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A. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

A.1 **20-315** Consider approval of the June 3, 2020 Mayor's IH-35E Betterments Task Force meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.

A.2 **20-321** Presentation and discussion of preliminary cost estimates for the relocation of existing overhead utilities underground.

A.3 **20-318** Discuss potential graphics for abutment wall panels at Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway.

A.4 **20-317** Presentation and discussion related to the final conceptual intersection designs and enhancement cost estimates for Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E.

A.5 **20-320** Discuss opportunities for open space improvements along the IH-35E corridor.

A.6 **20-322** Review and discuss the Mayor's IH-35E Betterments Task Force presentation for the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting.

A.7 **20-316** Discuss agenda items for future Mayor's IH-35E Betterments Task Force consideration.

B. **ADJOURNMENT**

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I certify that the above notice of this meeting was posted 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, on the bulletin board at City Hall.

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City Secretary

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Consider approval of the June 3, 2020 Mayor’s IH-35E Betterments Task Force meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.

**RECOMMENDATION:**
Staff recommends approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2020 meeting.

**ACTIONS:**
1. Motion to approve the minutes of June 3, 2020.
2. Any other action desired by the task force.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
This meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams teleconferencing in accordance with the temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference granted by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Present 12 - Mayor Robert Dye, Tina Firgens Director of Planning, Marc Bentley Director of Public Works, Shane Davis Director of Sustainability and Public Health, Pam Smith Parks Landscape Manager, John Land Deputy City Manager, Tim Yarbrough Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Councilmember Cristal Retana, Kyra McCadle Planning Consultant, Brian Campbell Planning Technician, Projects Manager, Ignacio Mejia Kimley-Horn (Consultant), and Farzine Hakimi Kimley-Horn (Consultant)

Absent 1 - Matthew Peters Public Art and Cultural Board Member

A. AGENDA ITEMS

A.1 20-284 Consider approval of the May 20, 2020 Mayor’s IH-35E Betterments Task Force meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.

Mayor Dye called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Mayor Dye thanked the task force members for their attendance.

Mayor Dye opened discussion on agenda item A.1 Consider approval of the May 20, 2020 Mayor’s IH-35E Betterments Task Force meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.

Mayor Dye asked for any questions or comments regarding the minutes. Hearing none, Mayor Dye asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mayor Robert Dye, seconded by Councilmember Cristal Retana, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 – Mayor Dye, Councilmember Retana, Ms. Firgens, Mr. Bentley, Ms. Smith, Mr. Yarbrough, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Land

Absent: 1 – Mr. Peters
A.2 20-286

Presentation and discussion related to final conceptual intersection designs and enhancement cost estimates for Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E.

Mayor Dye opened discussion on Agenda item A.2 Presentation and discussion related to final conceptual intersection designs and enhancement cost estimates for Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E.

Ms. Kyra McCardle reviewed feedback received by staff from TxDOT related to the proposed conceptual intersection designs, including: the revised U-turn design; the revised right-turn design and related traffic movements; further discussion needed related to pedestrian safety walls; the revised intersection designs for Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway potentially replacing the baseline designs for both intersections; confirmation on whether the City would like to pursue the revised designs related to updating the project schematic; and the recommendation that public arts or monuments not be included in the design build contract.

Ms. Tina Firgens reviewed the final conceptual intersection designs for Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway, and requested confirmation from the task force members on whether the proposed designs were favorable.

Regarding the intersection design at Valley View Lane:

- Councilmember Retana asked about the following: whether there were currently pedestrian refuge islands located west of the intersection; and whether the proposed design would eliminate pedestrian islands at all four corners for both the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway intersections.

- Councilmember Retana expressed concerns related to traffic congestion for east bound traffic, west of the intersection, resulting from vehicles turning onto the southbound IH-35E frontage road, and discussed if a dedicated right turn lane could be provided at the southwest corner.

- Ms. Firgens said staff could explore the option of a pedestrian island for the southwest corner of this intersection but that TXDOT is not acquiring any additional right-of-way than what it needs for the current design.

- Councilmember Retana and Mr. Marc Bentley discussed options for alleviating traffic congestion at the intersection, including: having the traffic signal designate this lane as a turn-only lane during peak hours and dedicating this lane as a right-turn only lane; and that the right lane could be dropped east of the intersection, before proceeding under the bridge, should Valley View Lane be placed on a road diet east of IH-35E in the future.

- There was consensus amongst the task force members that the proposed intersection layout was favorable.

Regarding the intersection design at Valwood Parkway:

- There was consensus amongst the task force members that the proposed intersection layout was favorable.

- Mayor Dye asked about the distance between the intersection and the existing rail line. Ms. Firgens stated that staff could follow-up with an email to the
Mayor with that information.

Ms. McCardle introduced Mr. Ignacio Mejia and Mr. Farzine Hakimi, consultants with Kimley-Horn, and requested the task force provide feedback regarding the proposed final intersection design enhancements following their presentation.

Mr. Mejia and Mr. Hakimi gave a presentation regarding the proposed intersection designs, including a review of the final conceptual plans, probable construction costs, and next steps.

Discussion and feedback from the task force members was as follows:

- Regarding the safety wall design alternatives:
  - Mr. Shane Davis and Ms. Firgens discussed whether any of the proposed designs were prone to collect litter.
  - Councilmember Retana discussed costs related to the proposed designs.
  - There was consensus amongst the task force to pursue the first design alternative which incorporated the bent cap arch on the side.

- Regarding the placement of the art mesh panels:
  - Ms. Firgens reviewed the mesh panel placement options with the task force. There was general consensus amongst the task force that the alternating placement of the panels, including the four-degree angle offset, as shown on the ultimate alternative option was preferred.
  - Councilmember Retana asked whether the tops of the columns of the ultimate alternative option would be covered.
  - Ms. Pam Smith discussed maintenance related to the columns.

- Regarding the cost projections:
  - Mr. Mejia reviewed the opinion of probable construction costs for the baseline intersection layout ($3.9M) and ultimate intersection layout ($4.46M), noting that public art design and installation is not included in the cost estimates.
  - Mayor Dye requested clarification related to which costs would be covered by TxDOT.
  - Mr. Mejia clarified that the projected costs were broken out per intersection.
  - Councilmember Retana discussed projected costs and funding sources related to the gateway monument and public art enhancements.
  - Ms. McCardle stated that the City would be responsible for the total
cost of those items outside of TxDOT’s basic design package.

- Ms. Firgens stated that potential design and engineering costs would need to be taken into consideration in addition to these cost projections, and that staff would discuss these projections with TxDOT for feedback.
- Ms. McCardle stated that TxDOT has provided some costs related to concrete and electrical conduit design.
- Mr. Mejia offered to further evaluate the design costs to determine if TxDOT could be responsible for a portion of the construction costs.
- Ms. McCardle stated that it is possible that TxDOT may be responsible for items related to concrete (items one through five), and that TxDOT’s cost estimates may be higher noting that they apply a cost multiplier in order to minimize their risk of being reimbursed by municipalities for enhancements.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mayor Dye closed discussion on this agenda item.

**A.3 20-286 Discuss potential graphics for abutment wall panels at Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway**.

Mayor Dye opened discussion on Agenda item A.3 Discuss potential graphics for abutment wall panels at Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway.

Ms. McCardle gave a brief presentation regarding TxDOT’s feedback related to the proposed abutment wall graphics, including: TxDOT’s preference for option no. 1; TxDOT is considering option no. 4, including implementation feasibility and is further reviewing cost estimates; and that TxDOT is not in support of the other options presented. Ms. McCardle then presented option nos. 1 and 4, and requested feedback from the task force related to their preferred option.

Mayor Dye asked why TxDOT was not willing to support the laser-etched metal panel graphic attachment included with option no. 7. Mayor Dye and Ms. Firgens then discussed the existing sign attached to the abutment wall panel located at Valley View Lane and IH-35E, and its relation to option no. 7.

Ms. Firgens stated that TxDOT has the following concerns: size of the proposed metal panels due to it covering a large area of the abutment walls; not comprising structural integrity of their infrastructure; and being able to inspect and maintain their infrastructure.

Mayor Dye stated that he would like to discuss option no. 7 with TxDOT further, and that he was still in favor of this option for the proposed abutment wall panel graphic.

Ms. Firgens stated that the task force would need to decide on the proposed graphic by mid-July 2020 and discussed the importance of the task force deciding what they would like TxDOT to construct regarding the abutment wall panels, should option no. 7 also be pursued at a later date.

Mayor Dye commented that he would support option no. 4 as a worst-case scenario,
but that he would like to explore options for illuminating the graphic during nighttime hours.

Councilmember Retana commented that she agreed with Mayor Dye and that she would like to explore options related to option no. 7 in order to reach a compromise between what the task force desired and what TxDOT would support. Councilmember Retana then asked if there is relief in the abutment walls related to the leaves design for option no. 4.

Councilmember Retana and Ms. Figens discussed pursuing option no. 4 and the potential opportunity to add metal panels at a later time to achieve the desired illumination effect.

Ms. McCardle stated staff would discuss this feedback with TxDOT.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mayor Dye closed discussion on this agenda item.

**A.4 20-293**

**Discuss opportunities for open space improvements along the IH-35E corridor.**

Mayor Dye opened discussion on Agenda item A.4 Discuss opportunities for open space improvements along the IH-35E corridor.

Ms. McCardle stated that opportunities for open space improvements along the corridor may exist and requested feedback from the task force related to potential locations within the corridor for such improvements. Ms. McCardle then discussed the property located at Morgan Parkway and Harry Hines Boulevard suggested by Mayor Dye as a potential opportunity.

Mayor Dye and Mr. Shane Davis discussed this property’s connection with the city’s hike and bike trail system and the potential opportunity to utilize this property as a linear park with a secondary loop off of the planned trail.

Commissioner Tim Yarbrough and Councilmember Retana commented that they agreed with Mayor Dye’s idea for the linear park.

Councilmember Retana stated that there may be branding opportunities within the area, as well as questioned whether this area of the corridor is subject to flooding compared to south of IH-635.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mayor Dye closed discussion on this agenda item.

**A.5 20-282**

**Discuss the June 9, 2020 Mayor’s IH-35E Betterments Task Force presentation to City Council.**

Mayor Dye opened discussion on Agenda item A.5 Discuss the June 9, 2020 Mayor’s IH-35E Betterments Task Force presentation to City Council.

Ms. McCardle discussed that the June 9, 2020 presentation to City Council is being delayed to the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting, and also reviewed with the task force the topics to be covered in the proposed presentation. Ms. McCardle then requested feedback from the task force regarding any additional topics and
presenting information.

Mayor Dye commented that he would like the presentation to include images, including both those provided by TxDOT and the conceptual designs from Kimley-Horn, in order to demonstrate progress made by the task force as it relates to betterments improvements. Mayor Dye commented that he believed doing so would help persuade City Council of the necessity for the proposed betterment improvements.

Mayor Dye, Ms. Firgens and Ms. McCardle discussed including in the presentation discussion related to those improvements that could be funded at a later time as part of a phased approach, including public art.

Councilmember Retana asked about the due date for the task force's recommendations for consideration by City Council. Ms. McCardle stated that final recommendations would be presented to City Council on July 14, 2020.

Councilmember Retana and Mayor Dye discussed potentially adding an additional meeting date for the task force related to finalization of recommendations for City Council.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mayor Dye closed discussion on this agenda item.

A.6 20-283

Discuss future meeting dates for the Mayor's IH-35E Betterments Task Force; and take appropriate action.

Mayor Dye opened discussion on Agenda item A.6 Discuss future meeting dates for the Mayor's IH-35E Betterments Task Force; and take appropriate action.

Ms. McCardle stated that staff recommended adding an additional meeting date on June 17, 2020, and said additional meeting dates after the July 14, 2020 City Council meeting may be added as necessary.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the task force regarding the following:

- To meet on June 17, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

- To hold an additional meeting on July 8, 2020 at 3:00 PM to refine the final recommendations for City Council, and discuss any feedback received from the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mayor Dye closed discussion on this agenda item.

A.7 20-262

Discuss agenda items for future Mayor's IH-35E Betterments Task Force consideration.

Mayor Dye opened discussion on Agenda item A.7 Discuss agenda items for future Mayor's IH-35E Betterments Task Force consideration.

Mayor Dye discussed potential landscaping enhancements located near the proposed Valley View Lane exit since this is the front door to the community.

Councilmember Retana discussed identifying properties at a high level for potential
opportunities for landscaping enhancements and those for potential participation in TXDOT’s Green Ribbon program.

Mayor Dye discussed the implementation of potential landscaping improvements in a phased approach and commented on the importance of addressing these before City Council. He also cited examples of landscaping improvements completed along highway corridors in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area that could potentially be implemented along IH-35E.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mayor closed discussion on this agenda item.

**B. ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Mayor Dye adjourned the meeting at 5:12 PM.

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Mayor

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City Administration
Presentation and discussion of preliminary cost estimates for the relocation of existing overhead utilities underground.

**BACKGROUND:**
The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the task force with preliminary cost estimates, prepared by Kimley-Horn, for the relocation of existing overhead utilities underground. Information provided will include preliminary cost estimates by segment/area, as identified in attachment one. Mr. Jacob Reinig, consultant for Kimley-Horn, will be presenting the information.

**ACTIONS:**
Discussion and direction regarding preliminary cost estimates for the relocation of existing overhead utilities underground.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
1. Location of existing overhead utilities.
Discuss potential graphics for abutment wall panels at Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway.

BACKGROUND:
The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the feedback received from TxDOT regarding the proposed abutment wall panel graphics for the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E intersections.

Following the June 3, 2020 meeting of the task force, staff had further conversation with the TxDOT project manager regarding option seven. The project manager committed to having further discussions with TxDOT staff regarding option seven, but is not presently able to support the option due to the size of the panels covering the abutment walls and the metal panels potentially limiting the ability of TxDOT staff to be able to inspect the infrastructure for potential structural deterioration such as cracks. The TxDOT project manager is still supportive of option one and option four. TxDOT is currently working with the city’s original design for option four to determine if it can meet TxDOT requirements and to determine if TxDOT or the city will need to fund implementation of option four.

Any additional feedback received from TxDOT between the writing of this report and the task force meeting will be presented at the time of the meeting.

ACTIONS:
Discuss feedback received from TxDOT related to the abutment wall panel options.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Abutment wall panel options
Presentation and discussion related to the final conceptual intersection designs and enhancement cost estimates for Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E.

BACKGROUND:
Mr. Ignacio Mejia and Mr. Farzine Hakimi, consultants with Kimley-Horn and Associates, will present to the task force final conceptual intersection designs and enhancement cost estimates for the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E intersections. The designs for each intersection were compiled based on the direction (outlined below) provided to the consultant by the Mayor’s IH-35E Betterments Task Force at the May 5, 2020, May 20, 2020, and June 3, 2020 meetings; and feedback received from TxDOT related to the conceptual designs presented at the June 3, 2020 task force meeting. Cost estimates have been refined by Kimley-Horn from data provided by TxDOT and manufacturer estimates.

At the task force’s June 3, 2020 meeting, alternate intersection designs were presented consisting of modified U-turns and reduced corner turning radii for both the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35 intersections which have been endorsed by TxDOT (Attachment 1). The task force recommended moving forward with the alternate intersection designs with the goal of improving the pedestrian experience and ease of pedestrian movement through the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E intersections.

At the onset of developing the intersection design concepts with Kimley-Horn, it was anticipated that three intersection designs would be completed for the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E intersections. As the task force has worked through the design options presented at previous meetings, combined with the feedback received from TxDOT throughout this process, the task force has directed Kimley-Horn to proceed with the middle/ultimate intersection design layout for the final design. Therefore, the middle/ultimate option is being designed for each intersection (Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E) in accordance with the following:

1. Middle/Ultimate Option
   a. Low cost aesthetic improvements
   b. Pedestrian oriented design elements (e.g. low height safety walls to separate pedestrians from Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway main travel lanes, landscaping, stamped concrete or pavers, crosswalk pavement markings, lighting, etc. or combination thereof)
c. Identification of opportunities for public art and monuments to be explored further with collaboration with the Public Arts and Culture Committee.

Staff reviewed the final conceptual intersection drawings with the TxDOT project manager following the task force’s June 3, 2020 meeting. The following feedback was received:

- Safety wall design: The project manager is concerned that the safety walls do not meet the TxDOT required minimum setback distance of 4 feet from back-of-curb, and that the safety walls would be required to taper in order to meet safety requirements. TxDOT, Kimley-Horn and the city are working on alternate designs to meet TxDOT requirements.

- Decorative Bent (Column) Wraps: The project manager expressed concern that the wraps (Attachment 2) blocked portions of the bridge bents making visual inspection of the bents difficult. TxDOT, Kimley-Horn and the city are working on refining the designs to meet TxDOT requirements.

Any additional feedback received from TxDOT between the writing of this report and the task force meeting will be presented at the time of the meeting.

**ACTIONS:**

Discuss the final conceptual intersection designs and associated cost estimates for the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E intersections, and formulate a recommendation to City Council related to which intersection enhancements should be implemented.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Final conceptual intersection designs for Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E intersections, as presented at the June 3, 2020 Mayor’s Betterments Task Force meeting.
Valley View Lane

Ultimate Intersection Layout - Enhancements

Valley View Lane

Public Art Opportunity
Standard Concrete
Concrete Art Pattern Zone
Pedestrian Light
Safety Wall
Brick Stamp Crosswalk
Textured Integral Color Concrete
Concrete Paver Band
Backlit Steel Art Mesh Panel
Valwood Parkway

Ultimate Intersection Layout - Enhancements

- Public Art Opportunity
- Standard Concrete
- Concrete Art Pattern Zone
- Pedestrian Light
- Safety Wall
- Concrete Paver Band
- Brick Stamp Crosswalk
- Backlit Steel Art Mesh Panel
- Textured Integral Color Concrete
- Gateway/Art Opportunity
Ultimate Intersection Layout - Enhancements

- Pedestrian Light
- Backlit Art Mesh Panel - Turned at U-Turn angle
- Safety Wall
- Concrete Paver Band
- Textured Integral Color Concrete
Discuss opportunities for open space improvements along the IH-35E corridor.

BACKGROUND:
The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss potential opportunities for open space improvements along the IH-35E corridor and to present examples of landscaping in the Dallas/Fort Worth region.

ACTIONS:
Discuss and potential opportunities for open space improvements along the IH-35E corridor.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Potential locations for open space improvements.
2. Examples of landscaping in the Dallas/Fort Worth region.
Open Space

Additional opportunities may be identified along the corridor as the design schematic is further refined.

Opportunities for potential grant funding may also be available through TxDOT’s Green Ribbon Program.
Review and discuss the Mayor’s IH-35E Betterments Task Force presentation for the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting.

BACKGROUND:
The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the June 23, 2020 memo and presentation of the Mayor’s IH-35E Betterments Task Force’s initial findings and recommendations to City Council. The June 23, 2020 meeting will be the first time that City Council is presented with the work that the task force has completed to date. It will present an opportunity for the task force to acquire initial feedback from City Council related to the intersection designs, recommended intersection enhancements and related cost estimates, as well as preliminary cost estimates for the relocation of overhead utilities underground. There will also be the opportunity to assess if there is interest from City Council regarding the funding of intersection enhancements and relocation of overhead utilities in the near, mid and longer term.

ACTIONS:
1. Discuss and provide direction regarding the June 23, 2020 task force memo and presentation to City Council.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Draft report outline for the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting.
2. Draft presentation for the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting.
STAFF REPORT

Case No.: N/A

Request: Discuss IH-35E betterments improvements including but not limited to Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway intersection designs, relocation of overhead utilities underground, and funding.

From: Mayor’s IH-35E Betterment’s Task Force

Background:

- Background related to the IH-35E Phase 2 widening and the purpose of the Mayor’s IH-35E Betterments Task Force.
- Prioritization of betterments discussions through the task force poll, which directed the focus of discussions by the task force.
- Summary of direction requested from Council:
  - Intersection layout;
  - Intersection enhancements including approximate cost estimates and if there is interest to fund the enhancements; and
  - Relocation of overhead utilities underground including approximate cost estimates and if there is interest to fund utility relocation.
- Timeline moving forward and next steps.

Intersection design:

- Review of original base design and revised base design for the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E intersections.
- Rational for recommending the revised design.
  - Improved pedestrian experience:
    - Shorter crossing distance and wider sidewalks allowing pedestrians and cyclists to feel safe and have space to cross.
- Discuss impact related to vehicular movements.
  - Loss of free right turn; stop on red required prior to turning.

Intersection enhancements:

- Overview of base design.
- Initial direction provided to the consultant, Kimley-Horn, and the process that led to task force’s recommendation.
- Overview of all enhancements considered including pavement treatments, lighting, pedestrian safety walls, and bridge bent wraps.
- Public art/gateway monuments: synopsis of the initial discussion related to public art and the desire for a signature element; the desire for the Arts and Culture Committee to be
included in the discussions; and feedback received from TxDOT regarding their preferred timeline for the installation of public art/gateway monuments.

- Abutment walls: discussion related to task force’s preferred designs; feedback received from TxDOT related the various design options presented including their preferred option; and funding responsibilities.

Open Space:

- Summary of high level discussions regarding opportunities for open space and landscaping within the corridor.

Overhead Utilities:

- Overview of existing overhead utility segments identified for cost estimates, as recommended by the task force.
- Summary of feedback received from TxDOT regarding the relocation of overhead utilities underground.
- Discussion of case law on the relocation of overhead utilities.
- Overview of preliminary cost estimates for the relocation of overhead utilities underground.

Direction Requested from City Council:

- Are the intersection layouts for Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E acceptable?
- Is the city interested in funding enhancements for the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E intersections?
- Is the city interested in relocating overhead utilities underground in the vicinity of the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway intersections?
- Summary of process and timeline moving forward.
Mayors IH-35E Betterments Task Force

City Council June 23, 2020
Where to begin?

I-35 Betterments Committee Improvement Feature List

1. Overhead Utility Relocation
2. Intersection Design
3. Landscaping
4. Lighting
5. Structural Improvements
6. Sidewalks
7. Hike and Bike Trail Connectivity
8. Public Art

When poll is active, respond at PollEv.com/mpeters105
Intersection Design

Original Valley View Lane intersection design:

Revised Valley View Lane intersection design:
**Intersection Enhancements**

**TxDOT Base Design***:

**Proposed intersection enhancements:**

*Note: All enhanced concrete, and landscaping shown above are considered enhancements.*
Intersection Enhancements (cont.)

Base Design:

Proposed Enhancements:
Abutment Wall Panels

Original Design

Task Force’s Preferred Design

TxDOT’s Preferred Design

TxDOT’s & Task Force’s Secondary Preference
Open Space

Additional opportunities may be identified along the corridor as the design schematic is further refined.

Opportunities for potential grant funding may also be available through TxDOT’s Green Ribbon Program.
Overhead Utilities

Valley View Lane

Valwood Parkway
The following direction is requested from Council:

1. Are the intersection layouts for Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E acceptable?
   - Pedestrian experience primary focus
Direction

2. Is the city interested in funding enhancements for the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E intersections? ($X.XM per intersection; excludes public art and enhanced abutment walls graphics)

- Funding due to TxDOT Spring 2021; would need to be authorized in city’s FY20-21 budget
- At what amount?
- Should the enhancements be phased over time, and budgeted accordingly?
3. Is the city interested in relocating overhead utilities underground in the vicinity of the Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway at IH-35E intersections? ($X.XM total)

- Future overhead utilities could be installed after burying existing utilities
- Funding due to TxDOT Spring 2021; would need to be authorized in city’s FY20-21 budget
- At what amount?
- Should the utility relocation be phased over time, and budgeted accordingly?
Discuss agenda items for future Mayor's IH-35E Betterments Task Force consideration.