



# AIA Dallas

A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

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Mayor Mike Rawlings  
Dallas City Hall  
1500 Marilla Street  
Dallas, TX 75201

Dear Mayor Rawlings and Dallas City Council:

The Dallas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Dallas) supports comprehensive planning efforts regarding infrastructure, urban planning, and community design. In recent years, AIA Dallas has supported community-based plans like the Texas Department of Transportation City Center Master Assessment Process (CityMAP) and the Downtown Dallas, Inc. 360 Plan and it remains committed to the vision and implementation of these plans.

AIA Dallas is concerned about the initial concept design for I-30 East submitted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The draft design conflicts with the recommendations of CityMAP and the 360 Plan, and it is not in the short- or long-term best interest of the City of Dallas. Rebuilding I-30 through Downtown and Fair Park is a generational opportunity to reconnect neighborhoods and spur intentional development and design.

Therefore, AIA Dallas supports the proposed Council resolution in response to TxDOT. AIA Dallas agrees with the guiding principles that the design of the future I-30 East corridor should:

1. Accommodate multi-modal connections across the highway;
2. Incorporate "complete streets" and other urban design elements;
3. Not expand the height or width of the current highway;
4. Include better multi-modal connection to the High Speed Rail station area;
5. Maintain the street grid, where appropriate;
6. Maximize development potential of abandoned right-of-way through ramp re-configuration;
7. Provide for strategic placement of deck parks; and
8. Allow for alternative scenarios for I-345 redesign.

Thank you for your consideration of this important resolution. We look forward to working with each of you and with city staff on constructive suggestions for I-30 East that uphold these principles and adhere to Dallas' comprehensive plans and vision for the future.

Sincerely,

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