



**CITY OF PLANO
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

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Council Meeting Date:		4/26/10		
Department:		Public Works & Engineering		
Department Head:		Alan L. Upchurch		
Agenda Coordinator (include phone #): Irene Pegues (7198)				
CAPTION				
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Plano, Texas, supporting participation in the Cotton Belt Rail Line corridor study to further facilitate rail transit service; and providing an effective date.				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/> OPERATING EXPENSE <input type="checkbox"/> REVENUE <input type="checkbox"/> CIP				
FISCAL YEAR:	Prior Year (CIP Only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Budget	0	0	0	0
Encumbered/Expended Amount	0	0	0	0
This Item	0	0	0	0
BALANCE	0	0	0	0
FUND(s): N/A				
COMMENTS: This item has no specific financial impact but does commit the City of Plano to making resources available to obtain or reserve the land for this station as deemed appropriate by City Council. Strategic Plan Goal: Participation in DART relates to the Cities Goals of Exciting Urban Centers – Destination for Residents and Guests and Partnering for Community Benefit.				
SUMMARY OF ITEM				
The attached Resolution indicates that the City Council supports participation in the Cotton Belt Rail Line corridor study in an effort to get transit service along that corridor. It also supports a new station at the junction of the Cotton Belt and DART's Red Line, referred to as the 12 th Street Station. The Resolution indicates that if the 12 th Street Station is selected, Plano would commit available resources to obtain and reserve land for the station.				
List of Supporting Documents:		Other Departments, Boards, Commissions or Agencies		
Location Map		N/A		

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WHEREAS, the City of Plano has been a member of DART since its formation in 1983, and

WHEREAS, transit service, especially rail transit service, substantially benefits regional mobility and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, development of the Cotton Belt Rail Line corridor would connect Fort Worth, D/FW International Airport, Dallas, Richardson, Plano, eastern Collin County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments has completed a study of the Cotton Belt Rail Line corridor that addresses preliminary engineering, design alternatives costs and construction; and

WHEREAS, the study committee endorses action to expedite the final design, funding and construction of the Cotton Belt Rail Line.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section I. The City of Plano fully supports development of the Cotton Belt Rail Line corridor through its commitment as a member of DART.

Section II. A station can be developed at 12th Street and Avenue K to serve the Cotton Belt Rail Line and would be the only station location within the City of Plano easily accessible to Plano based trips.

Section III. The development of a new 12th Street Station will offer the greatest operational benefits to connect the Cotton Belt Rail Line and existing DART LRT Red Line.

Section IV. The proposed 12th Street Station would allow the Cotton Belt Rail Line to be easily extended to destinations east of the City of Plano.

Section V. The proposed 12th Street Station offers many advantages to stimulating economic reinvestment in the vicinity of historic downtown Plano.

Section VI. Subject to its selection and adoption, the City of Plano commits its available resources as City Council deems appropriate to obtain and reserve land necessary for the 12th Street Station's development.

Section VII. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this the 26th day of April, 2010.

Phil Dyer, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Diane C. Wetherbee, CITY ATTORNEY