

## Regional Transit Partnerships and Federal Discretionary Grant Funding Update

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## NT MOVES – FY2020 BUILD Grant Project

### **Project Overview:**

- Collaborative effort between NCTCOG, DART, Trinity Metro, and TRE to increase regional freight and passenger mobility. Partially funded by the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant.
- Projects are anticipated to begin construction in summer 2025.

## **Project Components:**

- 1. Double Track Medical Market Center to Stemmons Freeway
- 2. Double Track Handley Ederville Road to Precinct Line Road
- 3. ClearPath Technology





Courtesy of NCTCOG

## Component 1 - Dallas Area Rapid Transit

**Overview:** Double Track Medical Market Center to Stemmons Freeway

**Component details:** 

- Bridge repair projects on Noble Branch, Knights Branch, and Inwood Road
- Component 1 design is at 90% completion
- Project scope has not changed and will continue as stated in the original Paper Grant Agreement (PGA)



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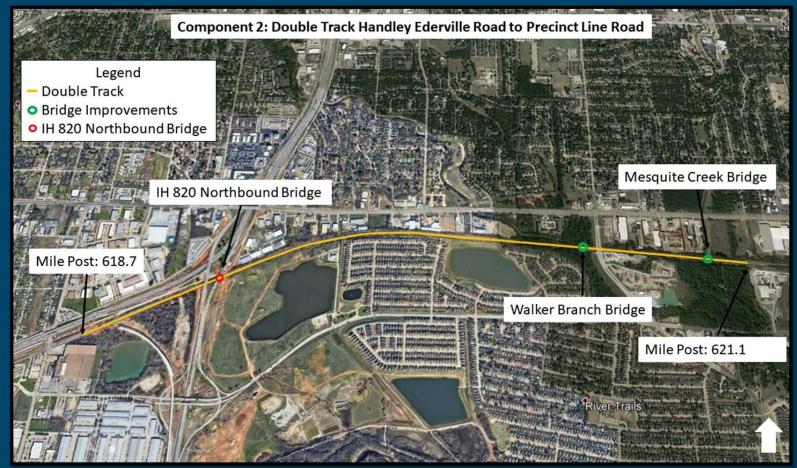


# Component 2 - Trinity Metro

**Overview:** Double Track Handley Ederville Road to Precinct Line Road

**Component details:** 

- Bridge repair projects on Walkers Branch bridge and Mesquite Creek bridge.
- Working with TxDOT on IH 820 bridge replacement
- Component 2 design is at 90% completion
- Project scope has not changed and will continue as stated in the original PGA



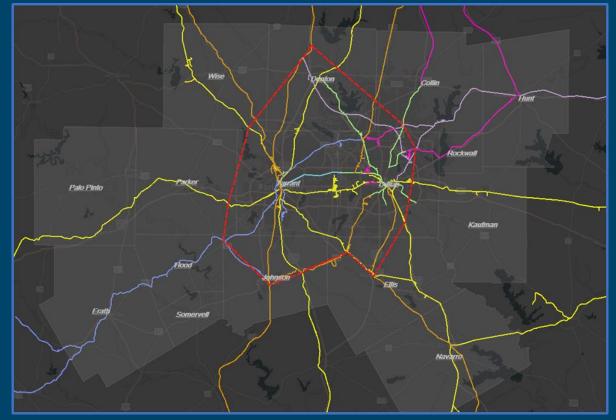
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## Component 3 - Clear Path Technology

### **Overview:**

- Technology-based innovative response to maximizing efficiency on shared-use freight and passenger rail networks
- Will enable all rail agencies to exchange timely, accurate, and actionable information on train movements in the region
- In use in the Greater Chicago Area
- Working with Railinc, freight and transit partners to develop this technology
- NCTCOG and Railinc are currently working on a data sharing agreement with transit agencies.



Courtesy of Railinc



## BUILD Grant Budget Update

- Cost overruns have been identified due to inflation and future proofing the corridor (accommodating future reconstruction of IH 35E/Stemmons).
- Current funding gaps:
  - Component 1: \$42,300,000
  - Component 2: \$8,700,000
  - Component 3 remains fully funded
- TRE bridge over IH 35E must be raised to meet the TxDOT clearance requirements (\$17 million of increased cost is attributed to this item)
- NCTCOG and partner agencies have coordinated to ensure the federal/non-federal funding split within the Paper Grant Agreement does not change
- NCTCOG is coordinating with FTA/USDOT to amend the Paper Grant Agreement
- Proposed funding:
  - DART: \$22.7 Million in Local Funding
  - Trinity Metro: \$6.6 Million in Local Funding
  - RTC (for costs associated with raising bridge over IH 35E): \$17 Million in Carbon Reduction Program Funding
  - RTC (for overruns on the BUILD grant project): \$21.7 Million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Funding



## **BUILD Grant Funding Sources**

#### Paper Grant Agreement (PGA) and Current Cost

Funding Source	PGA Funding	PGA Funding Share	Current Cost	Planned Funding Share
BUILD Grant Funds	\$25,000,000	35%	\$25,000,000	20%
Other Federal Funds	\$9,100,000 <sup>1</sup>	12%	\$30,797,828 <mark>2</mark>	25%
Local Funds	\$33,400,000	46%	\$62,702,172 <sup>3</sup>	51%
Other Funds <sup>4</sup>	\$5,000,000	7%	\$5,000,000	4%
Project Total	\$72,500,000	100%	\$123,500,000	100%

<sup>1</sup>\$2 million in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program and \$7.1 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds

<sup>2</sup>\$21.7 million in additional STBG funds proposed to cover gap

<sup>3</sup> \$17 million in Carbon Reduction funds proposed to credit DART for local funds applied to regional cost

<sup>4</sup> Anticipated Private Funding Contribution (railroads)



# Regional Transit Partnerships- TRE Track and Signal Improvements

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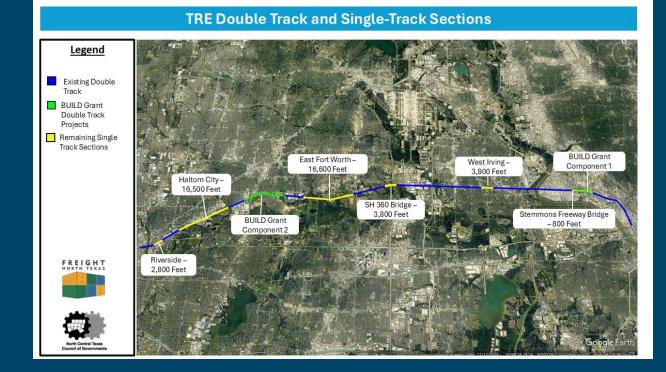
Modifications to TRE track and signal systems to accommodate new double tracked sections

### **Project Details:**

Request for \$2.5 million in Carbon Reduction Program Funds for track and signal systems improvements:

- Handley-Ederville Road
- East Richland Hills
- East Lakes
- Precinct Line Road
- Single Crossover at West Hurst
- South Norwood Road
- New CP Hurst





## Regional Transit Partnerships-Victory Station

**Project Overview:** 

- Collaborative effort between NCTCOG, DART, BNSF, and TxDOT.
- Victory Station is busy and trains are often held in the station waiting to be dispatched.
- This causes safety concerns as pedestrians move through the platforms to cross the station.

### **Project Details:**

- Proposed project involves improving existing infrastructure at Victory Station to increase pedestrian safety and mobility.
- Requested funding (not to exceed \$6.8 million in STBG funds) is for both pedestrian safety and rail operational improvements to accommodate pedestrian improvements



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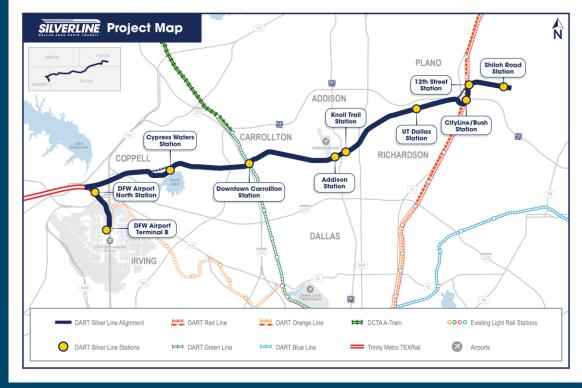
## Regional Transit Partnerships - Silver Line

### **Project Overview:**

- 26 miles of regional rail service that will connect Grapevine, Coppell, Dallas, Carrollton, Addison, Richardson, and Plano.
- Goal of improving mobility and accessibility within the northern portion of DART service area.

## **Project Details:**

- Silver Line improvements associated with FIFA World Cup
- Requested funding is \$5.6 million in STBG funds for rail, bridge, and other necessary improvements



Courtesy of DART



## Info Item Schedule

February 28, 2025

STTC Action Item

March 10, 2025

March 13, 2025

March 27, 2025

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**RTC** Action Item

**Executive Board Endorsement (Approval)** 



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