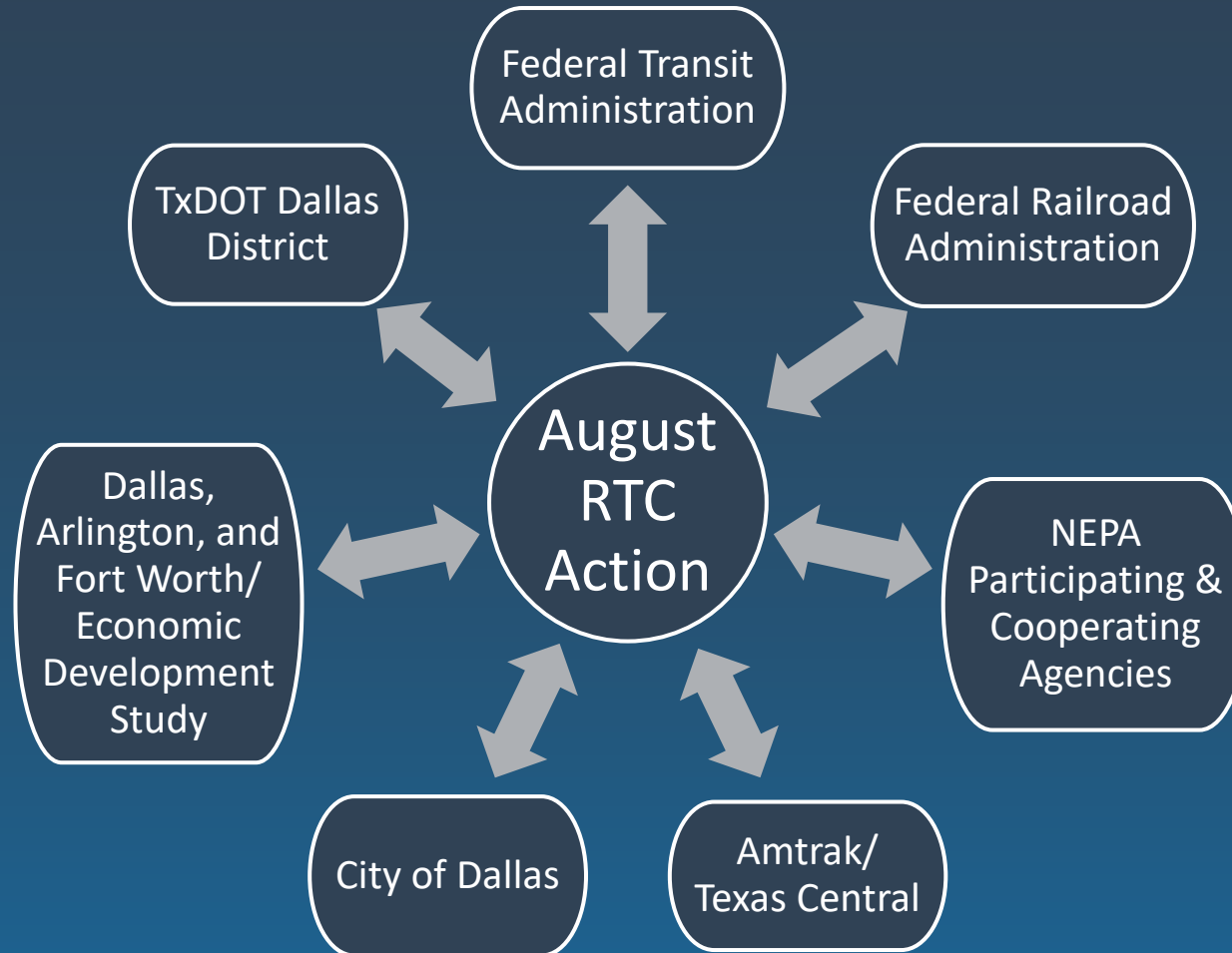


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Italy	Turin - Milan	92	97
Germany	Berlin - Hanover	160	93

# Effects of July Workshop





# Path to July Workshop

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3/6/2024 City Council Briefing by NCTCOG and Amtrak

3/22/2024 Dallas City Manager's Meeting

5/15/2024 National High-Speed Rail Conference: Briefing by NCTCOG and Amtrak

6/12/2024 Dallas Resolution

6/13/2024 RTC Decision to Schedule July Workshop

7/11/2024 July Workshop/RTC Decision on How to Advance

# Dallas High-Speed Rail Station Planning Background

- 2016 RTC Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding between RTC and Texas Central
- 2016 City of Dallas and Texas Central Cooperation Agreement
- 2017 City of Dallas completed Station Area Zone Assessment (Perkins+Will); led by City of Dallas staff
- 2019 NCTCOG funded Dallas Intermodal Transportation Facility Fatal Flaw Analysis (Lot E Study – LAN); led by City of Dallas staff
- 2020 Dallas staff provided comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Dallas to Houston High-Speed Rail (including station location)

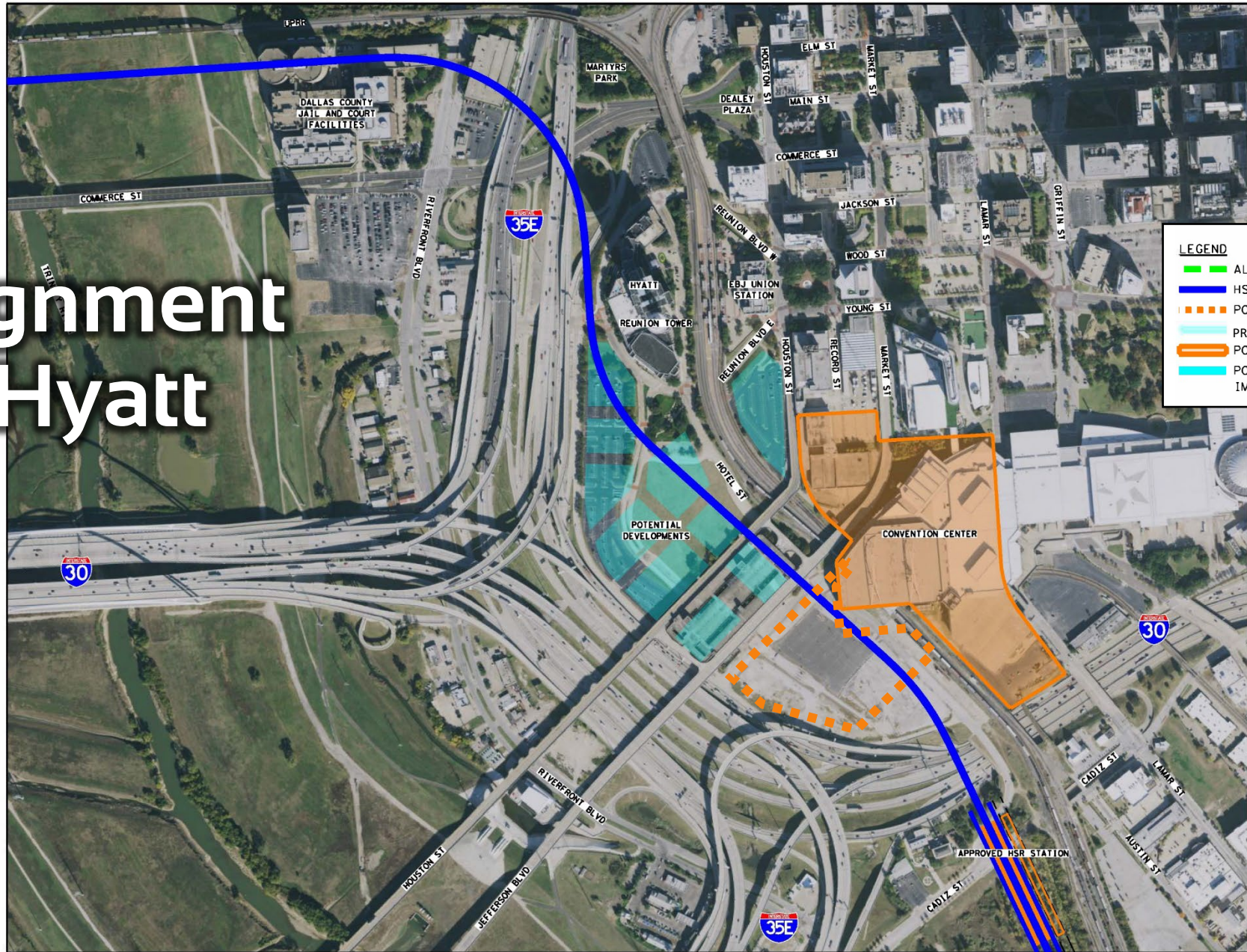


Approved Dallas High-Speed Rail Station with platform at 70'+ above existing ground

*Image Credit: Texas Central*



# HSR Alignment West of Hyatt



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- ALTERNATE PEOPLEMOVER / LOBBY
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- - - POTENTIAL TRAIN SHED
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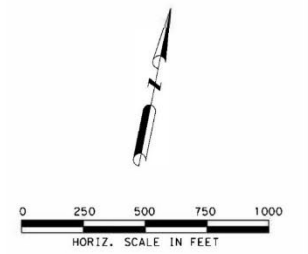
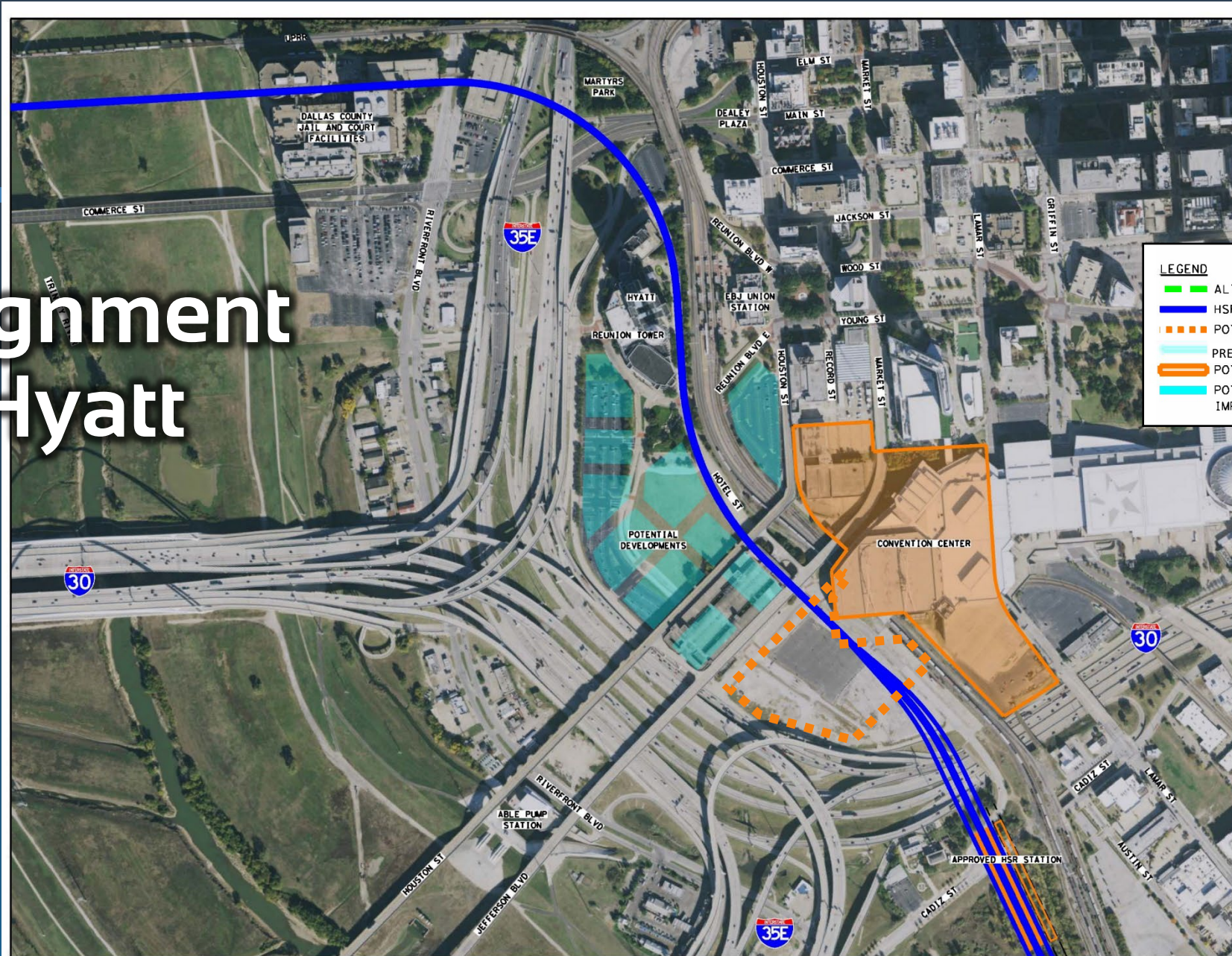
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# HSR Alignment East of Hyatt



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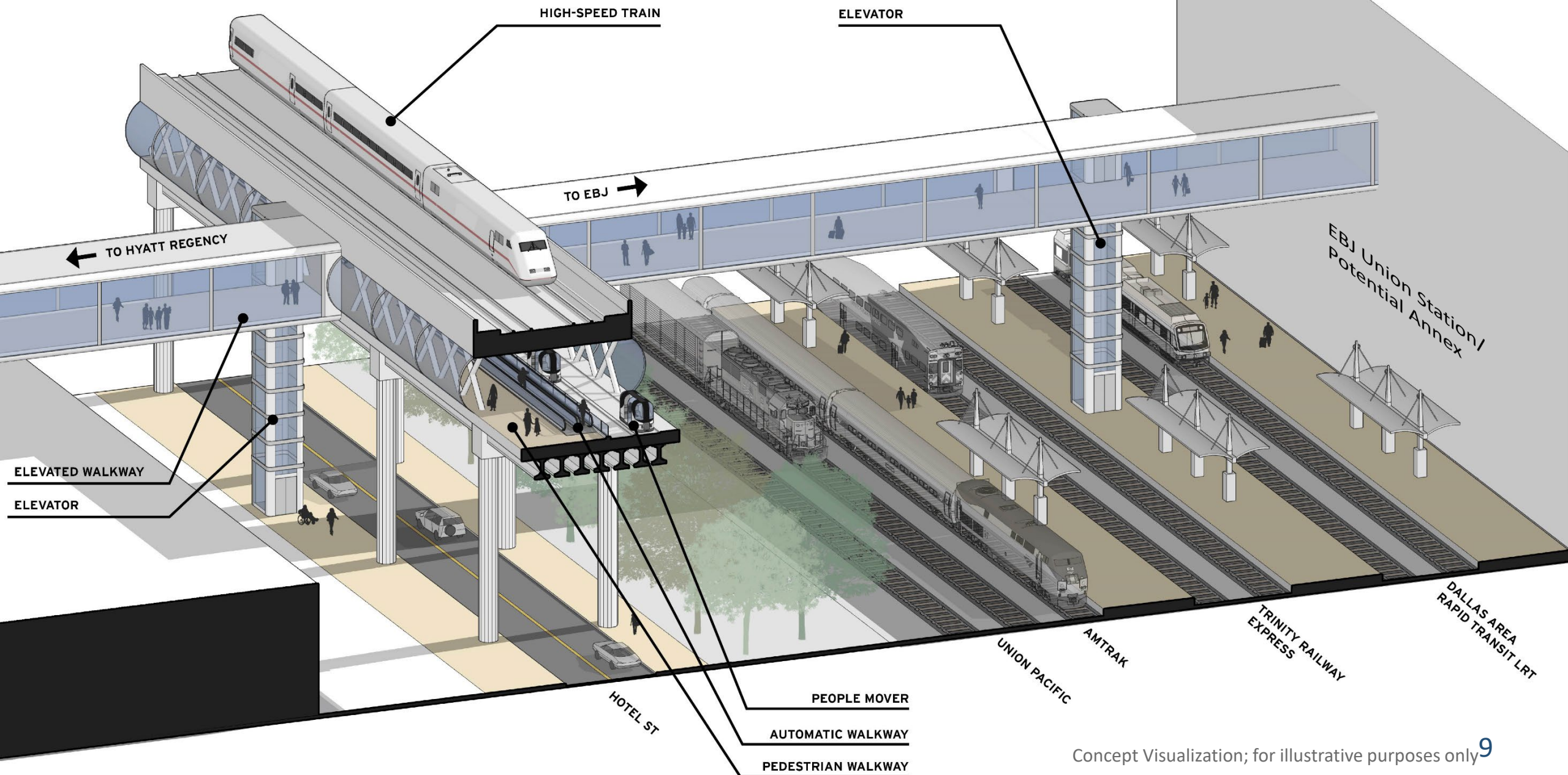
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# Leveraging HSR to Create Connections





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Hyatt Regency

EBJ Union Station /  
Potential Annex

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Potential Development

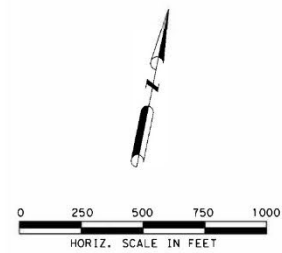
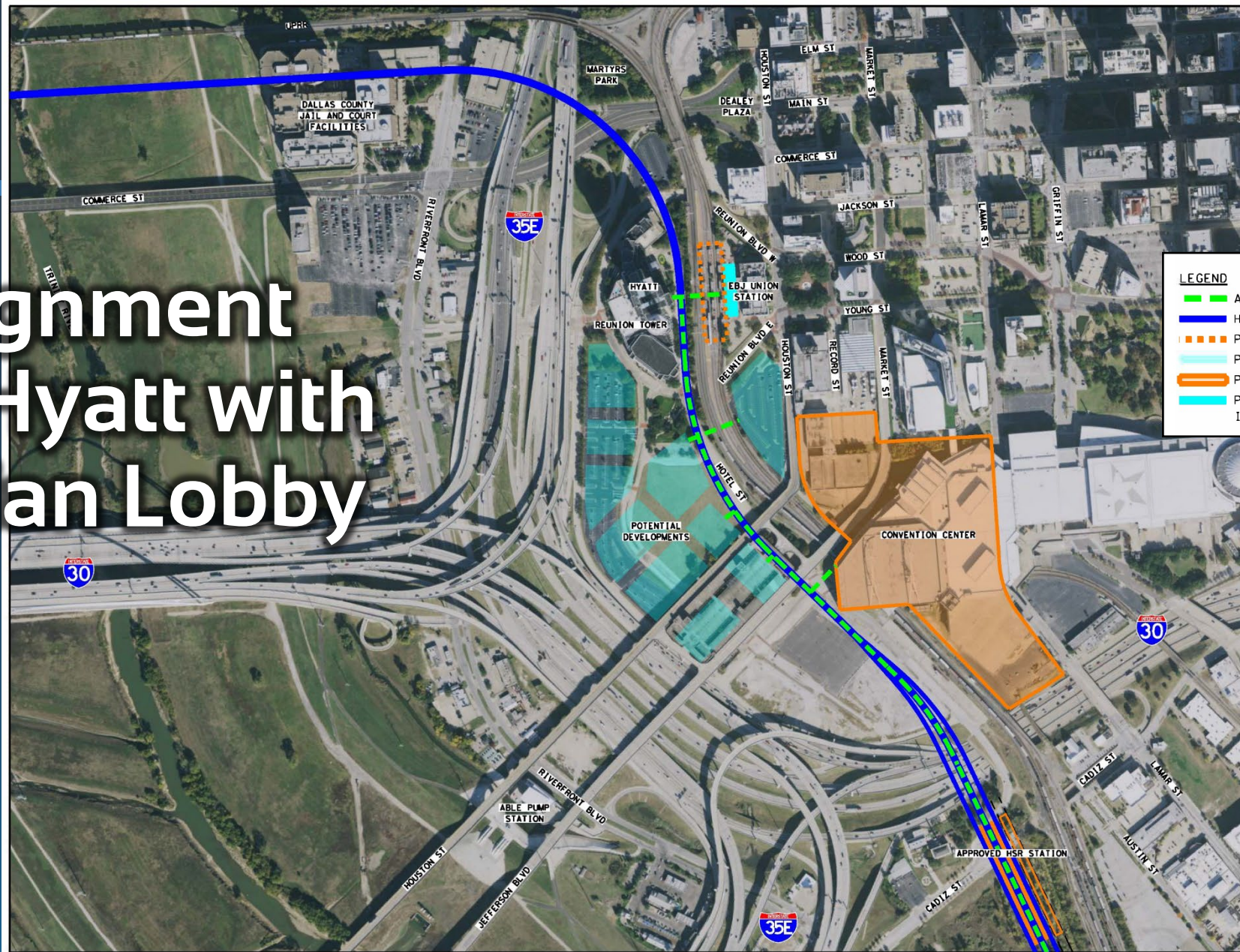
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# HSR Alignment East of Hyatt with Pedestrian Lobby



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**Alignment 2B Elevated - East of Hyatt Regency with Pedestrian Lobby**  
(Shown at 3/6/24 Dallas City Council)

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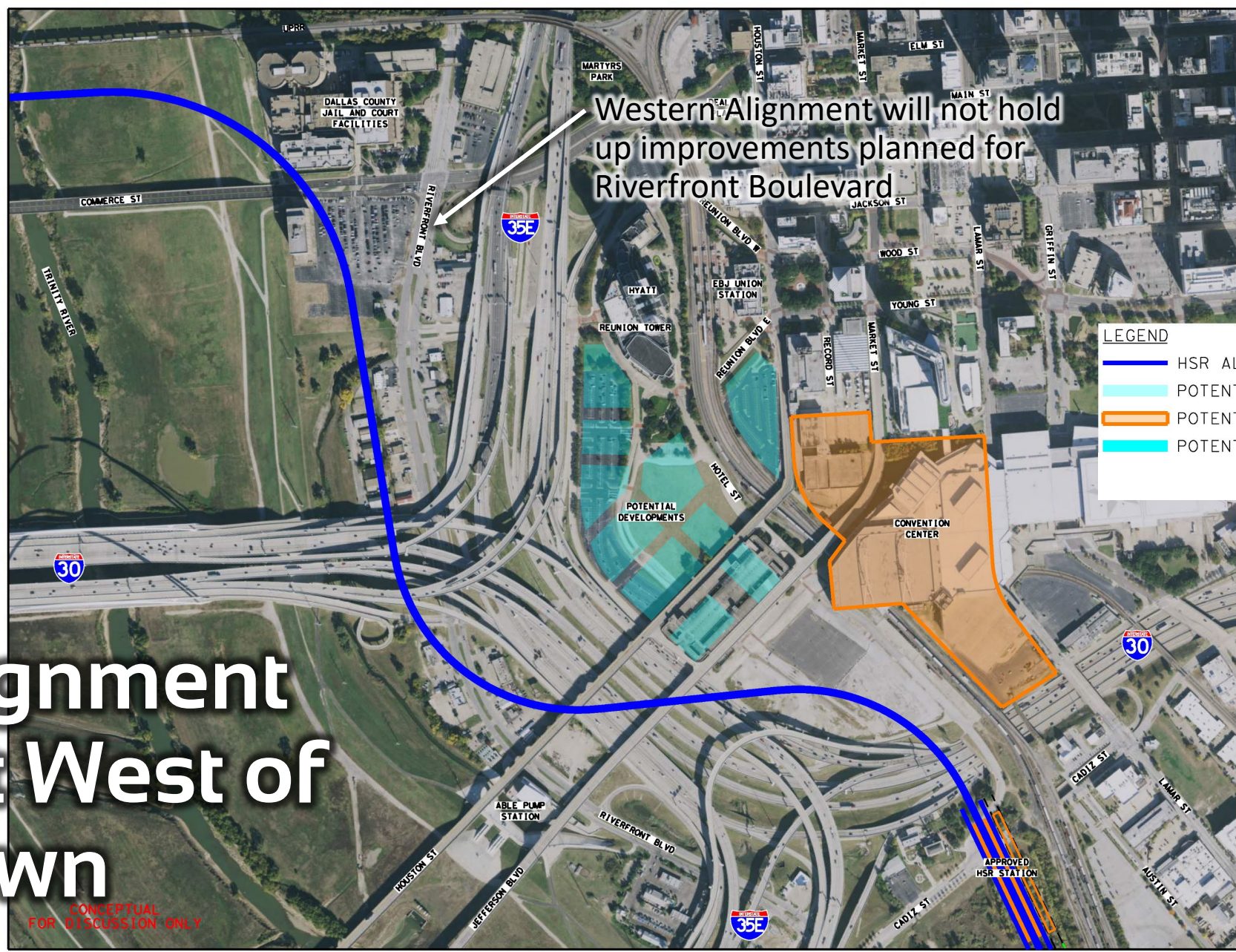
# Potential Connections between Points of Interest in Downtown Dallas

Connections between Points of Interest		2B. Elevated -	
		East of Hyatt Regency Hotel with Pedestrian Lobby (Shown at 3/6/24 Dallas City Council)	Family of Elevated Alignments West of Downtown (7/11/24 RTC Workshop)
6	Hyatt Regency Hotel to Union Station	✓	✗
5	Convention Center to Union Station	✓	✗
4	Convention Center to Convention Center Hotels	✓	✗
3	High Speed Rail to Union Station	✓	✗
2	High Speed Rail to Convention Center Hotels	✓	✗
1	High Speed Rail to Convention Center	✓	?

Note: Connections between points of interest considered to be direct, air conditioned/comfortable, and ADA accessible

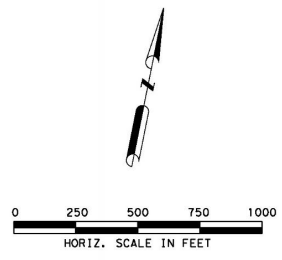


# HSR Alignment Concept West of Downtown



Western Alignment will not hold up improvements planned for Riverfront Boulevard

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  - POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS
  - POTENTIAL CONVENTION CENTER
  - POTENTIAL UNION STATION



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# Review of Public Engagement Throughout Study



# Public and Agency Engagement

## Over 300 meetings held since 2020

- Public meetings and open houses
- Technical Working Group meetings
- Federal and state coordination, monthly FTA/FRA meetings
- Technology Forum and one-on-ones with providers
- Transportation agencies and railroads
- Study area cities
- Elected officials
- Stakeholder interviews
- Community groups and organizations





# Public and Agency Engagement

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## Official Project Public Meetings – 14

- Virtual meetings in September 2020 (2), January 2021 (2), May 2021 (2)
- In-person open houses in October 2021 (4), August/September 2023 (4):  
Dallas, Grand Prairie, Arlington, Fort Worth

NCTCOG Hybrid Public Meetings (5) in February 2021, December 2022, April 2023, October 2023, May 2024

Elected Official Briefings (2) – January 2021, May 2021

All public meeting documents are available online at [www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs](http://www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs) under Presentations and Public Outreach Efforts

# Additional Engagement

## DFW High-Speed Update Newsletter

- Latest updates on progress
- Includes upcoming events for the public to attend

## Online Speaker Request Form

Staff continue to present to community groups and organizations

**DFW HIGH-SPEED UPDATE**

WINTER 2023

### Your High-Speed Rail; Your Input.

To engage the community and collect input on the Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connectors Study, open houses were held in Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie, and Dallas this fall. More than 200 people attended, and the presentations and meeting materials are available on the website of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) at [nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs](https://nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs).

"Our goal continues to be hearing the community's thoughts and concerns. Listening carefully affirms our direction for a successful completion of Phase 2," said Ian Bryant, AICP, HNTB Project Manager.

"We heard several common themes at each open house, and we are using community input to bolster our understanding of how this project could be successful," Bryant continued.

Expressing diverse opinions during the open houses, attendees commented on the proposed I-30 alignments, economic development opportunities, environmental effects, traffic congestion, and right-of-way acquisition.

Phase 2 public comments are varied. Open house participants in the study area saw the potential of a high-speed rail system providing energy-efficient public transit as an alternative to personal vehicles.

Laura from Dallas shared concerns about the effects of construction on ecosystems like the Trinity River. Beth from Fort Worth supports the project but is concerned about flooding and water quality.

"Environmental considerations are being addressed in depth during documentation for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a requirement of this federally funded initiative," said Dan Lamers, PE, NCTCOG Senior Project Manager.

NEPA considers the potential effects a project may have on the environment or community and proposes mitigation measures as needed. Learn more about NEPA here.

See Community, pg. 2

**Let Your Voice Be Heard!**  
Let's Talk About Travel Across DFW. We Want Your Feedback!  
[www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs](http://www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs)

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**Fall 2023 open house locations**

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**DFW HIGH-SPEED UPDATE**

### Phase 2 Public Comment Topics

\*Comments are listed based on the topic selected by the commenter. Comments were categorized as "other" when the commenter designated theirs as such or did not select a category. Some comments are listed under multiple categories.

Phil from Fort Worth wants to reduce the number of gas-powered vehicles on the road and supports this "necessary project for sustainable development."

Michael from Arlington noted, "the environmental impact of taking cars off the road would reach outweigh any construction impacts from this rail line."

**Arlington Health Central Texas Council of Governments open house**

The project team is also studying enhanced connections from the proposed Dallas high-speed rail station to Dallas Union Station, which would provide easy access to DART rail and bus networks connecting the greater Dallas area. A station location is also planned in the Arlington entertainment district.

The majority of the alignment (see pg. 4) is within the I-30 right-of-way, with portions of the track elevated, tunneled, or trench-cut-grade. "We are closely examining each piece of the alignment and proposing station locations and track elevations that would most benefit the community. Looking at the big picture of a regional transportation asset such as this is a core charge of NCTCOG," said Lamers.

Access the **open house report online** to read the complete list of public comments and responses.

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# Public Comments

- General comment form online asks for zip code, topic
- Online mapping tool asked for feedback on areas of significance and concern
- 263 total comments to date
  - Not in favor – 2%
- FAQs and responses to questions from previous meetings available

[www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs](http://www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs) see under Project Information (FAQs); Presentations and Public Outreach Efforts (Open House Summary)

**DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study**  
The DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study will review high-speed passenger service options in the Dallas to Fort Worth corridor.

[Open Project Documents](#) ▾

1) Please enter your comment below: \* Required

Please do not place any personally identifiable information (name, phone, or email) within your comment.

Topics that apply to your comment: (Select up to 3)

Environment    Environmental    Traffic    Right of Way    Other

How up to date with the project \* Required

Last Name \* Required

Last Name

How much do you know about the DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study? \* Required

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Example of comment form

Knowledge meter before and after 2023 open house

# Project Information

- Project information online in English and Spanish
- Sign up for project notices
- View future public meeting dates
- Request a speaker
- Provide comments or questions:
  - Electronic comment form online
  - In writing to DFW-HSTC Study, P.O. Box 5888, Arlington, Texas 76005
  - Email: [HST\\_DFW@nctcog.org](mailto:HST_DFW@nctcog.org)

The screenshot shows the website for the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The header includes the organization's name, a logo, and navigation links such as 'About Us / Contact Us' and 'Select Language'. Below the header is a search bar and a navigation menu with categories like 'AGENCY ADMINISTRATION', 'AGING SERVICES', 'ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT', 'EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS', 'ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT', 'EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR', 'NCT 9-1-1', 'PUBLIC SAFETY', 'REGIONAL DATA', 'WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS', and 'TRANSPORTATION'. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Transportation > Regional Planning & Projects > Transit Management and Planning > General Public Information > Transit Planning Activities > Transit Planning Projects > High-Speed Rail > DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study'. The title of the page is 'DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study'. Below the title, there is a sub-header 'Current study of high-speed options Dallas to Fort Worth:' followed by a bulleted list of study activities: 'Analyzing Potential Routes', 'Evaluating Potential Vehicles', 'Developing Operations/Service Plans', 'Preparing Preliminary Engineering', and 'Compiling Environmental Documentation'. To the right of this list is a logo for 'HIGH-SPEED TRANSPORTATION DALLAS-FORT WORTH'. Below the list, a paragraph states: 'The North Central Texas Council of Governments initiated the DFW High-Speed transportation Connections Study in the spring of 2020 to evaluate high-speed transportation between Dallas and Fort Worth, with a goal of connecting to other proposed high-performance passenger systems in the state and enhancing the Dallas-Fort Worth regional transportation system. Other regional high-speed efforts can be found on NCTCOG's [High-Speed Rail webpage](#).' On the right side of the page, there is a vertical navigation menu with dropdown arrows, listing categories: 'Regional Planning & Projects', 'Congestion Management', 'Maps, Models & Data', 'Quality of Life', 'Funding & Business', and 'Plans, Studies, Reports'.

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# Study Context and Review of Purpose and Need



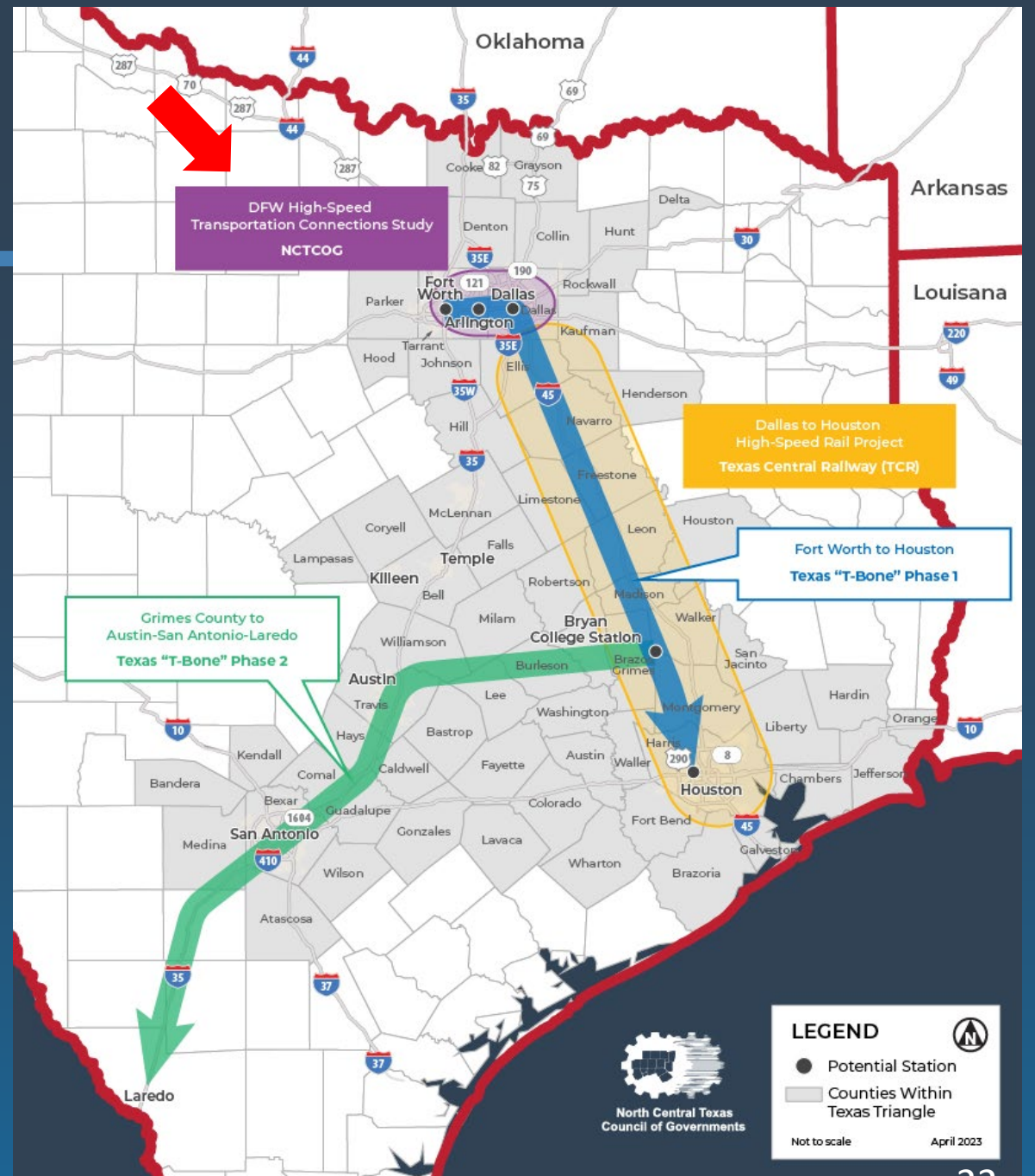
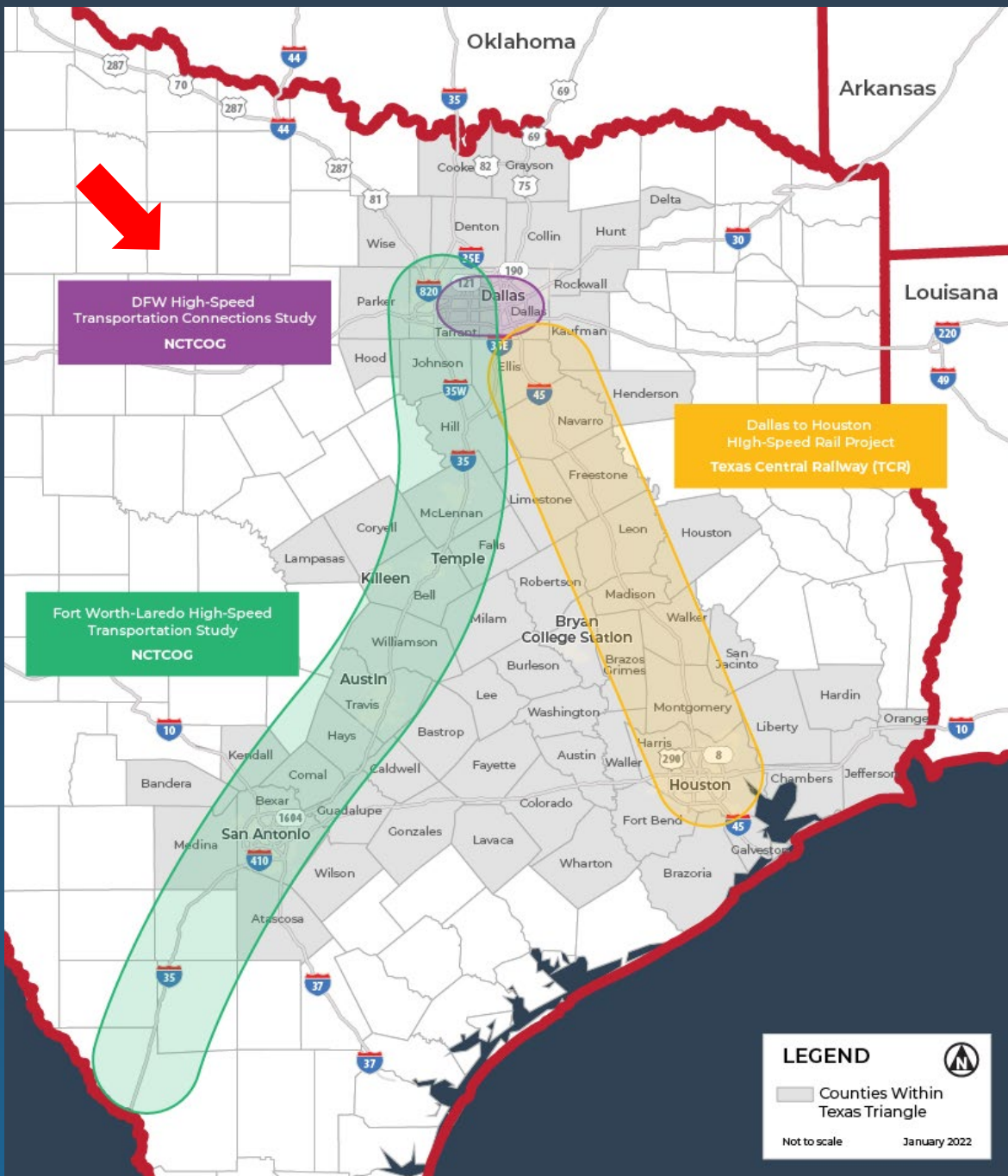


# Milestones Leading to NCTCOG HSR Study

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- Texas Central advanced Dallas to Houston (c. 2014)
- RTC passed resolution supporting “one-seat” ride and three station concept; included in Mobility 2040 (2016)
- TxDOT/FRA completed Texas-Oklahoma Passenger Rail Study and Alternatives Analysis for DFW Core Express Service (2017)
- Station Area Studies for Dallas, Arlington, Fort Worth (2017)
- NCTCOG initiated Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connections Study (2020)







# Proposed Network of Preferred Routes

## Dallas-Fort Worth Future Central Hub for National Rail Network

### Legend

#### Baseline Network

— Long-Distance, Northeast Corridor, State-Supported, Baseline Projects

#### Preferred Routes

- Chicago – Miami
- Dallas/Fort Worth – Miami
- Denver – Houston
- Los Angeles – Denver
- Phoenix – Minneapolis/St. Paul
- Dallas/Fort Worth – New York
- Houston – New York
- Seattle – Denver
- San Antonio – Minneapolis/St. Paul
- San Francisco – Dallas/Fort Worth
- Detroit – New Orleans
- Denver – Minneapolis/St. Paul
- Seattle – Chicago
- Dallas/Fort Worth – Atlanta
- El Paso – Billings

Further analysis and identification of funding after completion of this study would be necessary to advance the preferred routes through project planning and project development activities prior to implementation.

Presented at Regional Working Group Meetings February 2024

\*Potentially 6 new long-distance routes through Dallas-Fort Worth identified in FRA's Long-Distance Service Study



# Federal Transit Administration Process

NCTCOG Focus:  
Public-Private Partnerships

Alternatives  
Analysis  
(2 years)

Pre-NEPA  
Refinement  
(2 years)

NEPA  
(1 year)

Explore Opportunities for Funding and  
Implementation by P3 or Amtrak

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

2027

We are here

## Federal Railroad Administration Process

NCTCOG Focus:  
Federal Funding

Corridor Identification  
and Development Program

\*NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act

# Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connections Study

## Study Purpose

- **CONNECT** Dallas-Fort Worth to other proposed high-performance passenger systems in the state (Texas Triangle)
- Obtain federal **ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL** of the viable alternative

**RTC P21-01 Policy (2021)** reaffirmed support for:

- ❖ One-Seat Ride
- ❖ Three Station Concept

## Study Phases

### ✓ **Phase 1: Alternatives Analysis**

- Alignments and Modes
- RTC advances IH 30 Corridor through Policy P21-01

### ✓ **Phase 2: Pre-NEPA Refinement**

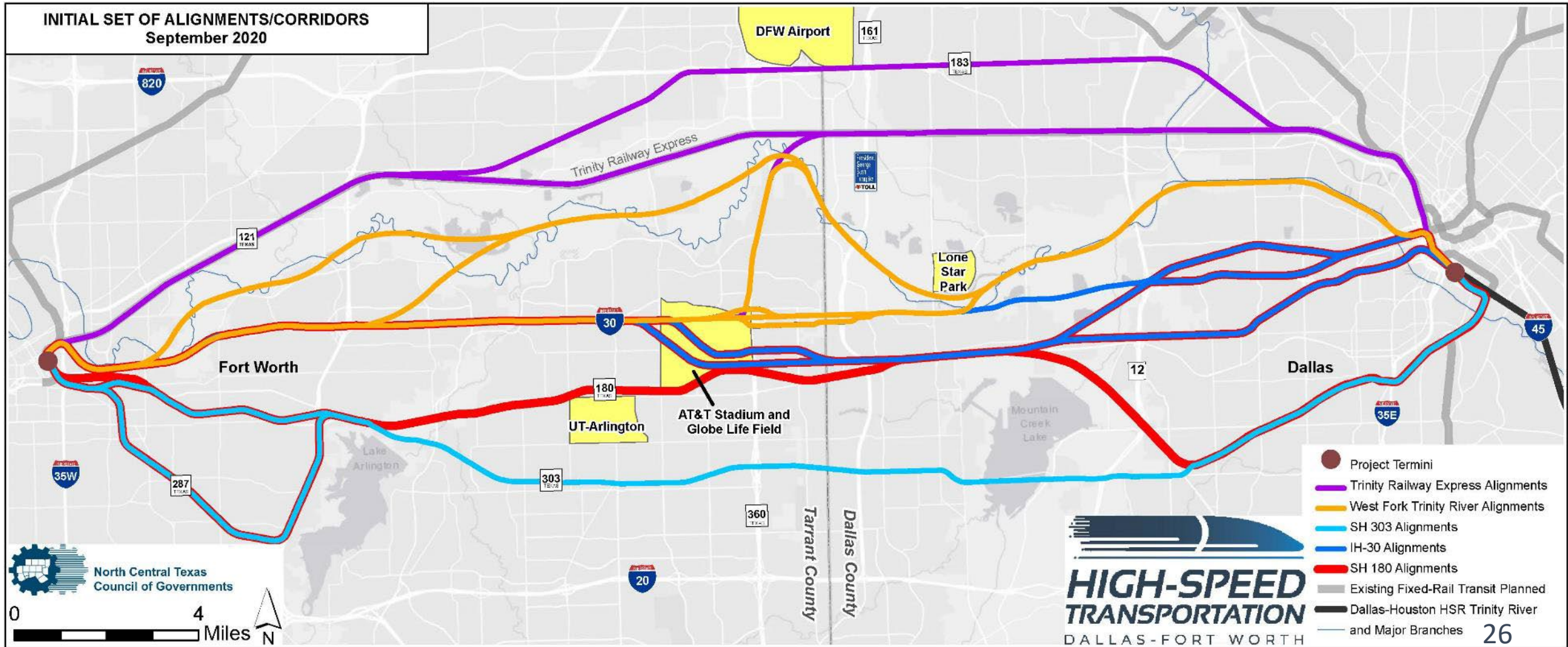
- Alignment Refinement
- Urban Connections Screening

### **We are here** → **Phase 2: NEPA**

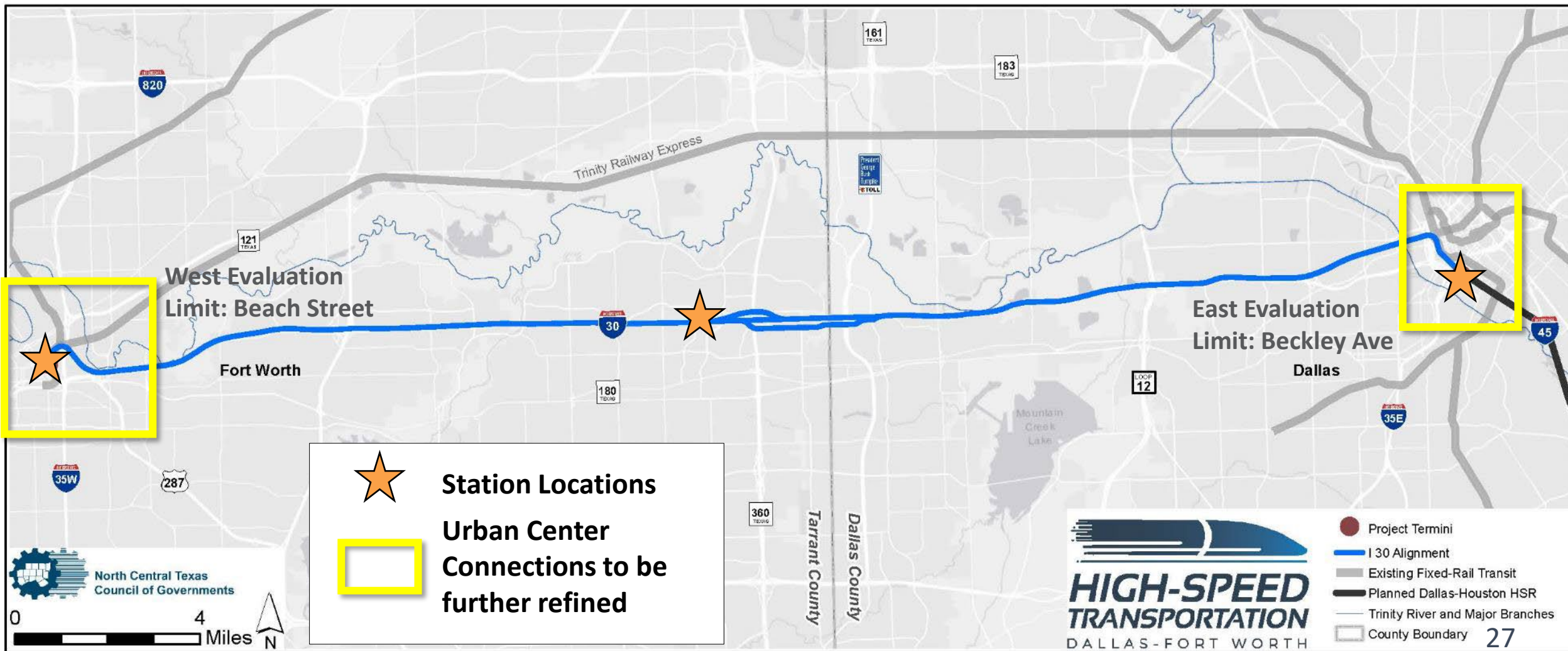
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# Initial Set of Alignments/Corridors (Fall 2020)



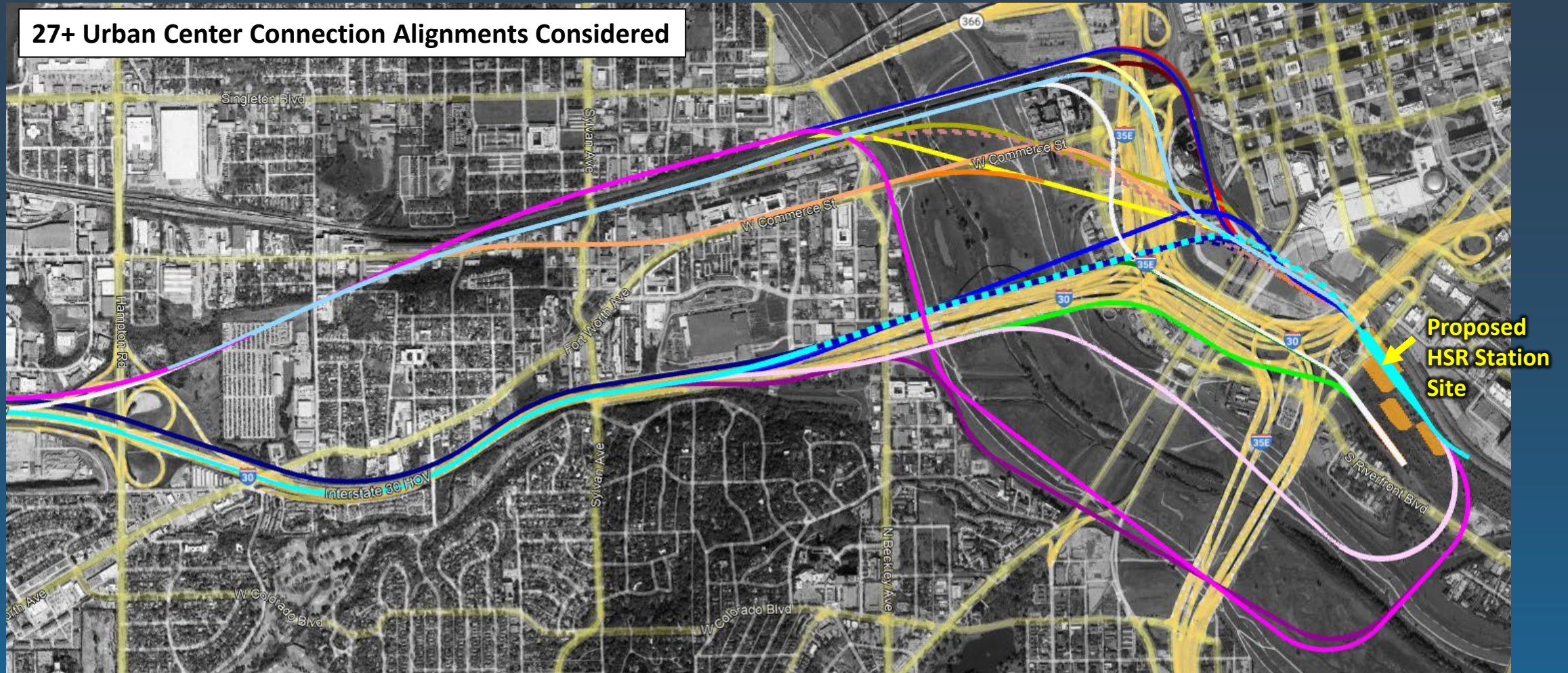
# Phase 1 Results – Alignments (Summer 2021)





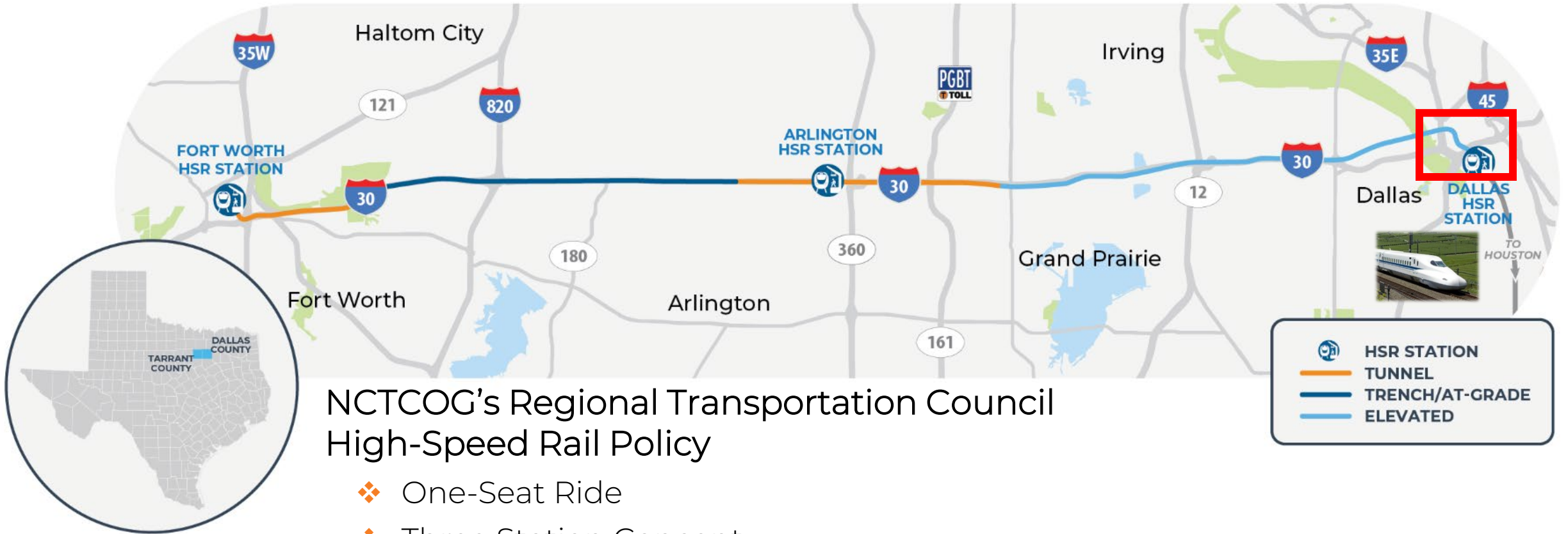
# Example Urban Center Connections (September 2021 - Dallas)

27+ Urban Center Connection Alignments Considered





# Alignment for NEPA Review (Early 2024)



## NCTCOG's Regional Transportation Council High-Speed Rail Policy

- ❖ One-Seat Ride
- ❖ Three Station Concept



# Supplemental Materials

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Under newly added “RTC Workshop July 2024” banner on [www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs](http://www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs):

- Today’s Agenda and Presentation Slides
- Information on Elected Official Briefings
- 3/6/2024 Presentation to Dallas City Council
- Dallas Alignment Whitepapers
- Past Resolutions and Policies
- Responsive Information to Public Comments and City of Dallas Questions

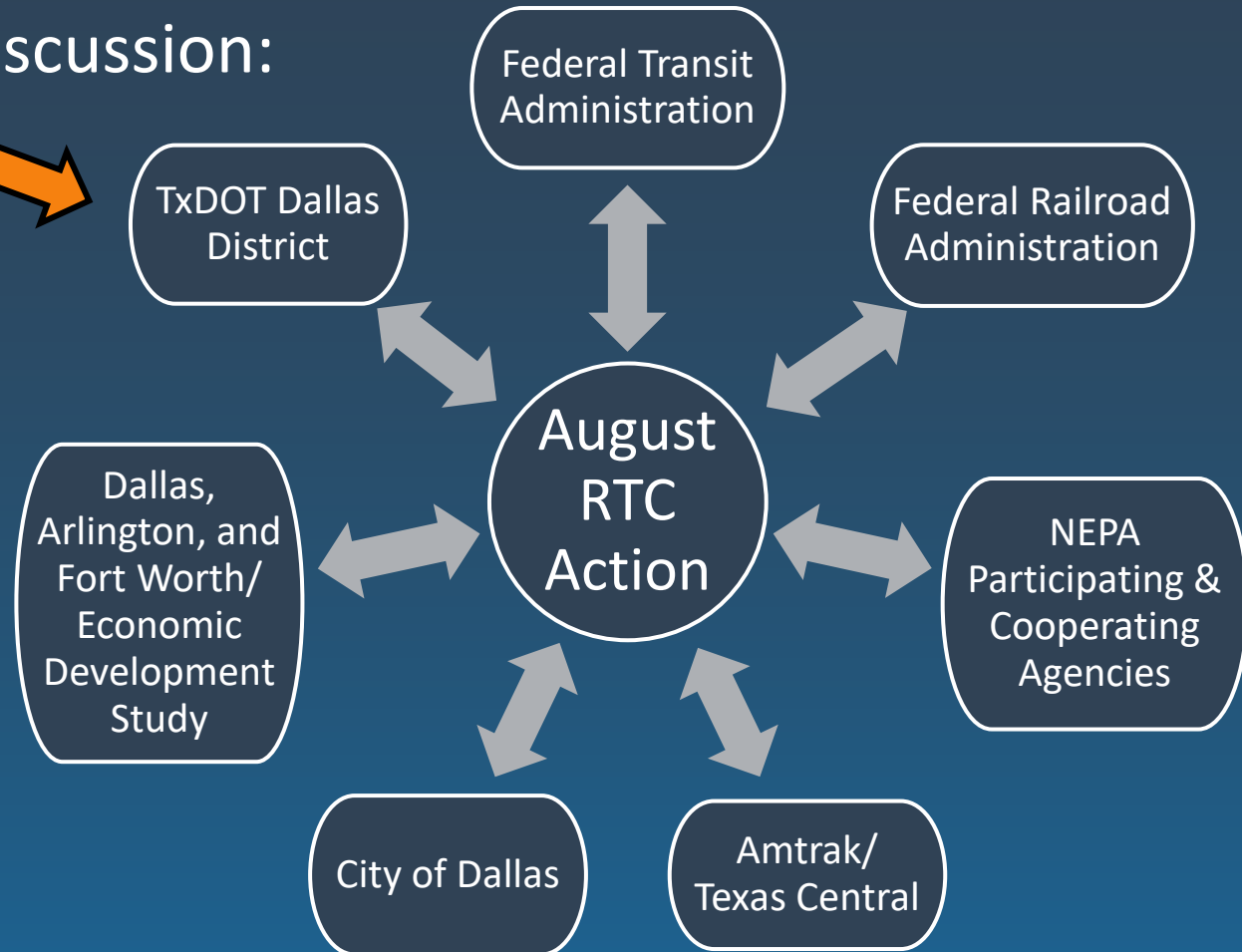




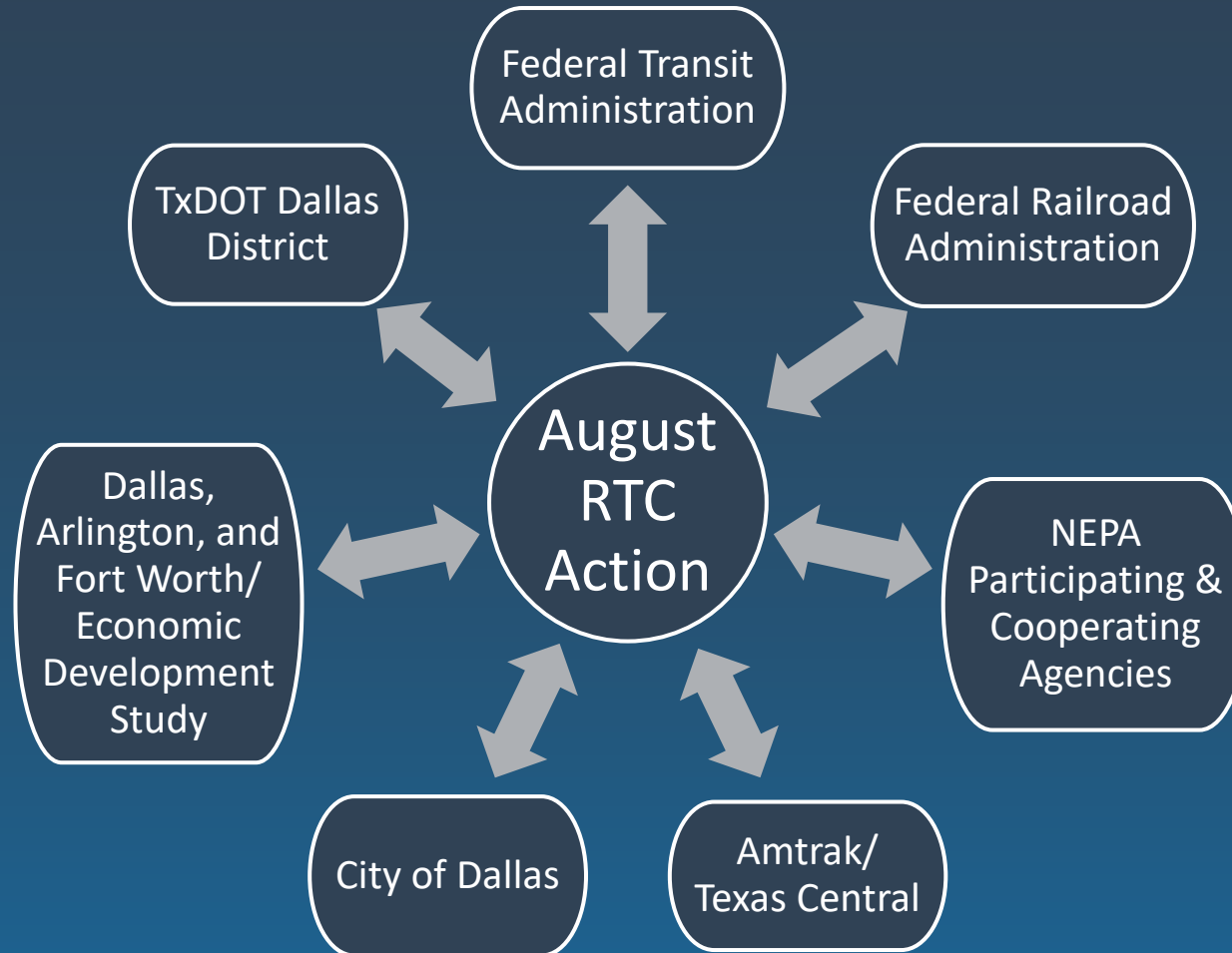
# Path Forward

Following result of today's discussion:

- Project team meetings
- Public Meeting (hybrid)
- August RTC Action on Next Steps



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# Supporting Information



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# Dallas to Fort Worth High-Speed Rail Corridor Characteristics

What are expected travel times along corridor? Can it really get to “high” speed?

Yes – “high” speed is defined as over 125 mph

## Fort Worth to Dallas

Express Run: Max Speed = 160 mph, 21-minute travel time  
Arlington Stop: Max Speed = 160 mph, 25-minute travel time

## Dallas to Houston

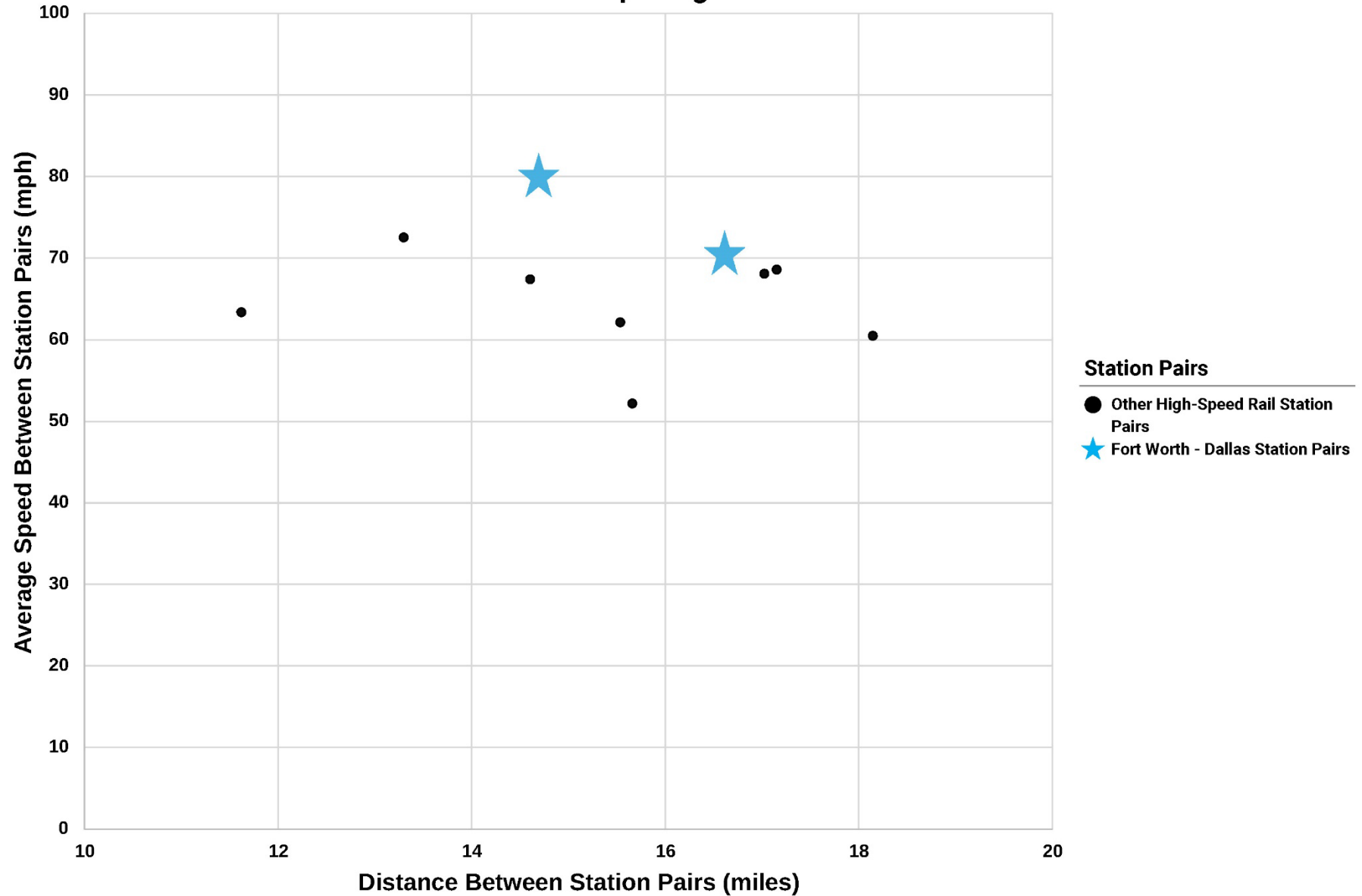
Max Speed = 200+ mph, 90-minute travel time

## Fort Worth to Houston\*

Max Speed = 200+ mph, approximately 2-hour travel time



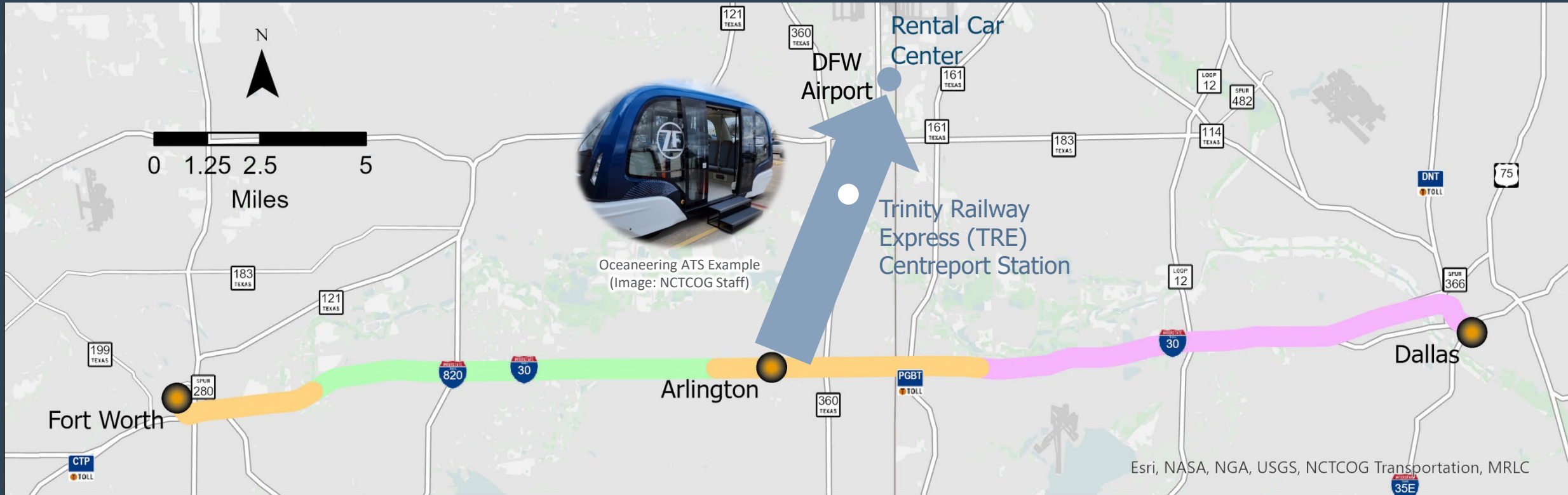
## Comparing High-Speed Rail Station Pairs: 10 International Examples with Similar Spacing



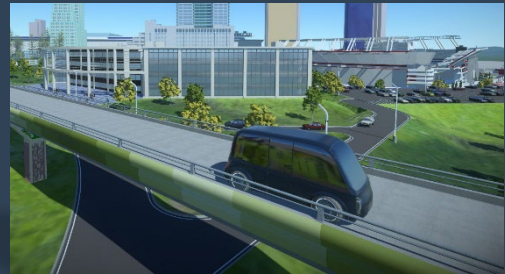
**Notes:**

- The station pairs shown are located in Japan, Germany, and Italy.

# Arlington HSR-Airport ATS<sup>1</sup> Link



<sup>1</sup> Automated Transportation System (ATS) recommendation provides dedicated connectivity between proposed HSR Station, TRE Centreport Station, and DFW Airport



● Airport Link Stations	High Speed Rail
➔ Airport Link	● Elevated
● High Speed Rail Stations	● Trench/At-Grade
	● Tunnel





# Explanation of DFW Growth Visualization *Focused on TRE and HSR*

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Model and Data Development





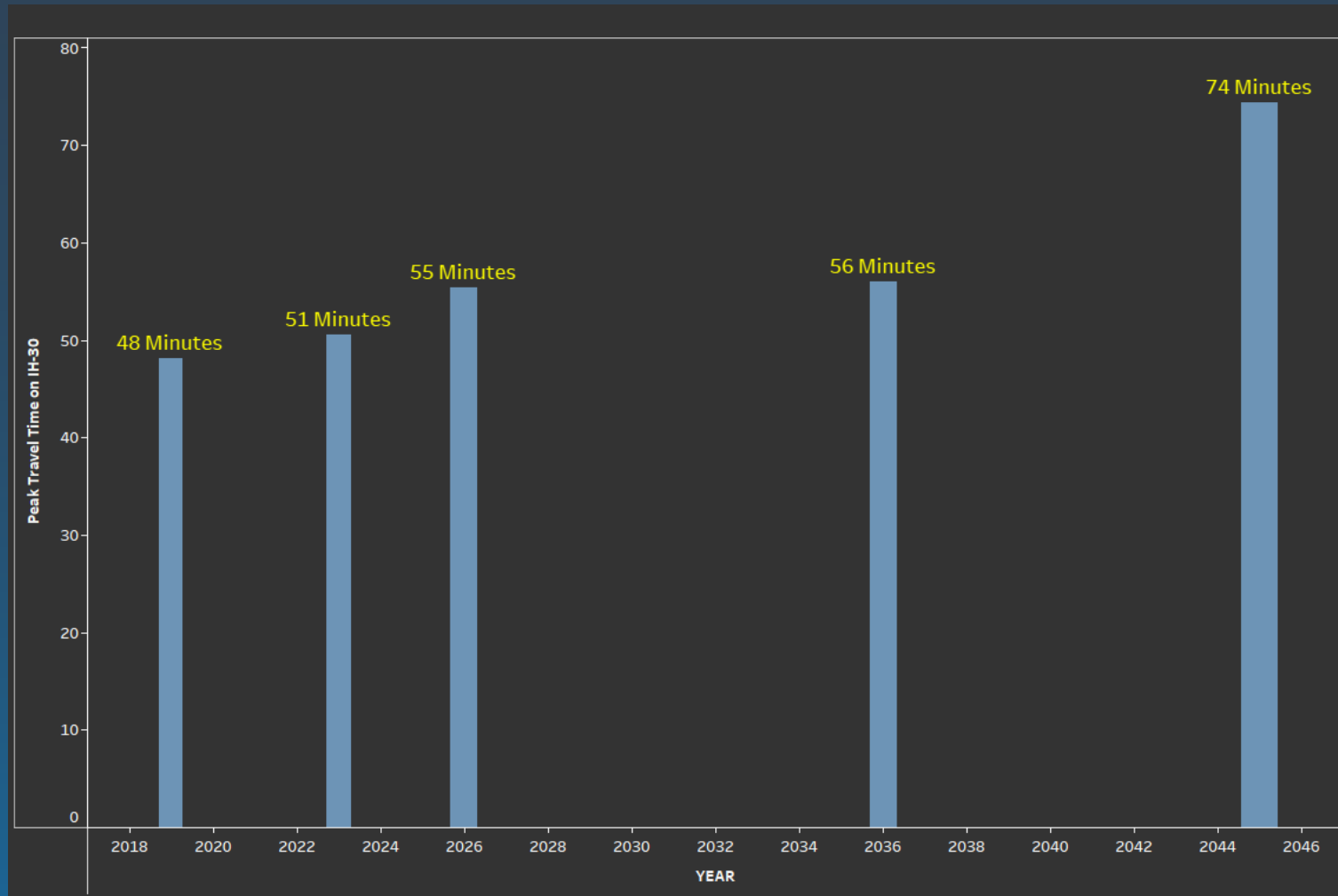
# DFW Regional Growth - 2019 to 2045

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- Rush hour travel times on IH 30 between two CBDs are significantly longer
- DFW's demographics increase dramatically for both Population and Employment
- Roadway congestion gets worse
- TRE ridership increases continuously
- Introduction of HSR in 2045 will not impact TRE's service since they serve different markets

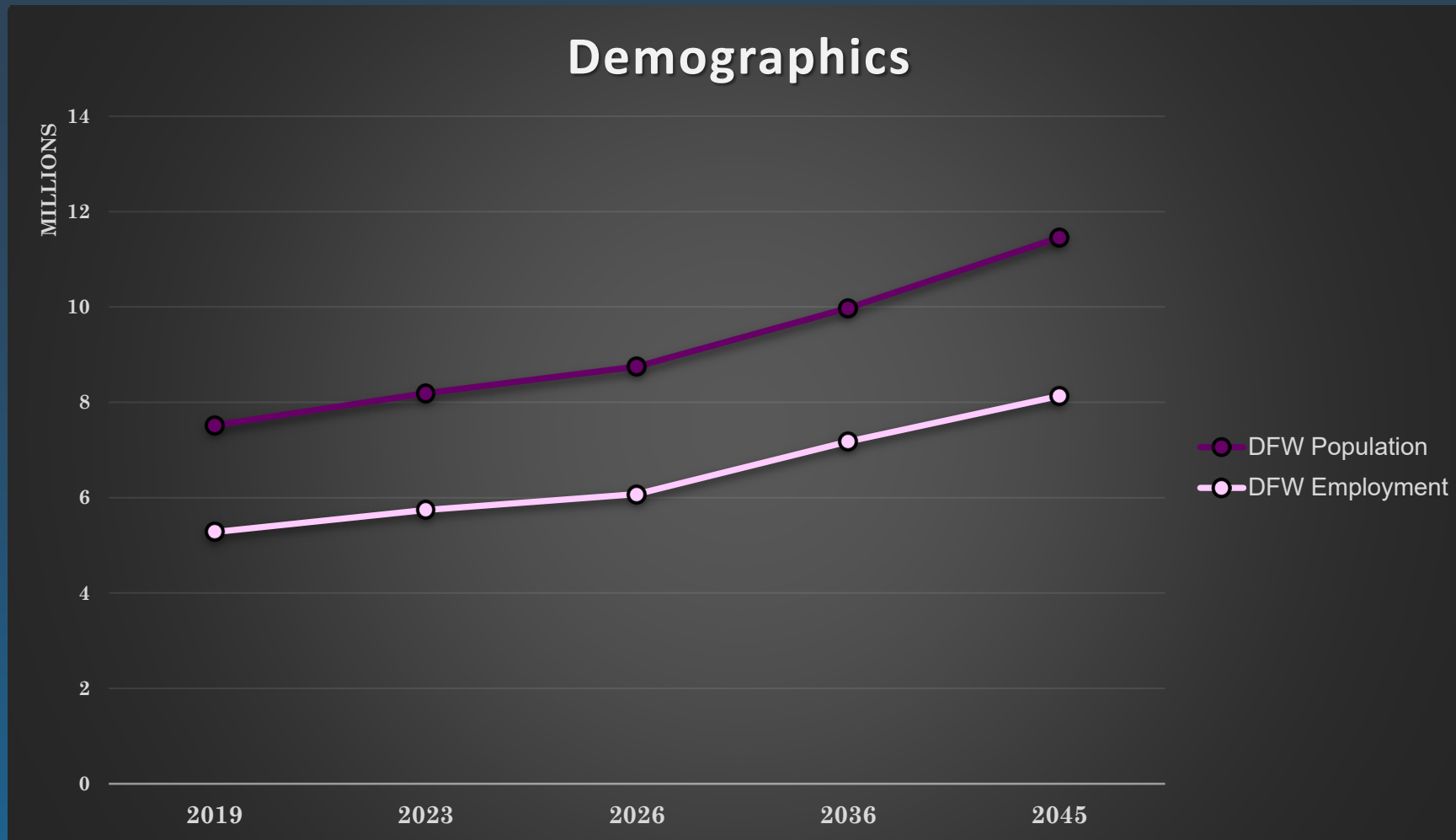


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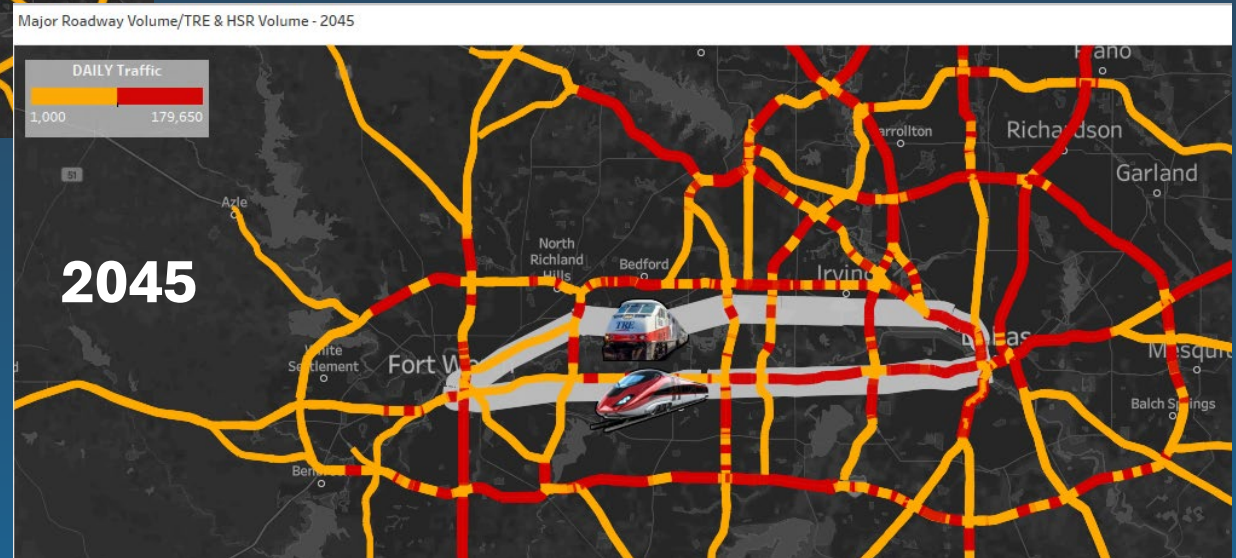
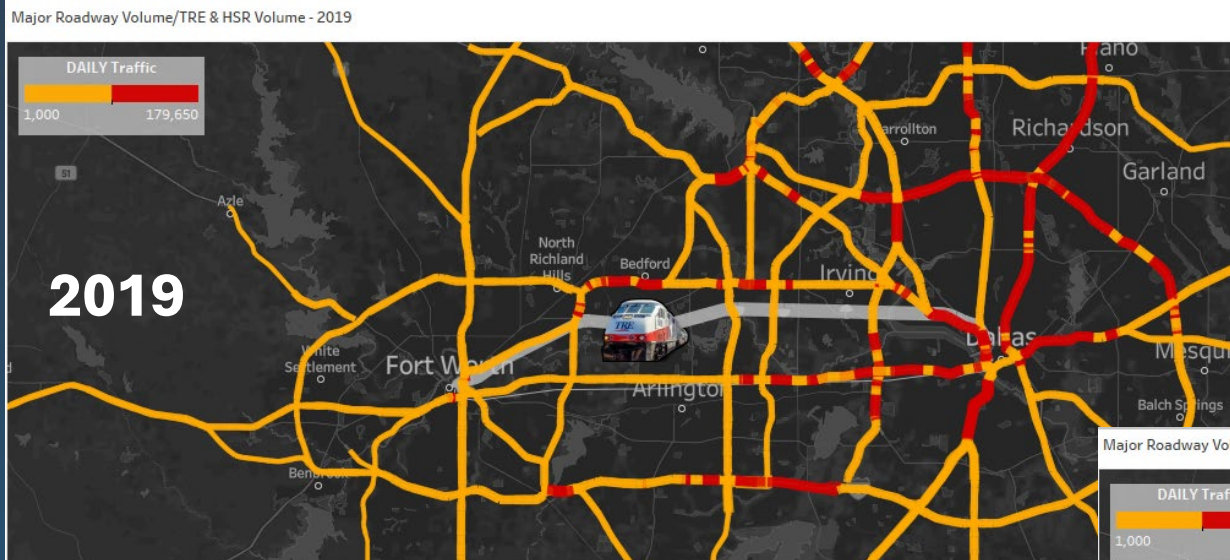




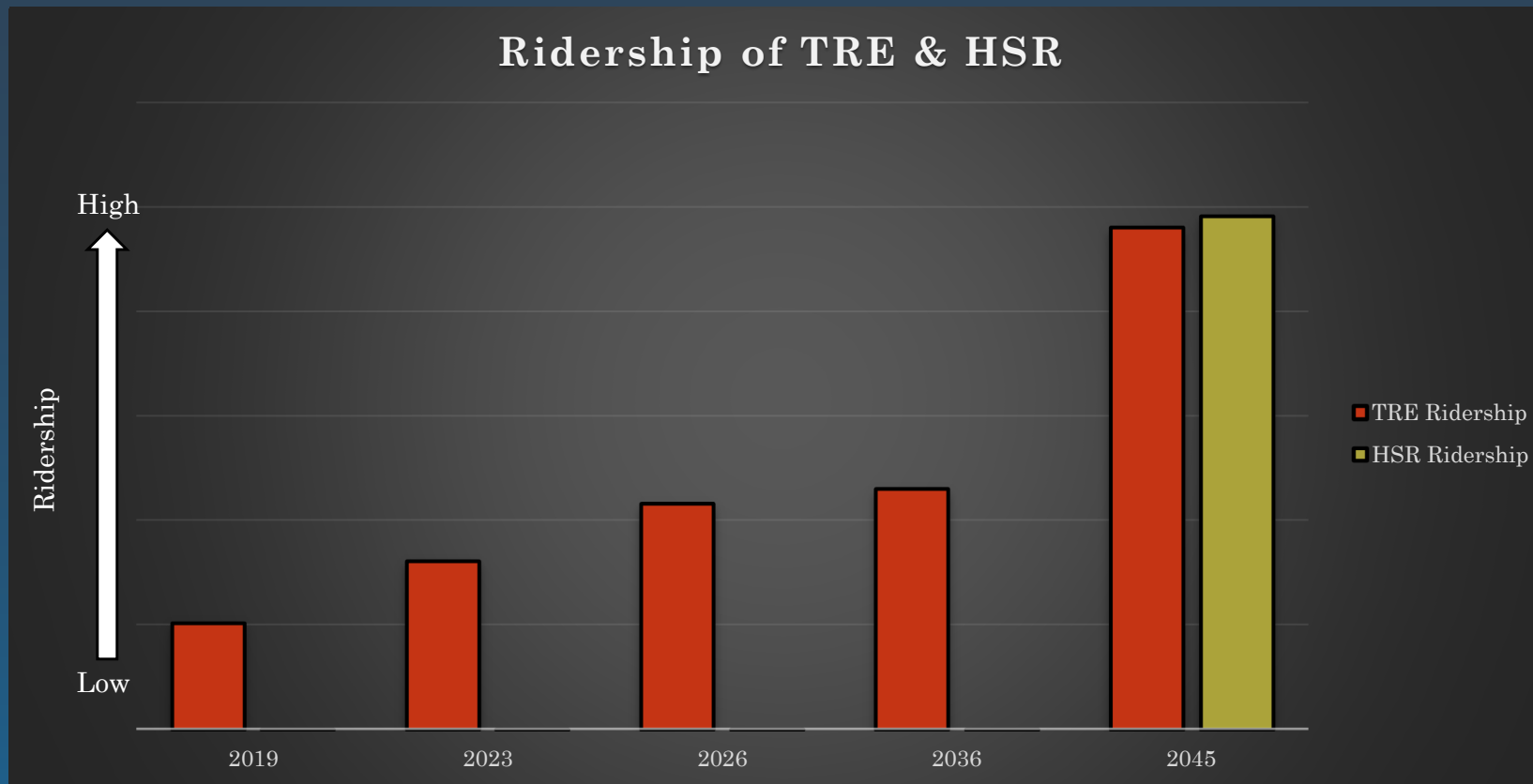
# DFW's Demographics Increase Dramatically for both Population and Employment



# Roadway Congestion Gets Worse



# TRE Ridership Increases Continuously and HSR Will Not Impact TRE's Ridership





# Why Not Upgrade the TRE?



## Upgraded TRE

Max Speed: Less than 125 mph (at-grade service limited by FRA regulation)

End-to-End Travel Time: Slightly longer than High-Speed Rail

Competes for capacity in busy corridor with varying speeds; dedicated track requires significant additional right-of-way

At-grade crossings introduce safety and reliability risk

Violates “one-seat” ride purpose; significant transfer delay (see Dallas Alignment Whitepapers)

## High-Speed Rail in IH 30 Corridor

Max Speed: 160± mph (based on corridor geometry)

End-to-End Travel Time: 21 minutes express and 25 minutes with Arlington stop

Leverages existing IH 30 highway corridor to minimize impacts and additional right-of-way needs

Grade-separated and fully dedicated corridor prioritizes safety and reliability

Best serves intercity market with continuous service from Dallas-Fort Worth region to Houston and beyond with “one-seat” ride

# TxDOT/FRA: DFW Core Express Alternatives Analysis Study

## [Link to Study](#)

- Alternatives Analysis completed in 2017
- Study unable to advance beyond Alternatives Analysis due to federal funding lapse
- NCTCOG commented (4/20/2017) on final results, expressing concerns/disappointment in:
  - Lack of cooperation and partnership with local governments
  - Limited alignment evaluation (majority of alternatives focused on differing speeds, not differing corridors)
  - Regional one-seat ride policy not honored
  - Unproven ridership forecasting methodology

# Value of Time in Transit: In-Vehicle vs. Out-of-Vehicle

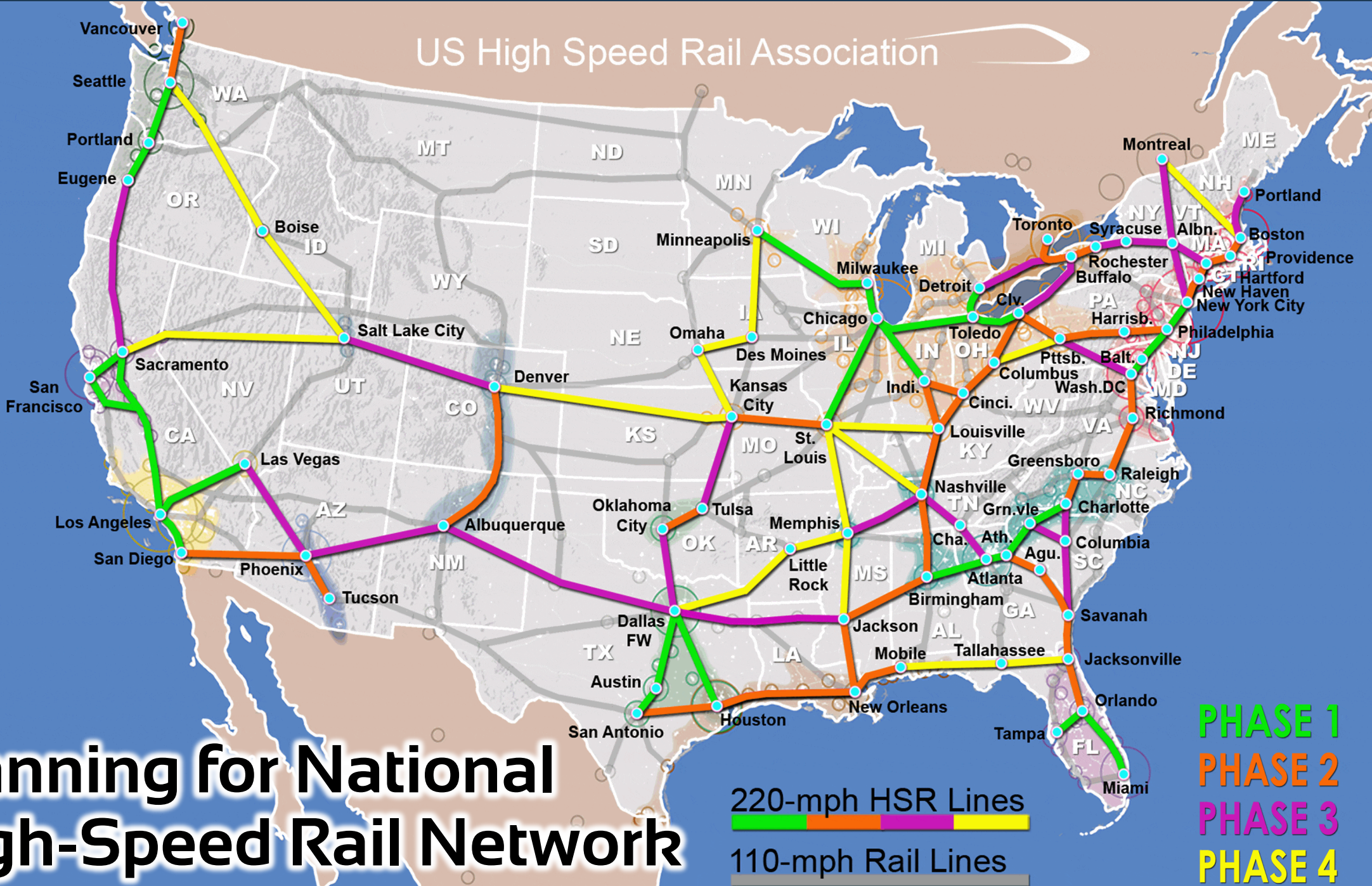
Related to Option 4 – Subway Alignment Coterminus with Approved Dallas High-Speed Rail Station – in Dallas Alignment Whitepapers

- Estimated time for passengers to transfer between train at elevated platform (approximately 75 feet above grade) and subway train at tunnel platform (100+ feet below grade) is 20 minutes (measured between arrival and departure of trains)
- 20-minute transfer time translates to 40-minute penalty for passengers

“Transit riders are very sensitive to out-of-vehicle time. Among various types of out-of-vehicle time, waiting time is the most onerous factor for transit users (Cervero 1990). In practice, the rule of thumb is that walking and waiting time are valued twice as much as in-vehicle time...”

Iseki, H.; Taylor, B.; and Miller, M. (2006). [The Effects of Out-of-Vehicle Time on Travel Behavior: Implications for Transit Transfers](#). Submitted to CALTRANS.





# Planning for National High-Speed Rail Network

220-mph HSR Lines  
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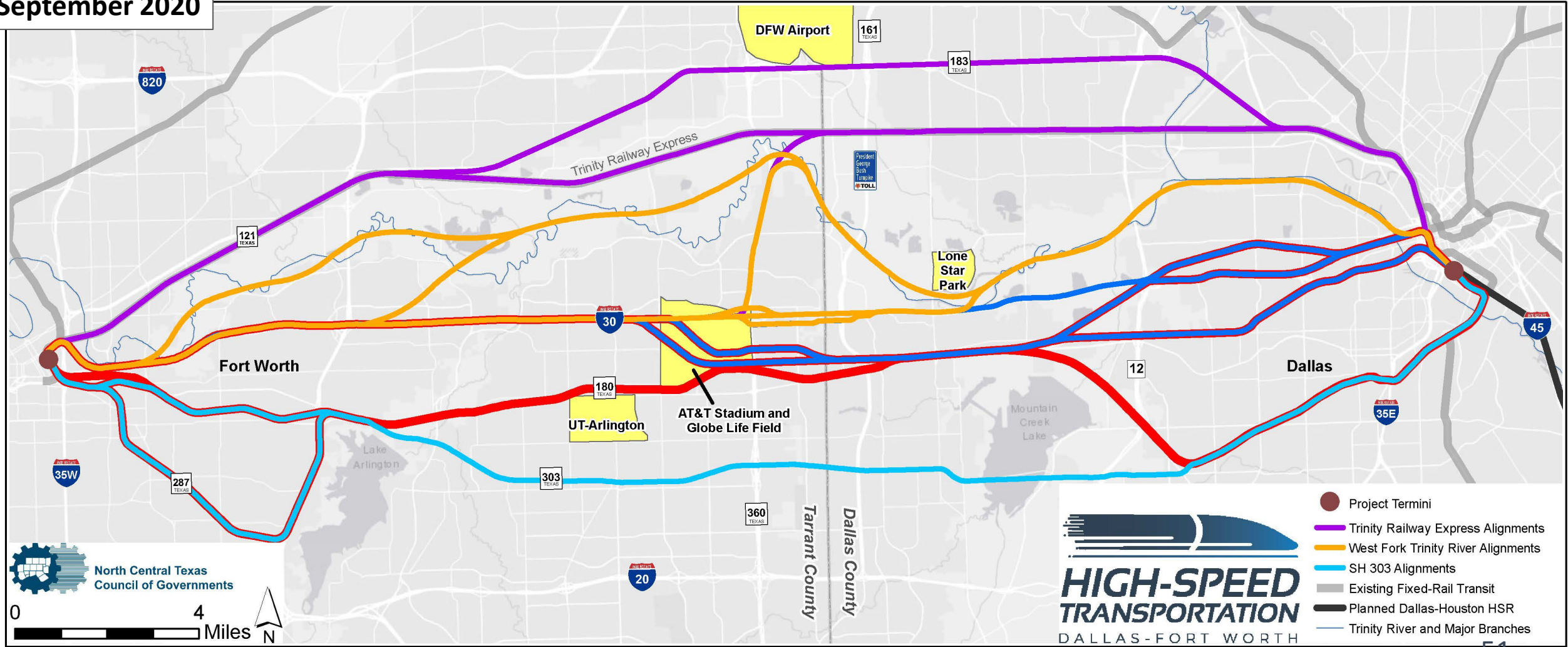


# Alignment Screening



# Initial Set of Alignments/Corridors

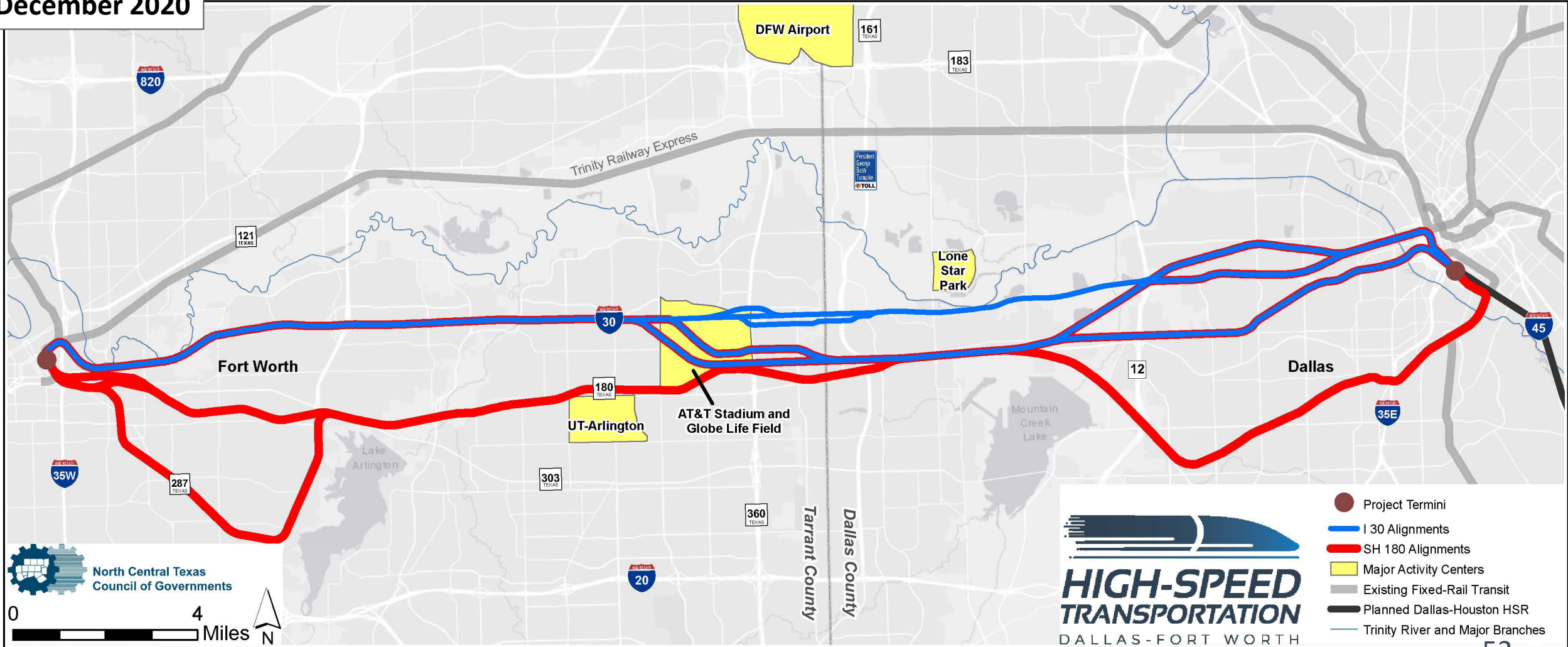
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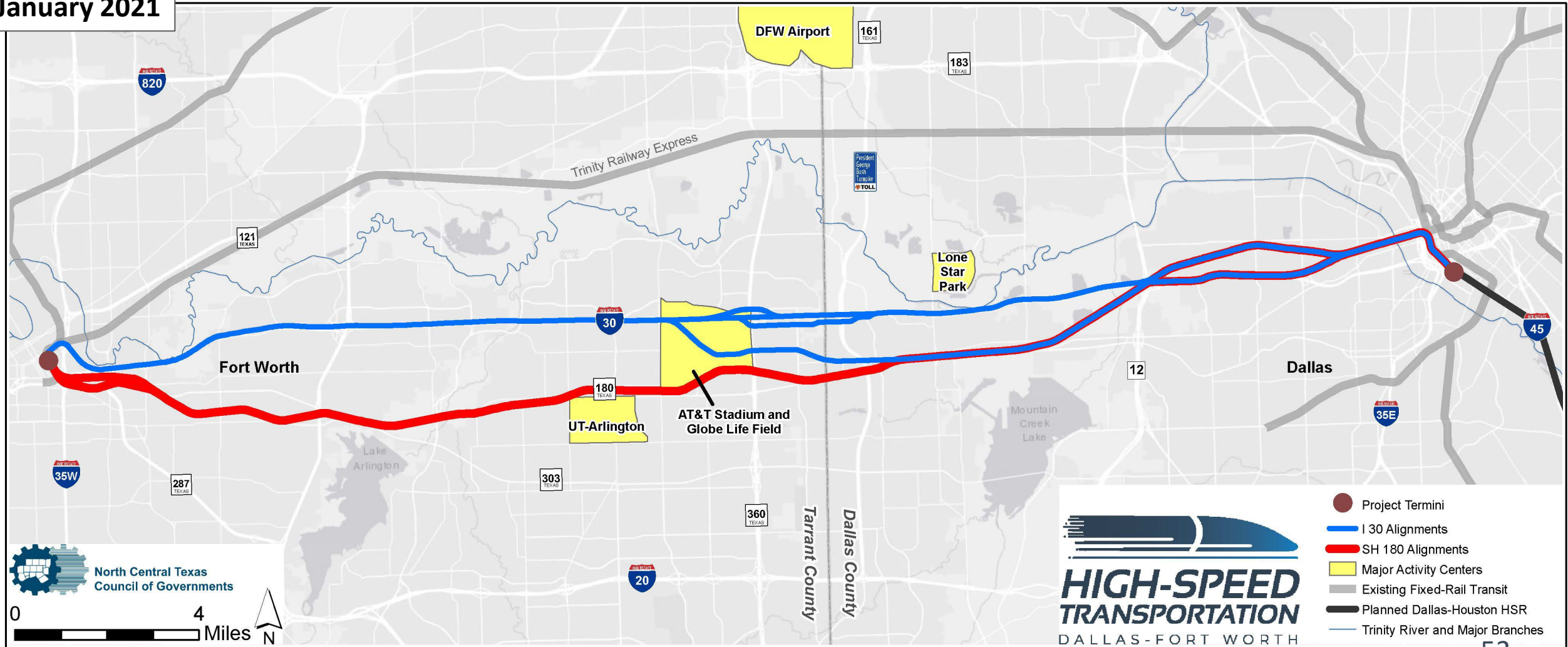
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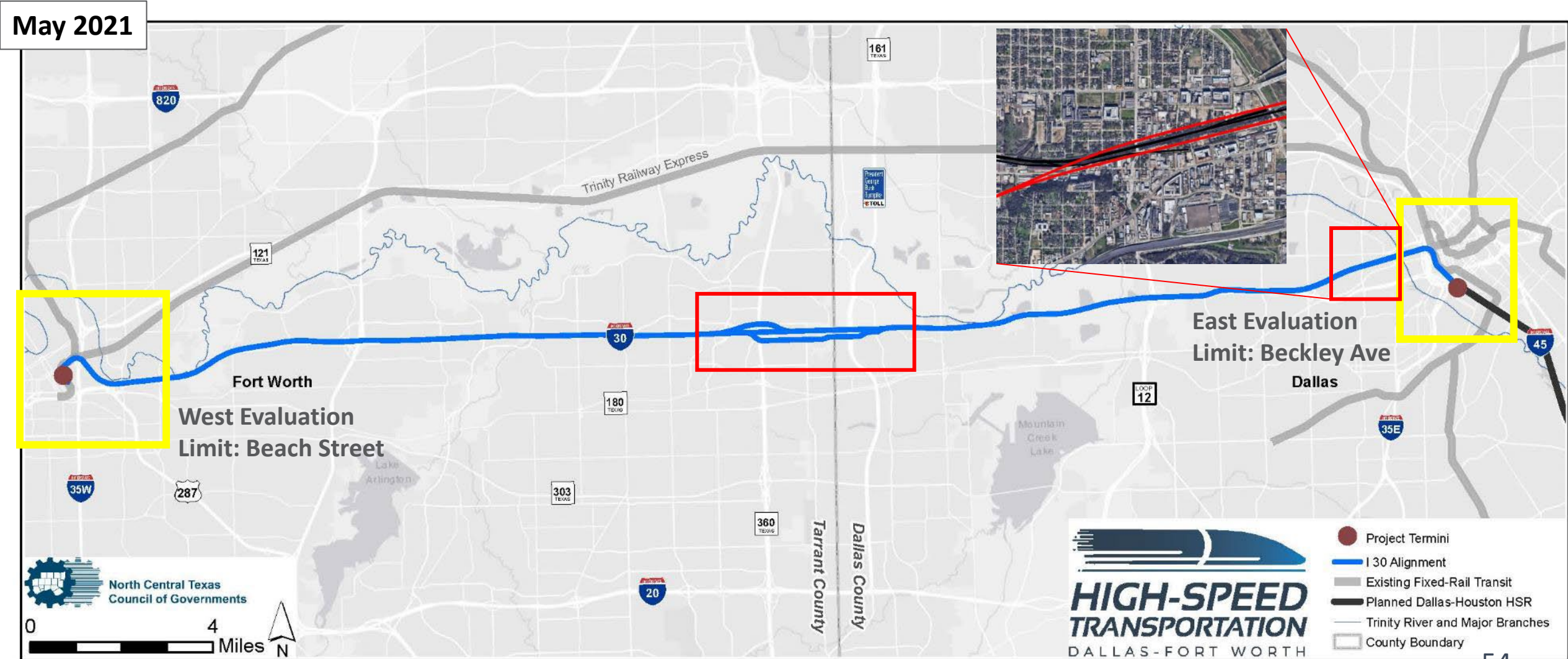


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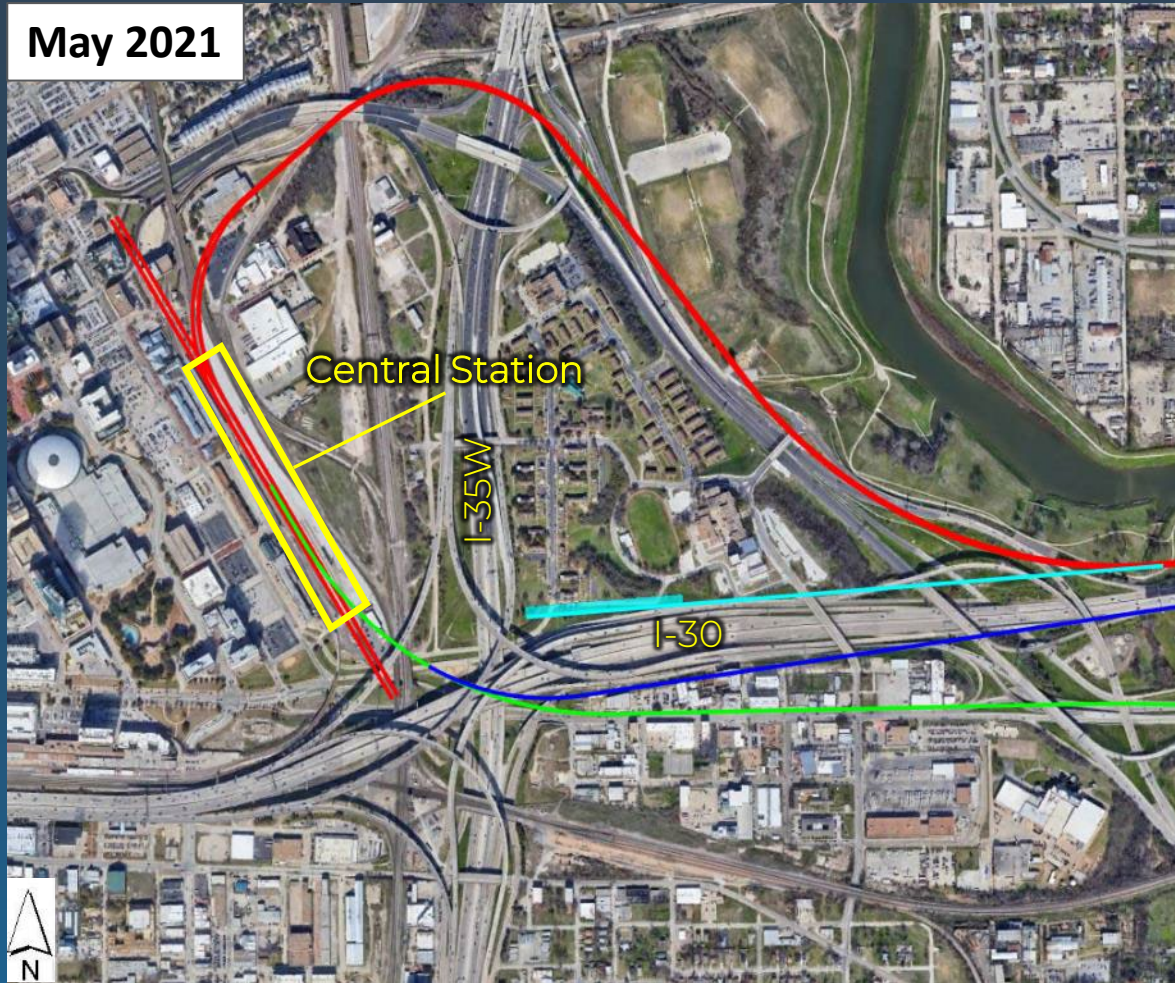
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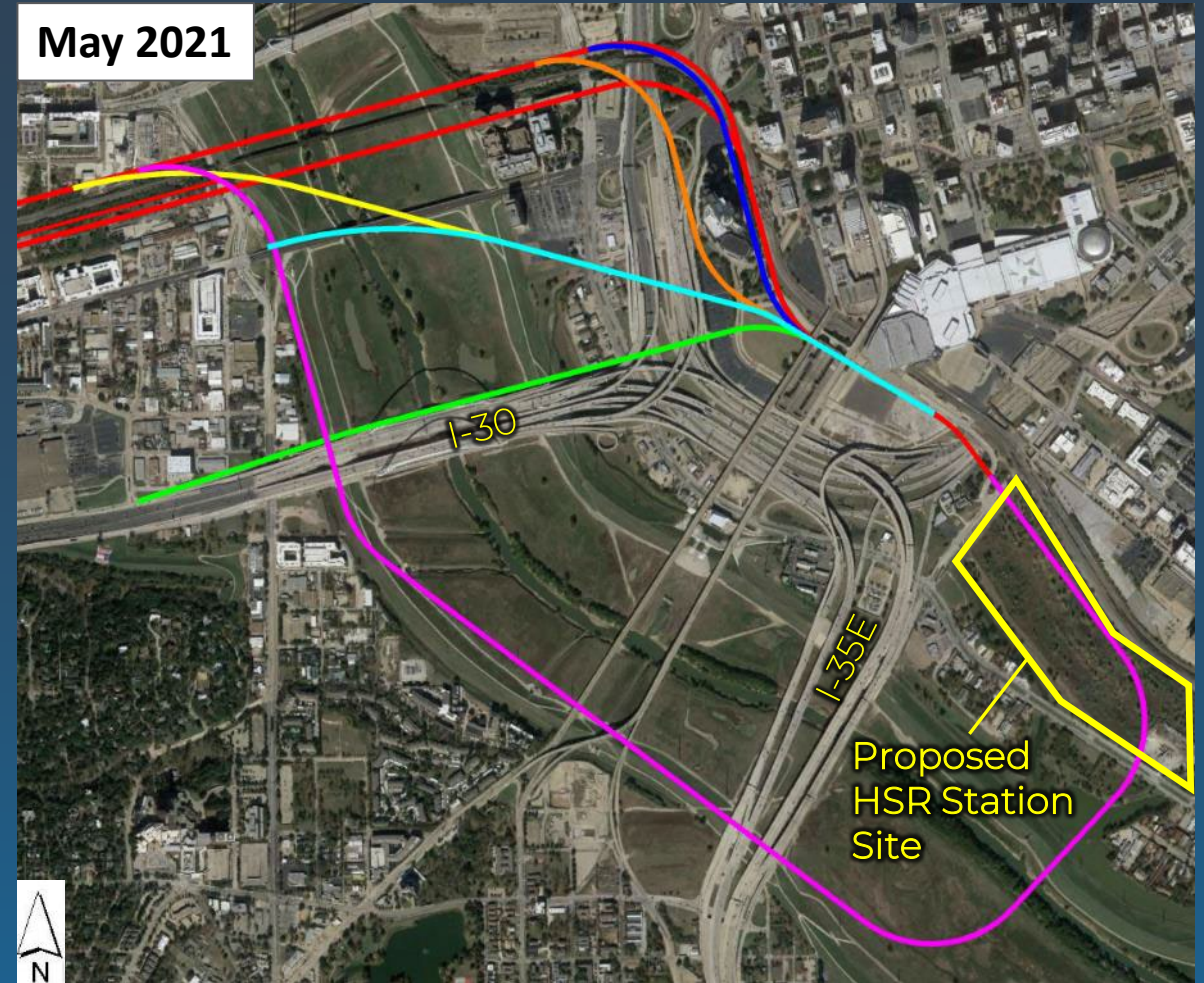
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Fort Worth

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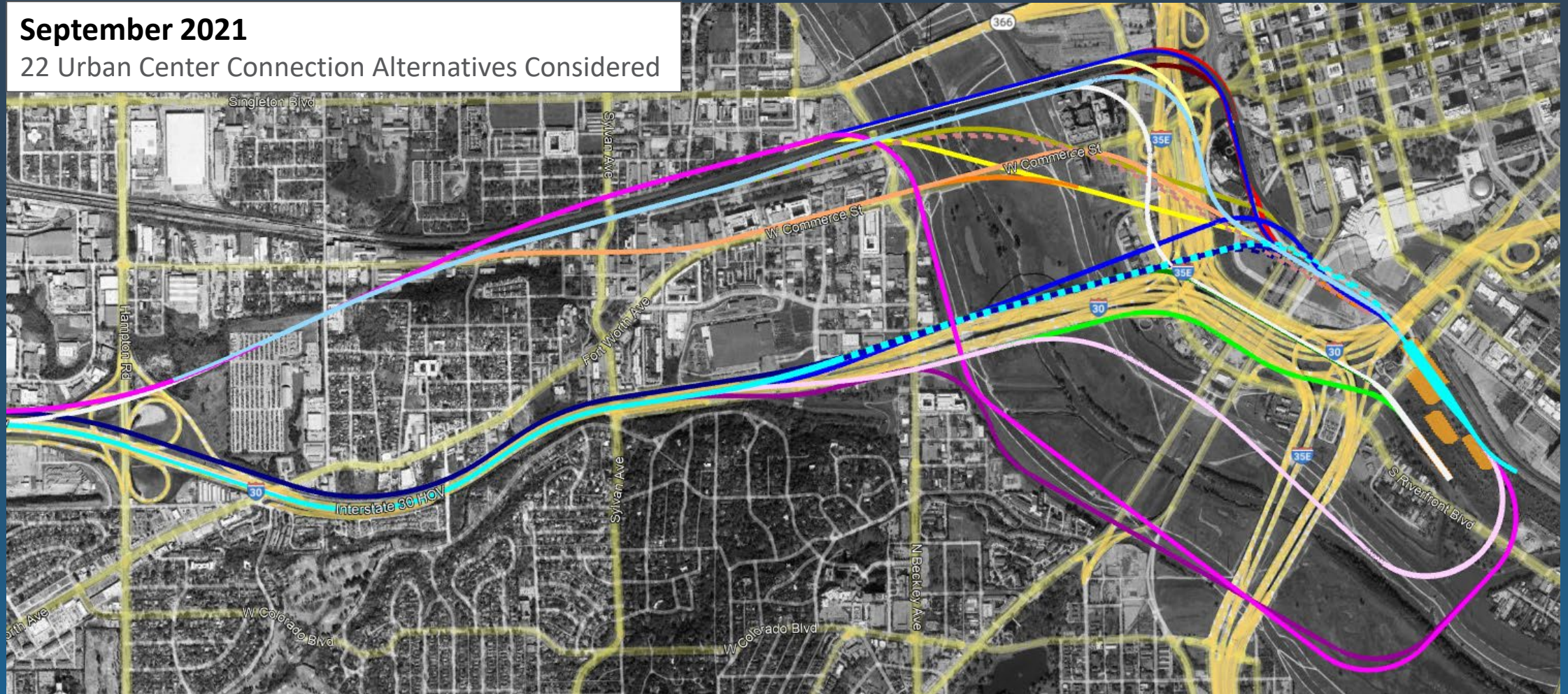
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# Dallas Urban Center Connections

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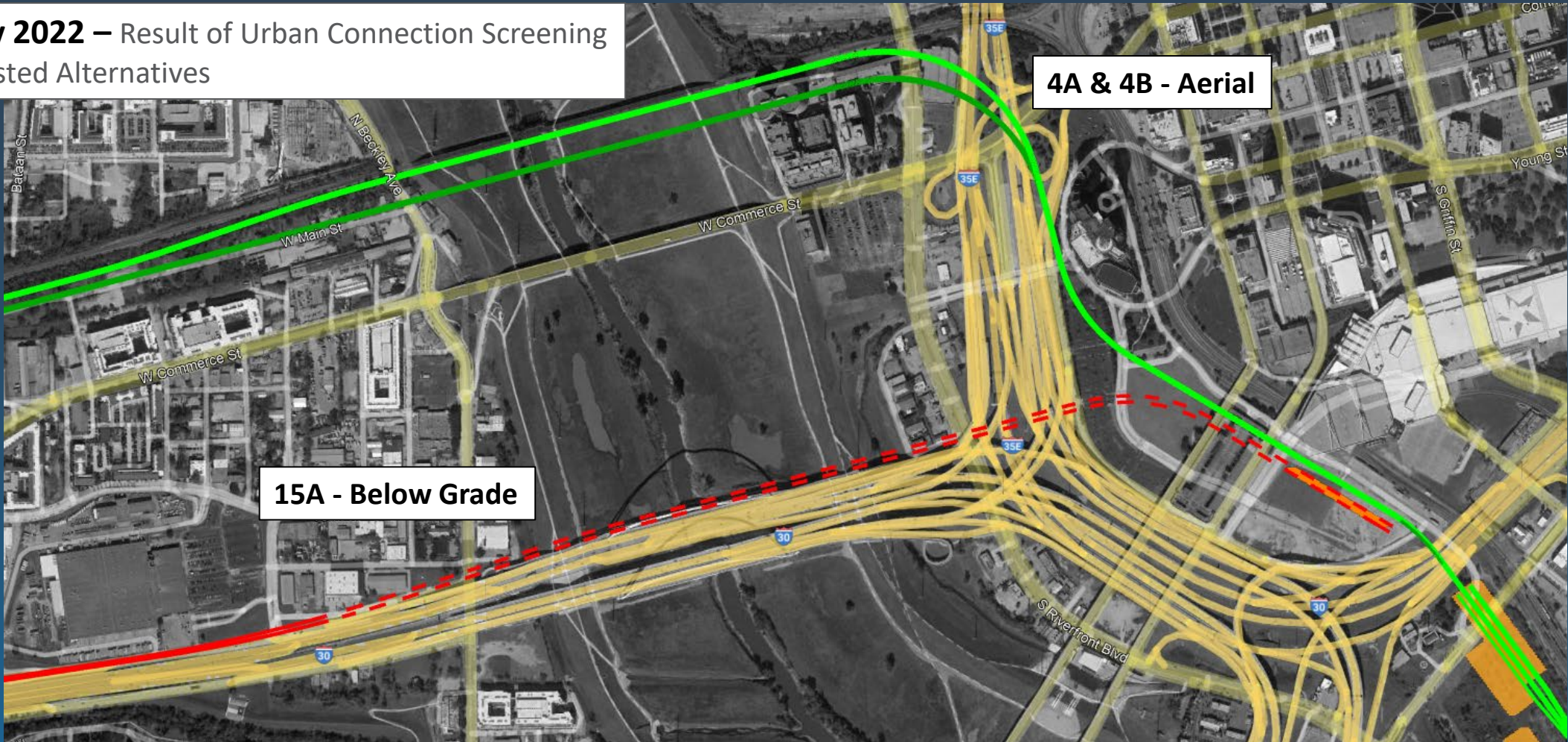
22 Urban Center Connection Alternatives Considered





# Dallas Urban Center Connections

**February 2022** – Result of Urban Connection Screening  
2 Short Listed Alternatives

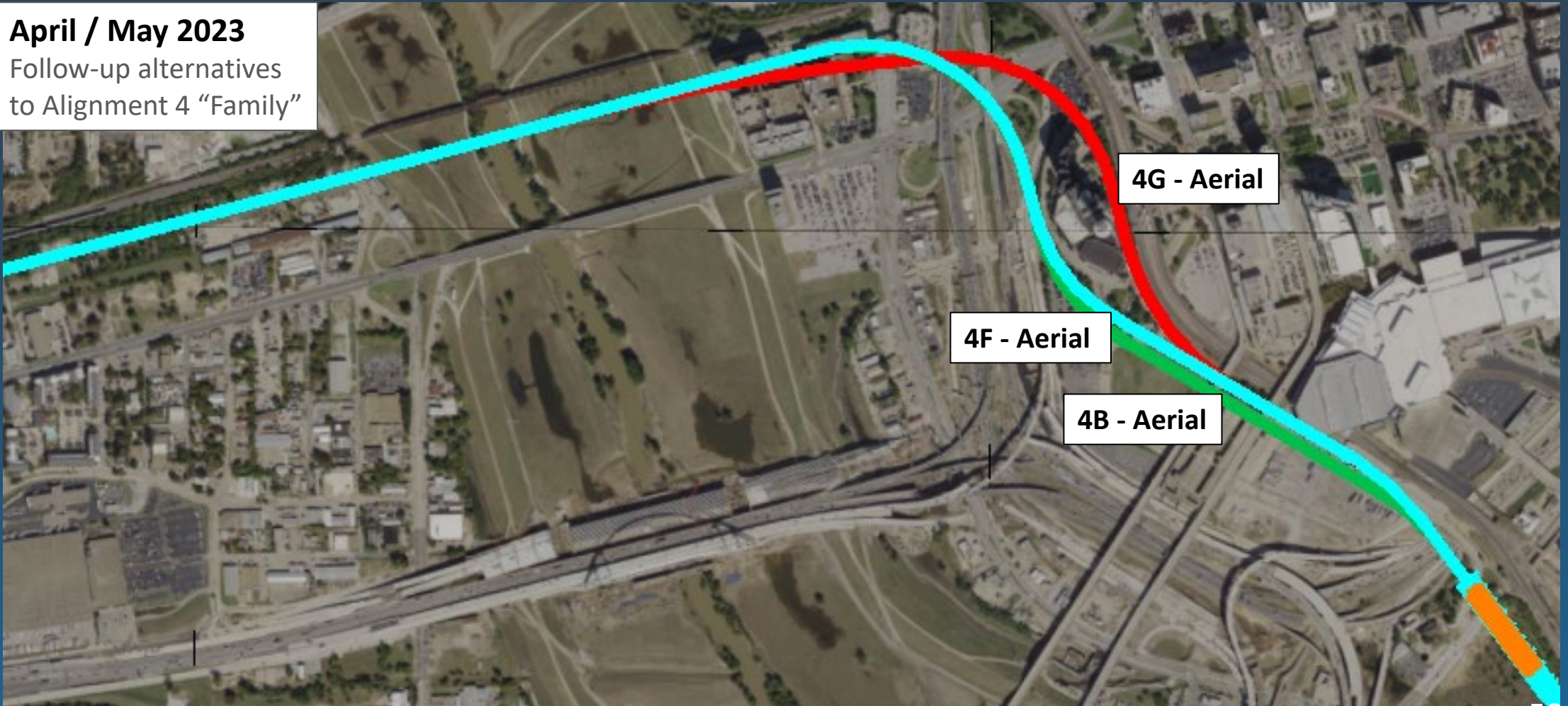




# Dallas Urban Center Connections

**April / May 2023**

Follow-up alternatives  
to Alignment 4 "Family"





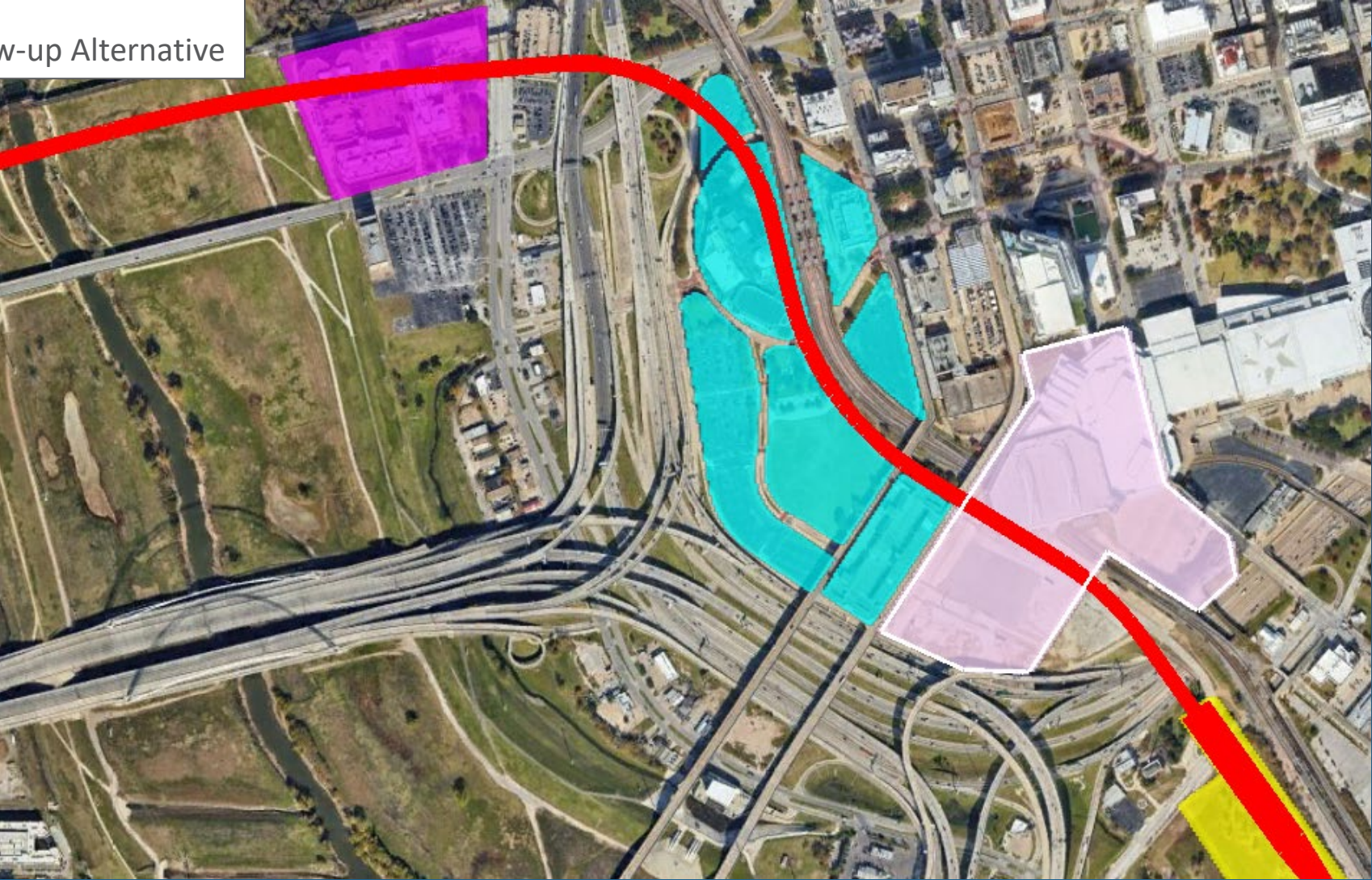


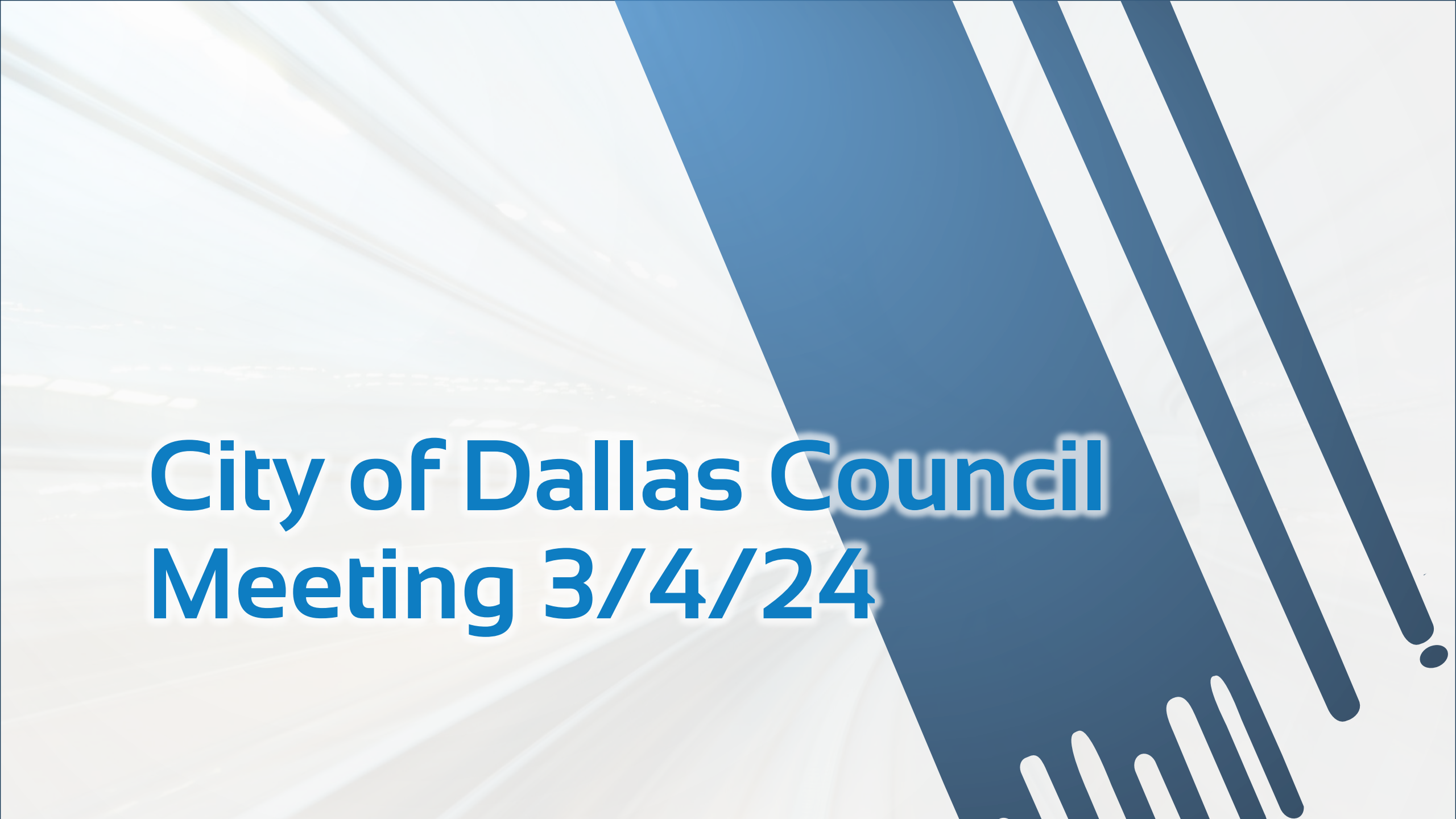
# Pedestrian Opportunity

**June 2023**

Dallas Workshop Follow-up Alternative

**Pedestrian  
Opportunity**



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# City of Dallas Council Meeting 3/4/24



# Dallas High-Speed Rail (HSR) Questions (Alternative Alignments)

Were the Following Alignments Reviewed?

Yes

## Alignments Previously Rejected; Requested to Review

3. *Elevated* – Use of Existing Rail Corridor East of Hotel Street

4. *Subway* – Coterminous with Approved Dallas HSR Station

5A. *Elevated*/5B. *Subway* – Different Station Location

6. *At-Grade* – Upgraded Trinity Railway Express (TRE)

7. *Elevated* – Trinity Railway Express (TRE) Corridor

## Alignments Previously Recommended for NEPA

1. *Elevated* – West of Hyatt Regency Hotel

2A. *Elevated* – East of Hyatt Regency Hotel

## New Alignments Recommended to Review

2B. *Elevated* – East of Hyatt Regency Hotel with Pedestrian Lobby

2C. *Elevated* – East of Hyatt Regency Hotel with Pedestrian Lobby and Pedestrian Cap

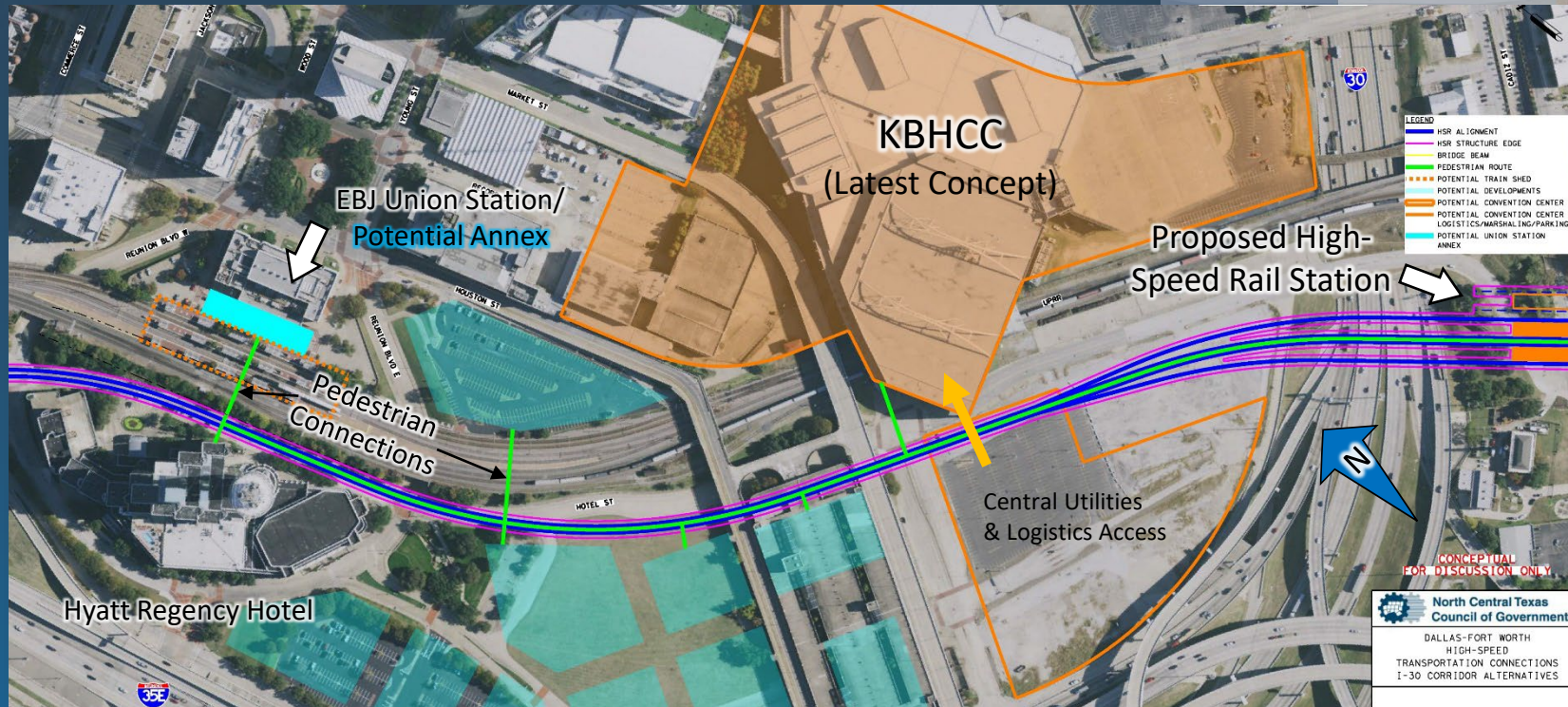
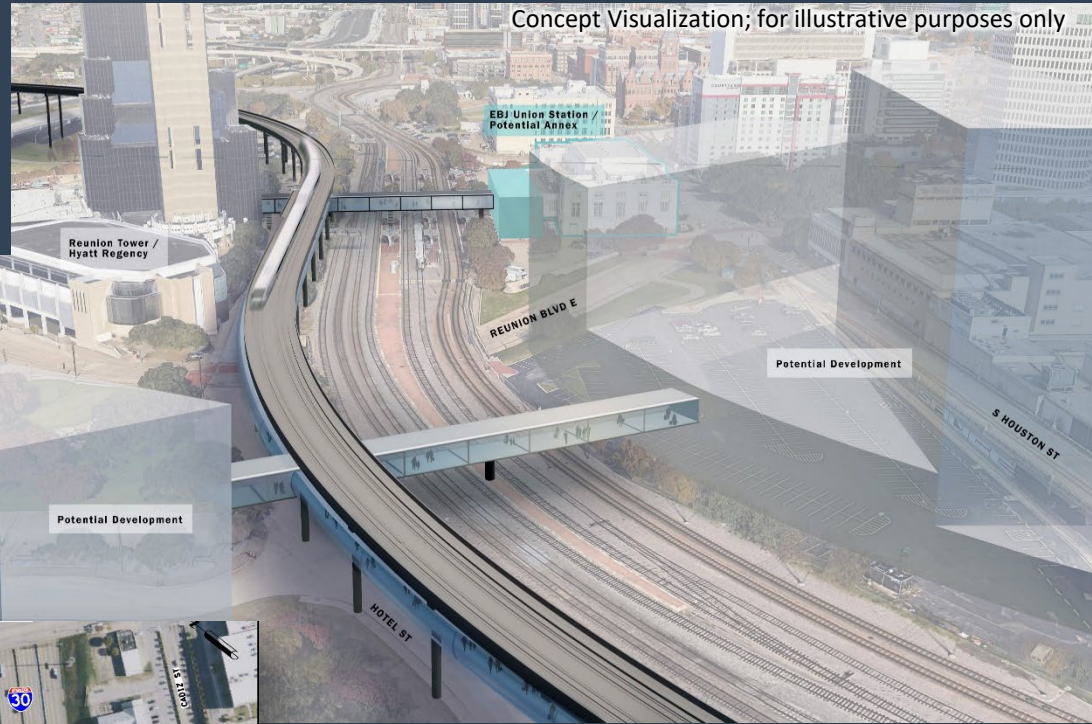
\* Alignments recommended for advancement into NEPA

# Alignments Previously Recommended for NEPA

2B. Elevated – East of Hyatt Regency with Pedestrian Lobby

Alignment recommended for advancement into NEPA

**NO FATAL FLAW; FAVORED OPTION**



Aligns along Hotel Street and adjacent to existing rail corridor  
Provides direct pedestrian connectivity opportunity between approved HSR station, EBJ Union Station, KBHCC, and other developments



# Favored Option 2B for NEPA Advancement



Proposed High-Speed Rail Station

Proposed Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas

Omni Dallas

Potential Development

Reunion Tower / Hyatt Regency

EBJ Union Station / Potential Annex

Dealy Plaza

Margaret McDermott Bridge

Martyrs Park

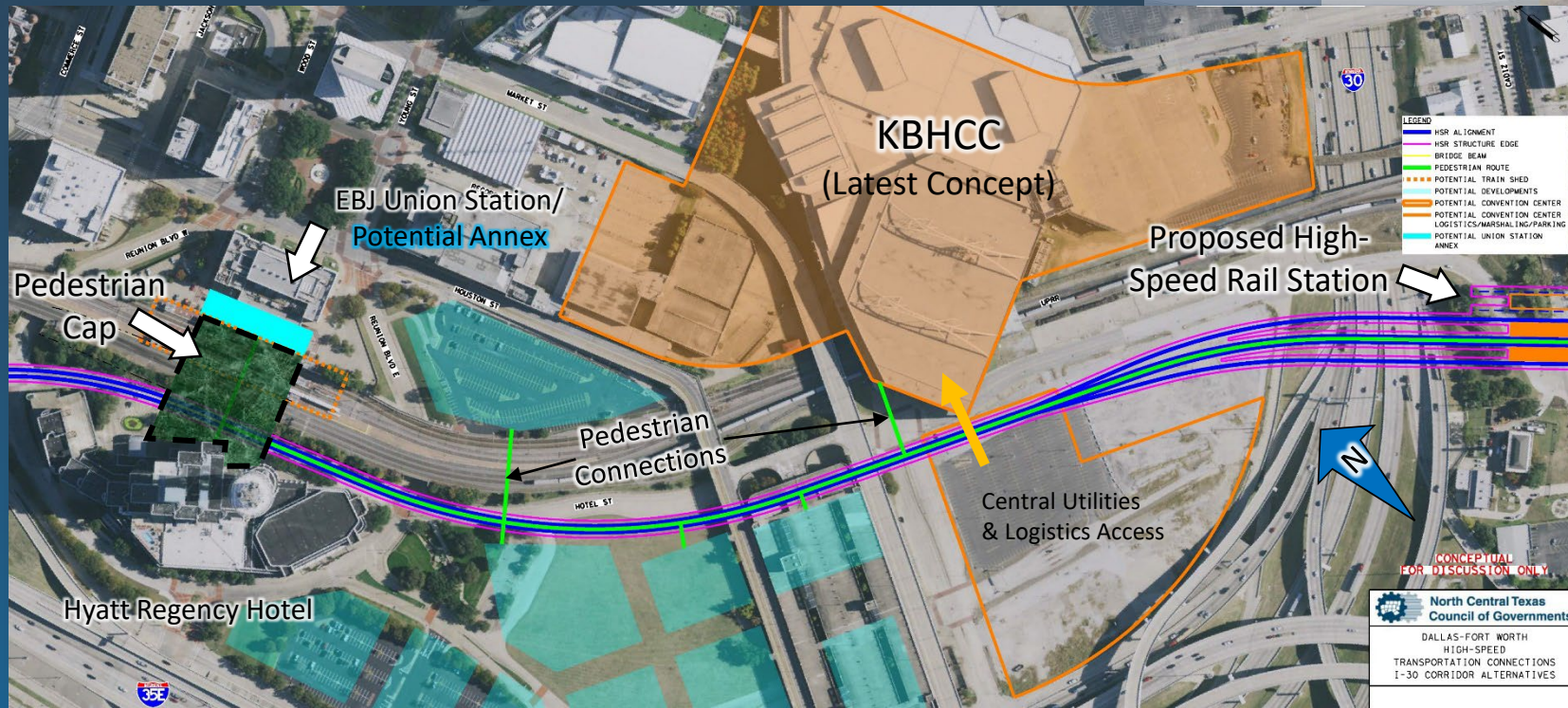
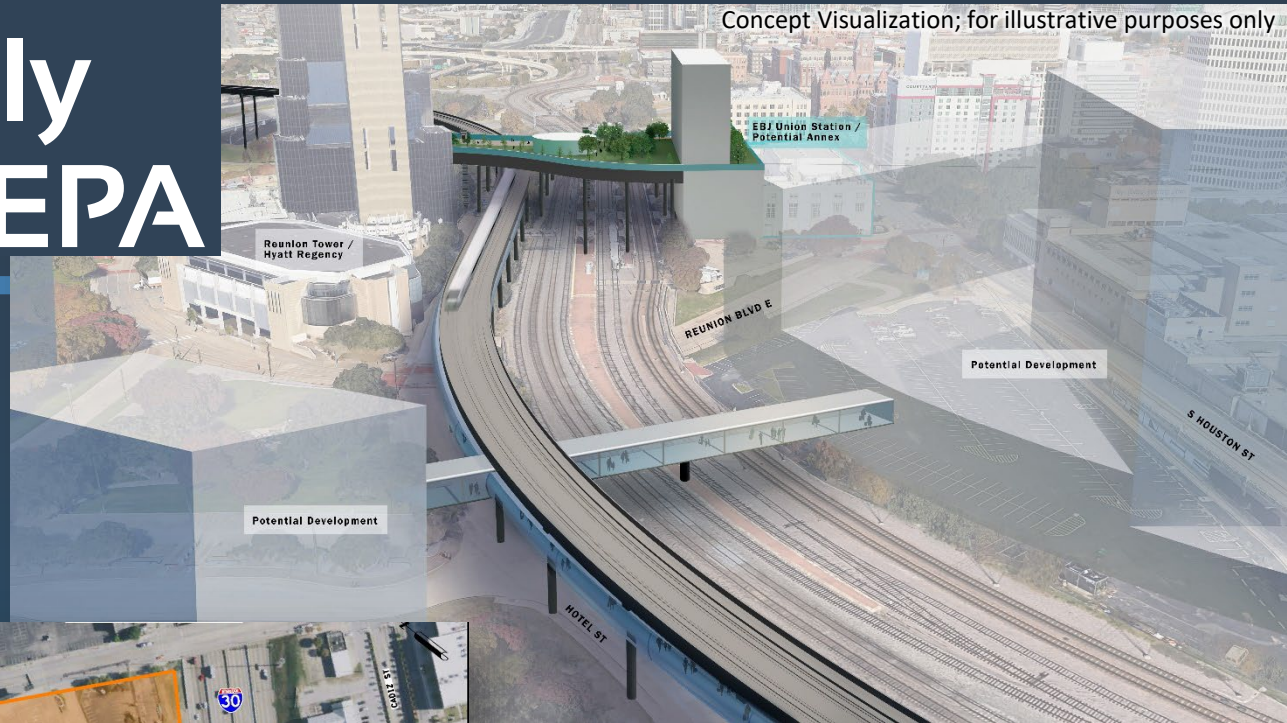


# Alignments Previously Recommended for NEPA

## 2C. Elevated – East of Hyatt Regency with Pedestrian Lobby and Pedestrian Cap

Alignment recommended for advancement into NEPA

**NO FATAL FLAW; FAVORED OPTION**



Aligns along Hotel Street and adjacent to existing rail corridor  
 Provides direct pedestrian connectivity opportunity between approved HSR station, EBJ Union Station, KBHCC, and other developments

Provides Pedestrian Cap/Deck Plaza over HSR to improve viewshed



# Favored Option 2C for NEPA Advancement



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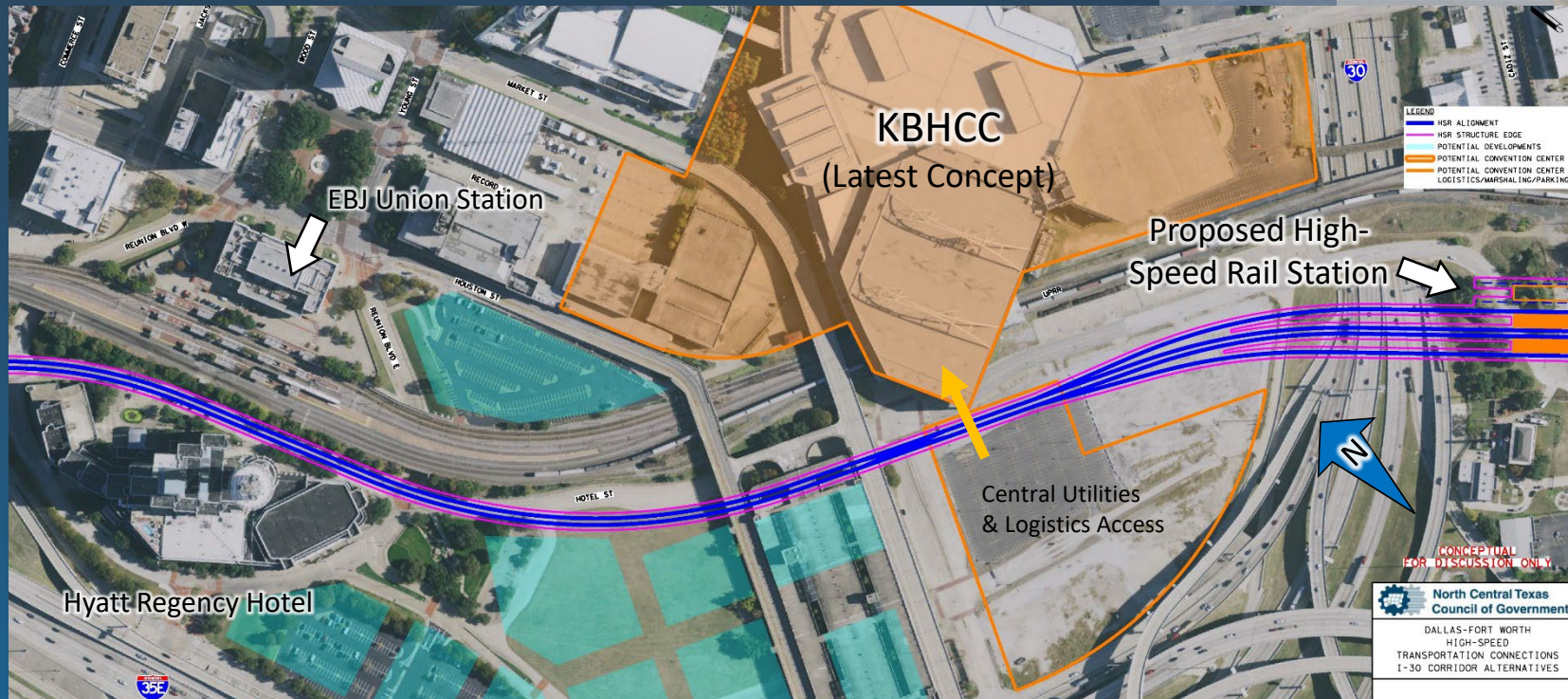
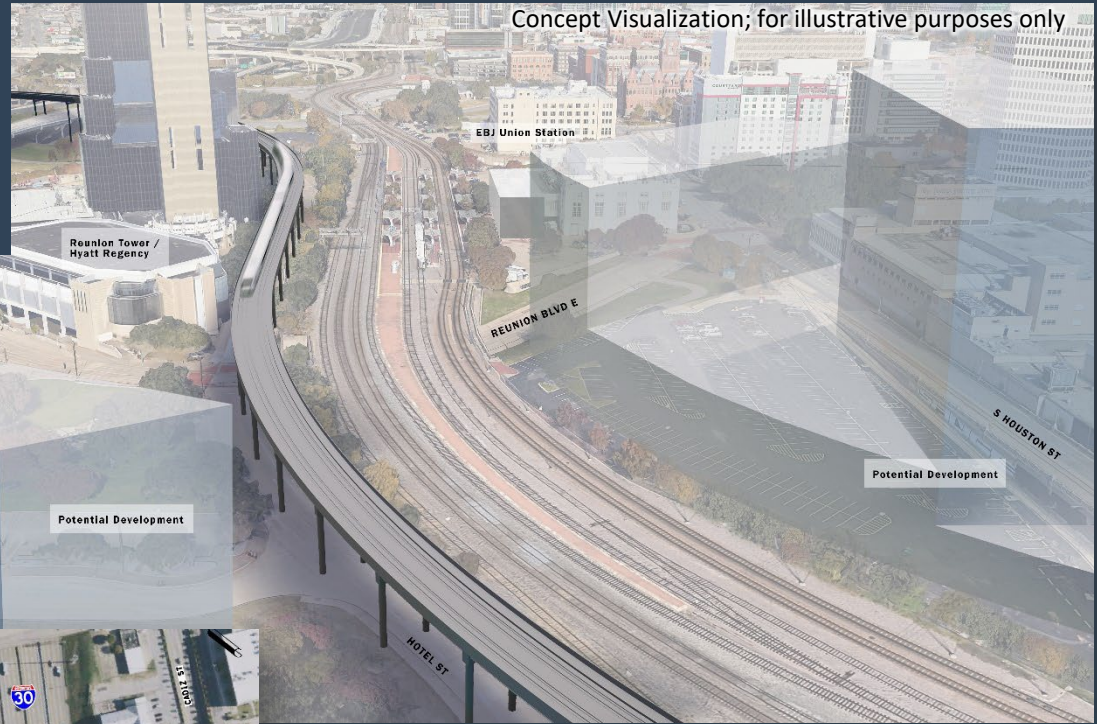


# Alignments Previously Recommended for NEPA

2A. Elevated – East of Hyatt Regency

**NO FATAL FLAW**

Alignment recommended for advancement into NEPA



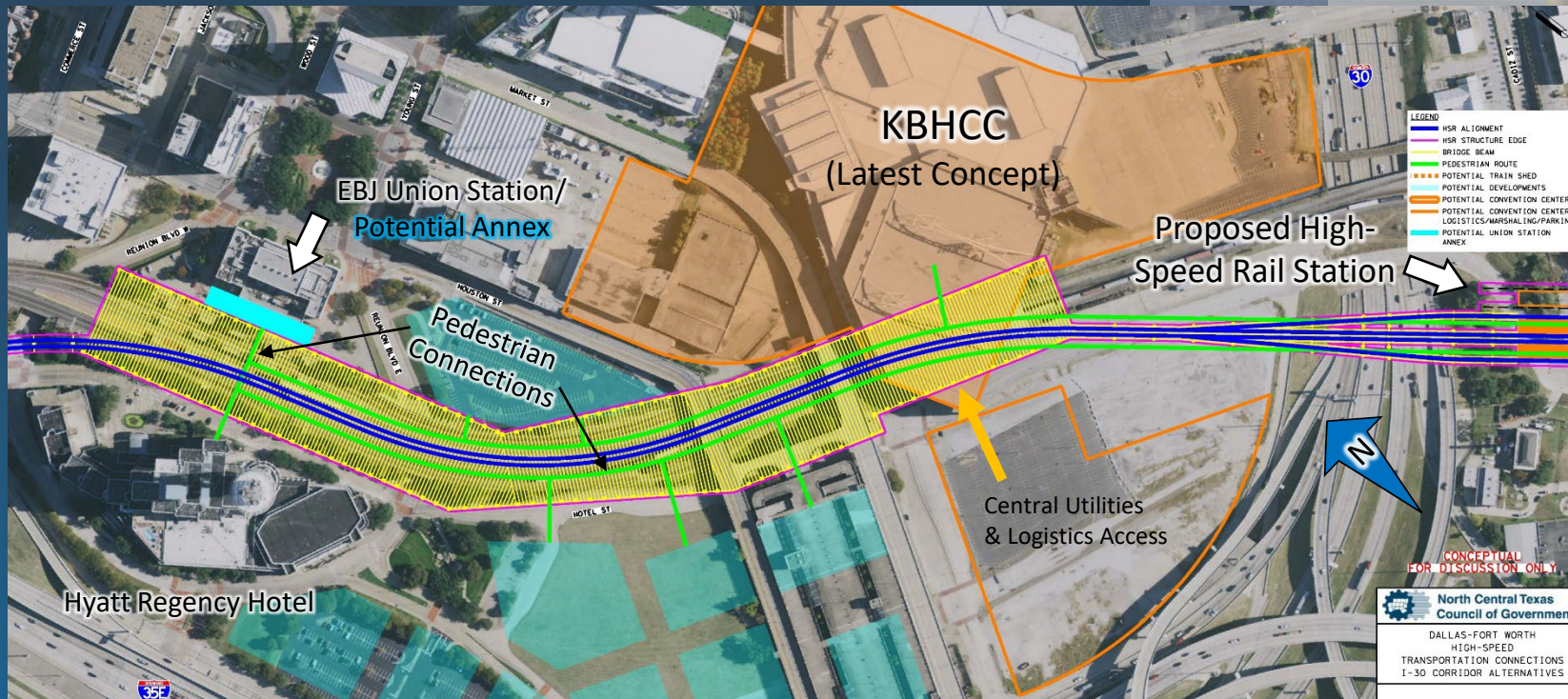
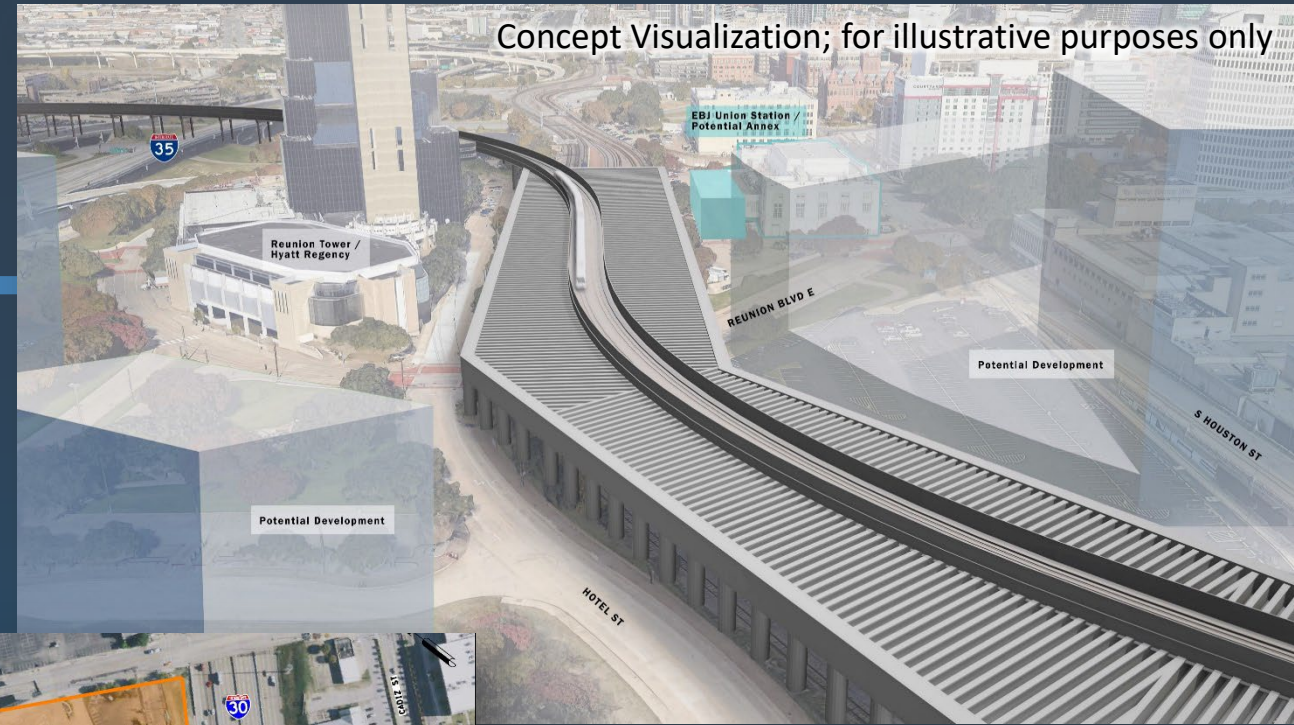
Requires no changes to approved Dallas HSR station location  
 Aligns along Hotel Street and adjacent to existing rail corridor  
 Similar alignment to 2B and 2C alternatives



# Alignments Previously Rejected; Requested to Review

## 3. Elevated – Use of Existing Railroad Corridor East of Hotel Street

**FATAL FLAW**



Corridor actively used for passenger and freight rail service

Requires massive pergola structure overshadowing streetscape

Significant engineering challenges; loses seamless lobby extension



# Alignments Previously Rejected; Requested to Review

## 4. Subway – Coterminous with Approved Dallas High-Speed Rail Station

### **FATAL FLAW**

Approx. 185' (17 stories) vertical transfer adds 20+ minute delay

Delay equivalent to 40-minute travel time penalty (waiting time vs. time-in-transit perceived differently)

Violates Regional Transportation Council Policy – not a “one-seat” ride\*

\* “One-seat” ride references a direct trip provided by a single transit service that requires no transfers for passengers to reach their final destination; potential ridership drops precipitously with service requiring



## 5A. Elevated/5B. Subway – Different Station Location

### **FATAL FLAW**

Amtrak proceeding with environmentally cleared station location for Dallas to Houston HSR

Transfer penalty worse than Alternative 4

Violates Regional Transportation Council Policy – not a “one-seat” ride\*

# Alignments Previously Rejected; Requested to Review

## 6. At-Grade – Upgraded TRE

### **FATAL FLAW**

Competes for capacity in active corridor and likely fatal flaw in sharing infrastructure

“At-grade” service sets highest speed of corridor at 125 mph and cannot meet HSR standards of safety and reliability

Cannot meet travel time goal of approximately 20 minutes due to geometry of corridor

Violates Regional Transportation Council Policy – not a “one-seat” ride\*

## 7. Elevated – TRE Corridor

### **FATAL FLAW**

Grade-separated tracks would require new right-of-way next to existing tracks/right-of-way

Significant number of displacements expected

Creates similar issue in downtown Dallas as Alternative 3 (use of existing rail corridor)

Significant public opposition

Violates Regional Transportation Council Policy – not a “one-seat” ride\*

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A high-speed train (TGV) is shown at a station platform. The train is white with a red stripe and the DB logo. In the background, there is a modern glass building and a large, arched structure, possibly a station entrance or a bridge. The sky is blue with some clouds.

# Benefits of High-Speed Rail to Land Development

Questions:

What density of development does a high-speed rail station attract and what is the effect on land values?

What markets will it serve?



# Density Increase Near High-Speed Rail

Greater Density

Higher Towers

More Buildings

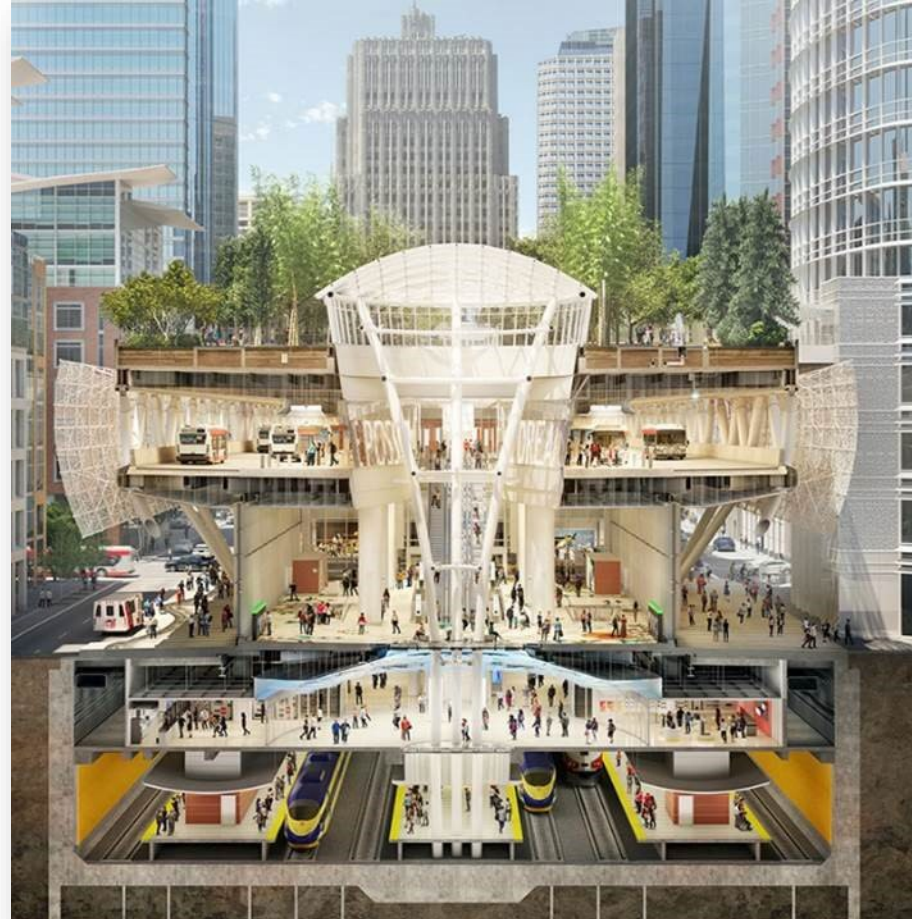
Integrated Mixed Use

Skywalks (e.g., Dubai,  
Toronto, Chicago)

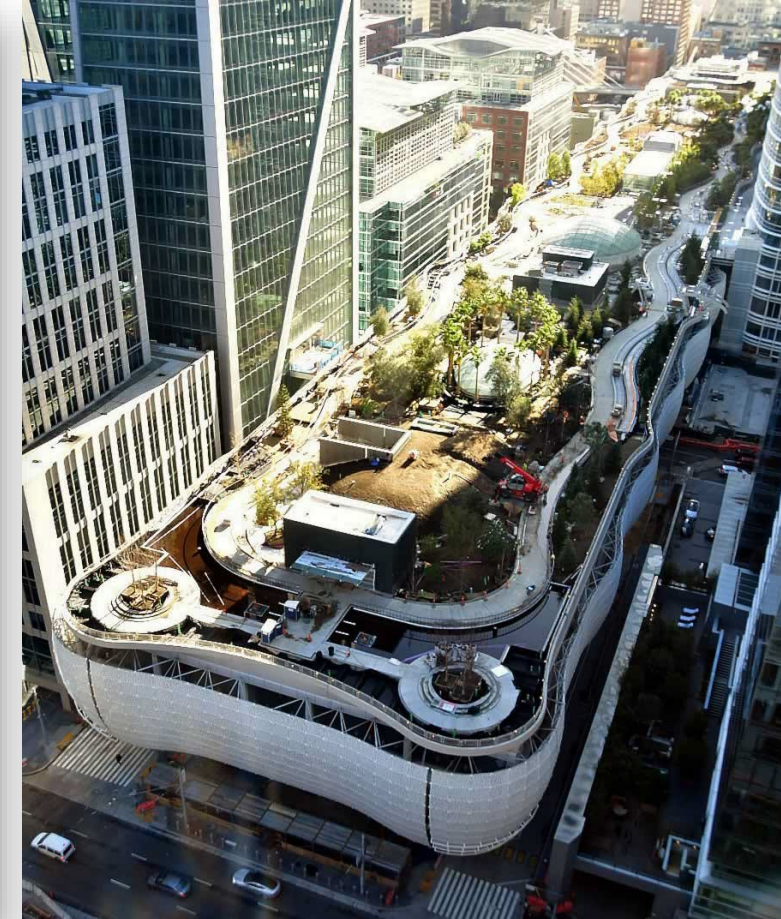
Higher Employment  
Growth

Faster Population Growth

GDP 1-3% Nationwide in  
China



*Source: Transbay Program  
media gallery, 2023*



**San Francisco Salesforce  
Transit Center**





# Property Value Increase in High-Speed Rail Markets

Greatest Value Near Station (50%-100%)

Citywide Property Value Increase (6%-14%)

Extent of Value Capture

20-minute walking distance plus regional rail plus light rail plus bike commuters (up to 18 miles)

Dallas HUB/Convention Center adds to Market Segmentation



# High “Speed” Rail by Country

HSR Systems Commonly Studied by Literature and their Top Speeds

Country	Train Name	Top Speed (mph)
China	Shanghai Maglev	286
China	CR Harmony and CR Fuxing	217
Germany	DB ICE	217
France	SCNCF TGV	199
Japan	JR Shinkansen	199
Spain	Renfe AVE 103	193
South Korea	Korail KTX-Sancheon	190
Italy	Trenitalia Frecciarossa 1000	190
Taiwan	Taiwan HSR	185

Source: [The 10 fastest high-speed trains in the world - Railway Technology \(railway-technology.com\)](http://railway-technology.com)





# Travel Demand Markets for High-Speed Rail Dallas-Arlington-Fort Worth (Business, Recreational, Entertainment)

1. HSR to Houston, Austin, and San Antonio (reduced/inefficient parking in downtown Dallas)
2. Egress/Access to Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (no second transfer)
3. Fast Travel within Region of 12.4 M in 2050 (currently 8.2M)
4. Better Connection to HUB (at-grade AMTRAK, Streetcar, Light Rail, and Regional Rail)
5. Better Access for Conventions
6. Better Access for Special Events, including Fair Park

