

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****August 9, 2016**

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**SUBJECT: CITY HALL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS**

The purpose of this informal report is to identify solutions to make it easier for citizens to walk, bike, drive, and park around City Hall.

The current traffic configuration of one-way streets around City Hall does not allow drivers to drive around the building. If a driver goes past on Texas Street, it takes several blocks to be able to circle back around to City Hall. To solve this issue, Jennings Avenue will be converted from one-way southbound to one-way northbound between Texas Street and W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. With this change, all of the one-way streets around City Hall will allow for a continuous counter-clockwise loop. This change is in compliance with the recommendations in the downtown traffic study completed by Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc. in July 2013.

Parking around City Hall is very limited. To increase the number of available on-street parking spaces, diagonal parking will replace one row of parallel parking on W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Monroe Street adjacent to City Hall. These two road sections will be converted from two-lane to single-lane traffic. The existing diagonal parking on Jennings will be moved adjacent to City Hall to accommodate the change in traffic direction. Parallel parking will be added to Texas Street between Monroe and Jennings and the bike lane on Texas Street that currently stops at Monroe Avenue will be extended to Throckmorton Street. As a result of these changes, the existing 99-space parking supply around City Hall will be increased by 27 spaces for a new total of 126 spaces. The diagonal parking around City Hall will be striped as reverse-angle, back-in parking. Back-in angle parking provides motorists with better vision of bicyclists, pedestrians, cars and trucks as they exit a parking space and enter moving traffic. Back-in angle parking also eliminates the risk that is present in parallel parking situations where a motorist may open the car door into the path of a bicyclist. Back-in angle parking also removes the difficulty that some drivers have when backing into moving traffic.

In addition, a revised traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Jennings, Texas and W. 12<sup>th</sup> Streets. The existing raised concrete median on Jennings south of Texas Street will be replaced with a dedicated through lane and double yellow stripes. This will allow direct access to the City Hall citizen parking lot for north-bound Jennings traffic coming from Lancaster.

To put these changes into effect, all four streets adjacent to City Hall will be re-striped. This includes new cross walk striping at 10 locations. Several curb cuts will also be modified to provide accessible ramps at the cross walk locations. New traffic signs will also be installed for the change in traffic direction on Jennings Avenue. A drawing showing the proposed changes is attached.

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The estimated cost for these improvements is \$200,000.00. Funding for the improvements will come from the FY2017 TPW Pay Go appropriations for street and traffic improvements.

If you have any questions, please contact Doug Wiersig, Transportation and Public Works Director, at 817-392-7801.

**David Cooke**  
**City Manager**



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**CITY HALL**  
PROPOSED PARKING LAYOUT

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**CITY HALL**  
EXISTING PARKING LAYOUT

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