



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 5, 2017
TO: Mobility Committee
FROM: D'Lee Williams, Assistant Director of Capital Projects
SUBJECT: Landscape and Beautification of University Drive Update

Original TXDOT plans from 2012 included trees and landscape plantings for the medians on University Drive between Elm Street and Bonnie Brae. Due to insufficient funding, TXDOT reduced the project scope and funding for landscaping was no longer available. The City of Denton developed a plan, consisting of four phases to plant trees and install landscaping for the project. The four phases are outlined below with funding identified for Phase 1 only.

- Phase 1: Install irrigation and plant 82 trees Fall 2017 on medians from Bonnie Brae to Elm Street
- Phase 2: Landscape plantings on medians from Bonnie Brae to Elm
- Phase 3: Install trees from Bonnie Brae to I-35N
- Phase 4: Install Trees from I-35N to Nail Road

Tree mitigation funds will be used to purchase and install the 82 trees and irrigation components for Phase 1 of the project. Tree mitigation funds may also be used to purchase and install trees for Phases 3 and 4 pending an increase to the Tree RFP #5933 to be able to accommodate the number of additional trees needed. Parks and Recreation will apply for Green Ribbon funding in 2018 to be applied to the project in 2019 for implementation of Phase 2.

Staff is in contact with the TXDOT Area Office and District Office to review plans and coordinate project status. Staff contact for the project is Laura Behrens, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation.

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