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Council Appoints Members to Boards and Commissions; Approval Notification of Northbound Access to I-35E at Highland Village Road

At the October 13 meeting, Council received an update from the Denton County Transportation Authority's Highland Village Representative Dianne Costa and President Raymond Suarez. During the update Council learned TxDOT has approved the construction of northbound access to I-35E from Highland Village Road. The City of Highland Village requested northbound access to I-35E in 2000 when discussions began on the expansion of I-35E. The northbound access was included in the Denton County portion of Phase 2 of the 35Express project, which is not currently funded. After working with the North Texas Council of Governments and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), Surface Transportation Block Grant funds were approved along with Federal Highway Administration approval of the project in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). TxDOT has agreed to fund the design in FY 2021 and the RTC committed to construction funding in FY 2022.

Council approved the appointment to the City's alternate representation on the Denton County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. Council approved the appointment of Mayor Charlotte Wilcox as the alternate board member. Dianne Costa is Highland Village's representative on the board and currently serves as the board chairperson.

Also at this meeting Council approved a resolution authorizing the lease/purchase agreement with Stryker Medical for Lifepak 15 monitors/defibrillators, Lucas Device Automated Compression Units, Automated External Defibrillators, Power Pro Patient cots and Stair Chairs for the fire department. The agreement was approved in the budget process as the department sought to find a cost effective way to replace out of date monitors/defibrillators. The seven year lease/purchase agreement program has an annual cost of \$53,986.85 and is an estimated annual cost savings of \$120,000 over the term of the agreement.

Council appointed members to the City's Board of Ethics, Highland Village Community Development Corporation, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The appointments are made on an annual basis and the members will serve two-year terms.

During the Mayor and Council comments, Mayor Wilcox presented National Fire Prevention Week proclamation.

In the City Manager Report, the [HVTV Update](#), informed residents of the sign up information for the Tri-Town Amazing Race and the October 23 Concert in the Park(ing lot) featuring Topanga. A virtual ribbon cutting video for Simply COCO, a new boutique in The Shops at Highland Village, was also included.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 15; Frontier 43) and via website streaming live and on demand at www.highlandvillage.org/HVTV.